

# TURA BEACH MEN'S GOLF CLUB - CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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## GENERAL CONDITIONS

These conditions apply to all competitions at Tura Beach Country Club ("TBCC") for men who have a Golf Australia ("GA") handicap unless otherwise indicated in the specific conditions for an event. The Conditions of Play may be changed at any time by the Tura Beach Men's Golf Club ("TBMGC") Committee. Also note that additional Local Rules, as indicated on score cards, the Local Rules board and other noticeboards, will also apply to all competitions.

**Golf Carts** - Carts should always use paths when they are provided and remain in the rough as far as possible otherwise. All signs regulating the movement of carts are to be strictly observed.

**Countback System** - For 18 hole events, the best score for holes 10 to 18 shall be used for count back; if there is still a tie, the last 6 holes, or if still tied, the last 3 holes. If a tie still persists then hole by hole in reverse order from the 18<sup>th</sup> (all of the above is as automatically calculated by MiClub). In multi-round events, the last 18 holes shall be used and if still tied, countback as for 18 hole events. In handicap events the relevant handicap or fraction thereof shall be applied.

**Mobile Phones** must be turned to silent and are not to be used to make phone calls. Mobile phones may be used to score using the MiScore app.

Exceptions: A Match Committee member may give temporary exception in special circumstances.

Penalty: One warning, then disqualification.

### Adverse Weather Conditions - Signals for the suspension of play

1. **Discontinue play for a Dangerous situation (ie, immediate suspension):** one prolonged note of siren. Players must discontinue play immediately and seek shelter or return to clubhouse.
2. **Discontinue play for Non-Dangerous situation:** Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated. When play is suspended by the Match Committee, if the players in a match or group are between holes, they **must not** resume play until the Match Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they have started play on a hole, they may discontinue play immediately or continue play of that hole, provided they do so without delay. If the players choose to continue play they are permitted to discontinue play before completing a hole. In any case, play must be discontinued after the hole is completed.
3. **Resume play:** Two short notes of siren, repeated. Players must resume play when the Match Committee has ordered a resumption of play.
4. **Penalties** for Breach of Rule is Disqualification.
5. **Refunds:** Once a player hits off, there will be no refund. However, if the competition is called off, a refund of the Competition Fee will be made. When the course is closed to carts on a regular competition day, the Match Committee may conduct a 9 hole stableford competition, weather permitting.

### Pace of Play

Slow play affects all players and can be the difference between an enjoyable round of golf and a frustrating one. The pace of play is the responsibility of **ALL** players (not just the lowest marker) and every group should keep up with the group in front of them.

In recognition of the Rules of Golf the Match Committee has established a Pace of Play Policy that is based on **4 hours and 5 minutes** being the recommended maximum time for a group to complete 18 holes of Stableford and **4 hours and 30 minutes** for 18 holes of Stroke. The Match Committee recommends the following strategies to help achieve a reasonable Pace of Play:

- Check-in at least 10 minutes prior to your tee time.
- Move quickly between shots and be ready to play when it is your turn.
- If you are well behind the group in front, adopt the procedure where two players who have putted out should move to the next tee and hit off.
- On the fairway, players should only hit when they are absolutely sure they can't reach players in front.
- Always play a provisional ball if there is any doubt that your ball may be lost.
- Leave buggies on the side of the green nearest the access to the next tee.
- Line up your putt while other players are putting without breach of etiquette.
- Putt out whenever reasonably possible (except in match play).

- 'Ready Golf' is preferred for all games at Tura Beach Golf Club.
- Mark your scorecard after you have left the green or on the next tee while others are teeing off.
- In other than Stroke competitions, pick up your ball when you cannot score.
- If you lose a ball and or fall behind, you are required to call through the group behind if they are waiting to play their shots. Otherwise ensure you make up lost ground as soon as possible.
- If asked by a Committee Official to 'catch-up' to the group in front, you must speed up play.
- Follow these timing checkpoints during your round:

	<b>Stroke</b>	<b>Stableford</b>
1. Complete the first 6 holes in:	1 hour 25 minutes	1 hour 20 minutes
2. Complete the front 9 holes in:	2 hours 5 minutes	2 hours
3. Complete the first 14 holes in:	3 hours 20 minutes	3 hours 10 minutes
4. Complete the 18 holes in:	4 hours 30 minutes	4 hours 5 minutes

Players are required to not:

- take an excessive number of practice swings.
- replay putts if the hole in front is clear.

### **Penalties for Slow Play (refer Rule 5.6)**

- 1st infringement, *ie, if a Committee Official needs to speak to the group a 2nd time having not made up sufficient ground in 2 holes* - Warning issued
- 2nd infringement, *ie, after another 1 or more holes*, - 2 stroke (or equiv.) penalty to group
- 3rd infringement, disqualification of group.

### **Completing Score Cards (Refer Rule 3.1)**

Score cards should be completed by entering the numerical score for each hole in the space headed "player" and "marker" and if using MiClub cards, placing a "dot" for the players score in the appropriate box. Players wishing to use the MiScore app on their phone can do so even if their "marker" does not use the app. The player using the app will be recording their markers score on the app, so the player needs to check and sign the paper score card that was completed by the marker. The card and the MiScore app must be signed by both player and marker. On completion of play, if players are using score cards, players must also scan their score card using a scanner located in the pro-shop or foyer of the club. The onus is on the player to submit or confirm a correct score into the MiClub scoring system. If there is a disputed score card when checked by the Committee, the score in the "player" section will be adopted.

Once a card is returned, errors may not be corrected or edited in any way unless authorised.

Unsigned and incomplete cards or MiScore app submissions may be disqualified under Rule 3.1.

### **Measuring Devices**

A range of Measuring Devices are permitted. Refer to Rule 4.3.

### **Care of the Course**

All players on the course must carry and use a sand container, carefully repairing any divots.

Pitch marks on greens should be gently repaired by easing the surrounding grass back towards the centre with a pitch repairer or tee. Then tap down the mark with the putter head. On no account insert the repairer at an angle under the mark and lever up the dirt, as this takes longer to recover.

### **Social Play**

All non-competition play is controlled by the Professionals under the directions of the Board of Tura Beach Country Club. Golfing members using the course must carry a member's card or current bag tag. Golfing visitors must pay the appropriate green fee. Members must report to the pro-shop before hitting off. Any group playing a whole round is entitled to pass a group playing a shorter round. A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind if required.

### **Practice on the Course**

Other than designated practice areas, competitors must not practice on the course on any day of competition apart from Match Play. The designated practice areas include the practice range, practice putting green and the nets. These areas are however to be treated as 'through-the-green' for the purposes of playing the course.

Players must use no more than two balls when practicing on the course and must give way to any others playing a round of golf. All players should report to the pro-shop before practicing on the course and Intermediate Members will have the practice counted against their allocation of rounds.

## **Dress**

Members and their guests are required to be neatly and appropriately attired both on the course and in the clubhouse.

## **Visitors and Guests of Members**

Visitors who have a GA handicap are welcome to play in Club competitions upon payment of the appropriate green fee plus competition fee. Visitors, guests, Country Members (who don't hold their handicap at Tura Beach) and Intermediate Members are not eligible to win Monthly Medals or Honour Board events.

## **Reciprocal Rights**

Tura Beach Country Club has established full or partial reciprocal playing agreements with a number of Clubs. Members of TBCC residing at least 100 kilometres from these clubs may play with either a 50% reduction of green fees or full exemption from green fees. Most full reciprocal agreements with TBCC have a limit of 12 rounds per course per annum. For the complete listing see [Reciprocal Clubs](#).

## **Match Committee**

The Match Committee comprises the following members of the TBMGC on a permanent basis: Captain, Vice-Captain and Honorary Secretary as well as the Club Professionals or their representative. In addition, for individual events the Men's Committee may roster on additional members to form part of the Match Committee for that event.

## **TUESDAY & SATURDAY REGULAR COMPETITIONS**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Men with a GA handicap (or an overseas equivalent) including all financial golf members. Visitors and restricted members need to pay the appropriate green fee. The competition fee as stipulated for each event is payable by all players. At least 10 players are required to constitute a competition.

**STARTING TIME:** As per time sheet.

**GRADES:** Grades vary each playing day to evenly distribute trophies and prizes.

**PRIZES:** The TBMGC Committee shall determine the value of prizes based on numbers of entries and the amount of any trophy donations for an event. In addition to dollars posted to members TBCC membership cards or vouchers that can be spent in the Club and pro shop, ball trophies are provided in all competitions, unless otherwise stated, at the rate 25% of the field.

**Only one grade trophy will be awarded per person.**

**NEAREST THE PIN:** To be eligible for a NTP prize, the player must record their name and distance from the pin, in centimetres. Prizes vary according to hole and day and range from sponsors vouchers or prizes issued by TBMGC, to one or more ball credits issued by the pro shop.

## **MONTHLY MEDAL**

**ELIGIBILITY FOR DAILY PRIZES ONLY:** Visitors with a GA handicap (or an overseas equivalent), Intermediate members, and Country members and Juniors who don't hold their handicap at Tura Beach.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDAL & ASSOCIATED TROPHY EVENTS:** *Full Golf* members, *Weekend Golf* members and *Weekday Golf* members who pay the appropriate green fee. At least 10 players are required to constitute a competition.

**TYPE:** STROKE (NETT) off the blue markers.

**ROUNDS:** December to November (not played in January).

**GRADES:** Grades vary each playing day in order to evenly distribute trophies and prizes.

**ENTRY:** As per time sheet.

**COUNTBACK:** As for regular competitions (see page 2).

**TROPHIES:** Medals for lowest Nett score in A, B and C Grades. The lowest Nett score of the day receives the trophy donated by the Sponsor. Prizes and NTPs are the same as a regular Saturday competition.

## **MEDAL OF MEDALLISTS**

**ELIGIBILITY:** All Monthly Medal winners across all Grades from December to November. Play-Off for Medal of Medallists on the December Medal Day, using current Daily Handicap. If the result is tied, countback will occur as for regular competitions (see page 2).

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**TYPE:** Stroke event played over 72 holes for A, B and C grades. D and Junior grades play 36 holes. Handicaps: Handicaps are established based on the handicaps on the 1st day of play and applied for all subsequent rounds. Daily prizes are determined according to handicaps each playing day.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES:** *Full Golf* members and *Weekend Golf* members. *Weekday Golf* members who pay the appropriate green fee. Life members plus any Country Members and Juniors who hold their handicap at Tura Beach. At least 10 players are required to constitute a competition.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR DAILY PRIZES ONLY:** Visitors with a GA handicap (or an overseas equivalent), Intermediate members, and Country members and Juniors who don't hold their handicap at Tura Beach. **ENTRY FEE:** As per regular competition round.

**DRAW:** Time Sheet for Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 4. In the 4th round the players in each grade will be seeded by the Match Committee.

**TROPHIES:** Gross prizes will be awarded for A, B, C, D and Junior grades. If there are more than 5 starters in any grade, a Nett prize will also be awarded for that grade. Runners-up prizes will be awarded where there are more than 7 starters in any grade. Players are not eligible for more than one trophy other than Juniors. Juniors are eligible for the Junior Champion trophy and one other Championship trophy. Daily event prizes in conjunction with the Club Championships are also provided.

**TROPHY ALLOCATION:** A player who may otherwise be eligible for more than one prize will be awarded the prize with the highest value. Noting that where a Gross Prize and a Nett Prize have equal value, the Nett prize will take precedence.

**GROSS PLAY OFF:** A and B Grades - Sudden death over holes decided by the Match Committee. C, D and Junior Grade and all Nett events - countback will occur as for regular competitions (see page 2).

## **FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP**

**TYPE:** Stroke - Each player using alternate tees.

**NO. OF HOLES:** 27.

**GRADES:** If there are sufficient entries then A and B Grade trophies will be determined.

**ELIGIBILITY:** As for Club Championships.

**HANDICAP:** ½ combined Daily handicaps.

**ENTRY FEE:** Normal competition fee.

**TROPHY ALLOCATION:** 27 holes Gross and Nett in each Grade. Players are not eligible for more than one Championship trophy.

**IN THE EVENT OF A TIE:** A Grade - 27 hole Gross - Sudden death over holes decided by the Match Committee. All other events - countback will occur as for regular competitions (see page 2).

## **TURA BEACH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**TYPE:** Stroke event of 36 holes for A, B, C Grade and Seniors (50+) to be held over a specified weekend, usually the third weekend in May.

**HANDICAPS:** Current daily handicap on each day of Play. For the 36-hole events eligible players are male amateurs holding a current Australian GA handicap with the maximum handicap limit being 27.

**DRAW:** As per the time sheet for the first day (Saturday), then shotgun start on the Sunday.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All members and any visitor who hold a Golf Australia handicap.

**ENTRY FEE:** As per the entry form, paid in advance via the TBCC office.

**PRIZES:** Gross and Nett for A, B, C grades and Seniors for 36 hole events. Daily event prizes (Gross and Nett) are awarded both Saturday and Sunday. Runners-up awarded where there are more than 7 starters in each grade. Players are not eligible for both Gross and Nett prizes.

**PRIZE ALLOCATION:** A player who may otherwise be eligible for more than one prize will be awarded the prize with the highest value. Noting that where a Gross Prize and a Nett Prize have equal value, the Gross prize will take precedence.

**COUNTBACK:** As for regular competitions (see page 2).



## MIXED FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

TYPE: Stroke – Men and Ladies using alternate tees.

NO. OF HOLES: 27

ELIGIBILITY: As for Men's and Ladies Club Championships.

HANDICAP APPLICATION: ½ combined Daily handicaps.

ENTRY FEE: Normal competition fee.

TROPHY ALLOCATION: 27 holes Gross and Nett. Players are not eligible for more than one Championship trophy.

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE FOR GROSS: Sudden death over Holes 1 and 18. For the Nett event, countback will occur on last nine holes played.

## SINGLES MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

EVENT: Single Stroke Matchplay

ELIGIBILITY: Amateur playing male members of Tura Beach Men's Golf Club.

Nominations will be called for by the announced date.

Minimum of 8 players required to form an event.

Matches are to be played **on or before** dates to be announced unless players first seek and receive an extension from the Match Committee.

**Penalty:** Any player for matches yet to be finalised who do not present themselves to the pro shop ready to play at 10:00am on final date may forfeit that match.

**NO SUBSTITUTIONS AFTER 1st Round.**

**All matches to be played off the Blue Plates using Match Play index or the blue tees if agreed on the first tee.**

HANDICAP: Current daily handicap on each day of Play. All handicaps are reduced by the amount of the lowest handicap.

## 4-BALL MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

EVENT: Fourball Stroke Matchplay

ELIGIBILITY: Amateur playing male members of Tura Beach Men's Golf Club.

Nominations will be called for by the announced date. Entry fee is to be paid before the 1st round is played. Minimum of 8 teams required to form an event.

Matches are to be played **on or before** dates to be announced unless players first seek and receive an extension from the Match Committee.

**Penalty:** Any team for matches yet to be finalised who does not present themselves to pro shop ready to play at 10:00am on final date may forfeit that match.

**NO SUBSTITUTIONS AFTER 1st Round.**

**All matches to be played off the Blue Plates using Match Play index or the blue tees if agreed on the first tee.**

HANDICAP: Current daily stableford handicap on each day of Play. All handicaps are reduced by the amount of the lowest handicap.

## PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

EVENT: Single stroke, played in conjunction with two monthly medals (usually Oct & Nov).

ELIGIBILITY: Full Golf members, Weekend Golf members and Weekday Golf members who pay the appropriate green fee.

ENTRY FEE: Normal competition fee.

TROPHY: Awarded to the player with lowest aggregate nett score over the two nominated rounds.

COUNTBACK: Countback will occur as for regular competitions (see page 2).

All matches to be played off the Blue Markers.

## **CAPTAIN'S TROPHY**

EVENT: Played in conjunction with 4 nominated Monthly Medals

GRADES: No grades.

ELIGIBILITY: Full Golf members, Weekend Golf members and Weekday Golf members who pay the appropriate green fee.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS: The first two qualifying rounds are played in conjunction with the April and May Monthly Medals. The top 16 qualifiers reduce to 8 after the July Monthly Medal. The top 8 play off in the September Monthly Medal which is the final round to determine the Captain's Cup winner. The winner is the player with the lowest nett total over four rounds of stroke play.

HANDICAP: Current daily handicap on each day of play

## **SUMMER CUP**

TYPE: STROKE (NETT) off the blue markers. Played over 18 holes for A, B and C grades.

ELIGIBILITY: Men with a GA handicap (or an overseas equivalent) including all financial golf members. Visitors and restricted members need to pay the appropriate green fee. Only Tura Beach members can win the Summer Cup Trophy. At least 10 players are required to constitute a competition.

ENTRY FEE: As per regular competition round.

PRIZES: Gross and Nett for A, B, and C grades. Runners-up awarded where there are more than 7 starters in each grade. Players are not eligible for both Gross and Nett prizes.

PRIZE ALLOCATION: A player who may otherwise be eligible for more than one prize will be awarded the prize with the highest value. Noting that where a Gross Prize and a Nett Prize have equal value, the Gross prize will take precedence. Countback will occur as for regular competitions (see page 2).

## **SATURDAY YEARLY PAR**

EVENT: Best aggregate score in 4 out of 5 stipulated Saturday Par events during the Year.

ELIGIBILITY: Full Golf members, Weekend Golf members and Weekday Golf members who pay the appropriate green fee. All players are entered provided they play in at least 4 of the stipulated rounds. No additional entry fee.

Should any of the stipulated rounds be washed out a replacement round will be nominated by the Match Committee.

GRADES: No Grades.

HANDICAP: Current daily handicap on each day of play.

## **SATURDAY YEARLY STABLEFORD**

EVENT: Best aggregate score in 4 out of 5 stipulated Stableford events during the Year.

ELIGIBILITY: Full Golf members, Weekend Golf members and Weekday Golf members who pay the appropriate green fee. All players are entered provided they play in at least 4 of the stipulated rounds. No additional entry fee.

Should any of the stipulated rounds be washed out a replacement round will be nominated by the Match Committee.

GRADES: No Grades.

HANDICAP: Current daily handicap on each day of play.

## **TUESDAY YEARLY STABLEFORD**

EVENT: Best aggregate score in 4 out of 5 stipulated Tuesday Stableford events during the Year.

ELIGIBILITY: Full Golf members, Weekday Golf members and Weekend Golf members who pay the appropriate green fee. All players are entered provided they play in at least 4 of the stipulated rounds. No additional entry fee.

Should any of the stipulated rounds be washed out a replacement round will be nominated by the Match Committee.

GRADES: No Grades.

HANDICAP: Current daily handicap on each day of play.

## **ECLECTIC**

TYPE: Played on Medal Rounds (February to December).

No entry fee – Players automatically gain entry.

GRADES: No Grades.

TROPHIES: Winner of Gross/Nett and winner of Stableford Eclectic. Value of trophy determined each year

HANDICAP APPLICATION: 3/4 of players Handicap on final day of competition.

COUNTBACK: As for stroke rounds with the exception that 1/4 handicap is used for 9 hole countback and 1/6 for 6 holes.

Recorder: MiClub

## **AMBROSE EVENT**

TYPE: Stroke

All players hit off from the tee and one ball is selected. All players then play within one Club length, no nearer the hole, of the selected ball. Ball must be PLACED in similar lie (if in rough must be placed in rough). The original ball does not have to be used. At least 10 players are required to constitute a competition.

If play is from a bunker, all balls are to be PLACED in similar lie, no nearer the hole.

On the green all players must putt within one card length of selected ball, no nearer the hole.

On the green, a player may putt out before their teammates putt, in order to speed up play. The remaining players on the team may then make their attempt to better the score.

In the event of ties, winners decided on countback as for regular competitions (see page 2).

Handicap is based on 1/8 of combined stroke daily handicaps for teams of 4, 1/6 for teams of 3 and 1/4 for teams of 2.

## **SATURDAY EAGLES NEST**

RESULT: For an Eagle on any Par 4 at Tura Beach in a Men's Saturday competition.

PRIZE: The starting point is 6 golf balls and accumulates by 1 ball for each Saturday it's not won.

ELIGIBILITY: All competitions conducted by the Tura Beach Men's Golf Club where the player's individual score would normally be written on the card or entered using the MiScore app, including single events and four balls. Ambrose, all forms of foursomes and other novelty events are excluded including any played off the yellow tees, as are Eagles on temporary greens. Only Tura Beach members can win the Eagles Nest.

## **HOLE-IN-ONE**

PRIZE: Hole-in-one trophy (engraved), Honour Board, voucher, a certificate and any sponsor's NTP prize.

ELIGIBILITY: All financial golf male members of TBCC in events conducted by the Tura Beach Men's Golf Club. Refer to the Matrix on the noticeboard for more details. Hole in One **will not** apply to a temporary green. Visitors achieving a HIO in a Tura Competition will not be included on the Honour Board, and the trophy awarded will not include engraving, but the visitor will receive the other relevant awards.

## **AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

The Match Committee reserves the right to alter, amend or change the Conditions of Play at any time.