

# The Owen Whitford Trophy Open Mixed Foursomes

# **Conditions of Play**

# 1. THE COMPETITION

- 1.1 Players must play from their current handicaps at all times.
- 1.2 The event will be played in two sections.

The first section will consist of one qualifying round of 18 holes handicap stroke play.

A maximum of 16 pairs with the lowest net scores from the qualifying round will qualify for the second section of the championship.

In the event of a tie or ties for 16th place, a countback will apply. Similarly, a tie or ties for the leading gross and net scores will be decided on countback.

The second section of the Championship will consist of successive rounds of handicap match play with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. All matches will be determined over 18 holes. The automatic draw will be applied to establish the first round matches.

In the case of matches being square after the completion of 18 holes, play shall continue, with strokes being taken as if the match had just commenced, until a hole is won.

1.3 Subject to the approval of the Glenelg Golf Club, following entry into the competition, but prior to commencement of the qualifying round, it is permissible to substitute an alternative player for a nominated player who is unable to compete due to illness, injury, or any other acceptable reason. The substitute player must be eligible to compete in accordance with the conditions of the competition.

# 2. COMMITTEE

The Glenelg Golf Club will make all playing arrangements and will determine any dispute or protest. Their decision shall be final.

In the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, the Club may shorten the competition, appoint another day or days for completion of any round, and/or transfer play to another course.

Protests must be made to the Club not later than 10 minutes after the completion of each round.

#### 3. ENTRIES

The Club has the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give a reason for so refusing. Any entrant may withdraw and have the entrance fee refunded provided notification is received by the time entries close. Entries of amateurs are restricted to members of Clubs affiliated with Golf SA. Entries must be endorsed with verification by the Secretary or Officer of the entrants' Clubs, or in the case of a professional, by the Secretary of his/her State Association.

#### 4. RULES

- 4.1 The Rules of Golf as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews will apply, together with such local rules as are in force on the course over which the competition takes place. If a dispute arises on any point it shall be decided by the Club, whose decision shall be final. The Club will appoint a referee for each round.
- 4.2 In line with the Club's policy for Championship events, any players entered in the Club Mixed Foursomes Championship utilising a golf cart must present a medical certificate.

#### 5. DRAW AND STARTING TIMES

A draw will be made by the Club. The Club has the power to amend the draw or substitute another player for any competitor who is not at the tee at the time appointed to play. It may also alter the starting time for any pair with due notice. However, it is a condition of the competition that in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, if the player arrives at his/her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of his/her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play, instead of disqualification.

#### 6. ORDER OF PLAY

Male competitors shall play from the first tee. This order is to be maintained for the duration of the Championship.

### 7. SCORECARDS

In accordance with Rule 6.6, score cards signed by the marker and countersigned by the competitor, must be returned to the person appointed by the Club as soon as possible after the completion of the stroke Qualifying Round. Match play results are to be returned to the appointed person as soon as practicable following the completion of the match.

Matches to use the Men's Stroke Index. Men, Black Tees. Women, Yellow Tees

#### 8. PACE OF PLAY

Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with the respect to the group preceding them. Any group with a clear hole in front of them will be considered out of position. Penalties will be applied to pairs in such groups who, by their pace, contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to imposition of penalties.

#### 9. DRESS STANDARDS

Players and caddies are expected to observe the dress standards and any course requirements of the host Club.