



2017 SOOM TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

1. Format

- 1.1 The Pambula Merimbula Golf Club (PMGC) SOOM event will be decided over 36 holes stroke play.
- 1.2 In the event of ties, ties will be determined using the Golf Australia count back system.

2. Tournament Committee

- 2.1 The Tournament Committee (the Committee) will comprise the PMGC Club Captain, the Men's Captain, Men's Vice-Captain and other nominated members of the PMGC Golf Services Committee.
- 2.2 The Committee will have the sole management and control of the Tournament with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions.
- 2.3 The Committee's decision on matters affecting the Tournament will be final.
- 2.4 Protests may be made in writing and submitted to the Tournament Committee within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.

3. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Ltd will apply together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Tournament Committee. Local rules will be displayed on the board near the putting green.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Entries must be made on the Official entry form or a copy thereof.
- 4.2 The entrance fee for the 36 Hole event is AUD \$75 for non-members, \$60 for FSCDGA Members and AUD \$50.00 for members of Pambula Merimbula Golf Club and Tura Beach Country Club (includes GST). The entry fee to play either of the daily events are \$40 for visitors and \$30 for FSCDGA Clubs, Pambula Merimbula and Tura members.
- 4.3 Due to our collaboration with Tura Beach and their 36 hole event being qualifying for the NSW Senior Open (50+), eligible players for this event are male amateurs who have reached their 50th birthday by the 23rd April 2017. However, only players over 55 are eligible for NSW SOOM points. Entries are restricted to amateurs, who are members of clubs affiliated with Golf NSW or of golf clubs registered with such State or Overseas Associations as are affiliated or recognised by this Association.
- 4.4 In the unlikely event of the number of applicants exceed the places available in the tournament, a ballot may be conducted and visitors travelling will be given priority. If a further ballot is required, those players with the highest handicap will be balloted out first. The Tournament committee reserves the right to manage the size and content of the field to allow as many players as possible to compete.
- 4.5 Fully completed entry forms must be received at Pambula Merimbula Golf Club prior to 5pm Wednesday 19th April 2017.
- 4.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- 4.7 Entry fees will be refunded for withdrawals before the draw is done, and may be refunded after the draw depending on the circumstances.

5. Registration

- 5.1 In the event of a shotgun start, competitors must register at the Pro Shop at least 30 minutes prior to the official start time. In all other instances, competitors must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their tee time.
- 5.2 The tournament committee 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.
- 5.3 The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times.

6. Pace of Play

Rule 6-7 will be enforced and a Pace of Play policy endorsed. Groups that drop behind through lost balls etc. are expected to catch up within the next hole.

7. Motorised Transport

Motorised golf vehicles (MGV) may be used. Carts are the player's expense and will be offered at Member's rates. However, carts must be booked in advance via the Pro Shop on 02-64956280.

At the Clubs discretion, visitors may bring their own MGV to use at PMGC under the following conditions:

- Approval will be given for this tournament only and you must seek approval from the Committee prior to the tournament
- You will be required to sign the PMGC Deed of Release and Indemnity for MGV
- You must provide proof of current insurances including public liability for potential damages sustained or caused using the MGV
- If Pambula Merimbula Golf Club is able to provide carts to participants, a course usage fee may be applied to those who bring their own.

8. By-Laws, Rules and Dress Regulations

Competitors shall comply with the by-laws, rules and dress regulations of PMGC. Players or Caddies not dressed appropriately will not be allowed access to the course. Dress regulations are available at www.merimbulagolf.com.au. Metal spikes are not permitted on the golf course. Soft spikes may be worn in the clubhouse.

9. Mobile Phones

9.1 Mobile phones are not permitted to be used on the golf course except in the following circumstances:

- In a medical emergency
- To contact the Pro Shop on a golf related matter

9.2 If the competitor or his caddie is in the possession of a mobile phone it should be turned off. If the phone rings, it is deemed to be in use and the Committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player. **Note:** In deciding whether a penalty should be applied the Committee will consider Decision 33-7/8 "Meaning of Serious Breach of Etiquette" on pages 518-19 of the R&A Decisions on Rules of Golf 2016-2017.

10. Practice

Practice rounds may be played prior to the Tournament upon payment of the appropriate green fee and/or competition fee. Players may only use designated practice areas within the bounds of the course for practice prior to, or after a round in stroke play.

11. Distance Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance only. (This includes mobile phones if used as a measuring device in silent mode only). If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

12. Suspension of Play

12.1 If the playing conditions are deemed dangerous eg. Lightning or strong winds, a member of the Tournament Committee will close the course. This information will be passed to players yet to commence their game through the Pro Shop.

12.2 Suspension of play will be advised by one long blast from a siren at the clubhouse. On hearing this siren, all players **MUST** suspend play by marking their ball and are encouraged to find appropriate shelter or return to the Clubhouse.

12.3 Players at the farthest point of the golf course may not hear the siren to discontinue play. Where possible, players already on the course will be advised of the impending severe weather. However, under Rule 6-8, players may make the decision to discontinue play if they believe there is danger from lightning.

12.4 Bad weather is not of itself a good reason for discontinuing play.

12.5 Players are not to resume play until advised by two short sirens repeated, or verbally advised by a Committee Member.

13. Return of score card

Players must promptly return their score card to the match desk.

14. Prizes

14.1 Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the Committee and will be based on the number of entries and grades. There will be prizes for the 72 holes played in the Pambula Merimbula Senior Open (36 holes) and the Tura Beach Classic (36 holes) played during the week.

14.2 No player may win a trophy in the daily & 36 hole events in both gross and net.