

**AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET HANDICAPS
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**HANDICAP SINGLES and DOUBLES
9 – 13 OCTOBER 2010**

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. Tournament headquarters is Cambridge Croquet Club, where programs will be available on registration. Other clubs used will be Como and Forrest Park.

Golf Croquet Handicap Singles

2. The Golf Croquet Handicap Singles is generally limited to 64 players.

3. The Draw was conducted by the Executive Director in conjunction with the ACA Tournament and Selection Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures within 3 days of entries closing. The ranking list current at that time was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Handicap Singles is as follows.

- a) Blocks seeded with members of the same family placed in different blocks, and players from the same State evenly spread between blocks. Each player to play other players in the block in a single 13 point game.
- b) Based on games and then net points, an equal number of players from each block will proceed to the knockout phase of the event. If players are still tied then the players concerned will play a 13 point game to determine the winner, or other method at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
- c) Players will be re-seeded for the knock-out phase based on final placings in initial blocks.
- d) The semi-finals and final will be played as best of three 13 point games.

Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles

4. The Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles is generally limited to 32 pairs.

5. The Draw was conducted by the Executive Director in conjunction with the ACA Tournament and Selection Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures within 3 days of entries closing. The ranking list current at that time was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Handicap Doubles is as follows.

- a) Blocks seeded with members of the same family placed in different blocks, and pairs from the same State evenly spread between blocks. Each pair to play other pairs in the block in a single 13 point game.
- b) Based on games and then net points, an equal number of pairs from each block will proceed to the knockout phase of the event. If pairs are still tied then the pairs concerned will play a 13 point game to determine the winner, or other method at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
- c) Pairs will be re-seeded for the knock-out phase based on final placings in initial blocks.
- d) The final will be played as best of three 13 point games if time allows.

Rule 16 – Handicapping

6. It has been apparent for some time that lower handicapped players have a better than even chance of winning under the conditions of Rule 16(d): "No point may be scored for the striker's side in an extra turn". Canada has deleted this condition from the Rule for two years with better results, and New Zealand intends that their entire 2010/2011 season will be conducted by deleting Rule 16(d). As a trial, this tournament will be conducted with Rule 16(d) deleted in order to provide more data and to determine the effect under Australian conditions. It is expected that higher handicap players will then have a more equal chance of success. Results from this trial will be evaluated, in cooperation with New Zealand, to determine whether there should be a permanent change to the Rule. Australian Handicap cards will be used for all singles games.