

**AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS
HUNTER VALLEY, NSW**

**OPEN SINGLES and DOUBLES
15 – 23 MAY 2010**

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ACA GOLF CROQUET EVENTS

1. All events will be played under the WCF Rules of Golf Croquet adopted by Croquet Australia.
2. The Australian Handicapping System is in force for this Tournament, and entrants are to have a current Golf Croquet handicap. A handicap may be assigned by the Tournament Manager in terms of the Appendix to the Rules of Golf Croquet.
3. Players are to ensure that they have their ACA Handicap Cards with them to present to the Tournament Manager or his representative before each event commences. Handicap cards should be completed after each game. If players reach a trigger point their handicap changes immediately.
4. Croquet Australia reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to have final arbitration on any question that may arise.
5. All competitors who have not already provided an address, telephone number or email address at which messages can reach them during the events should provide this information to the Tournament Manager during registration.
6. Courts may be available for practice up to 7.50am each day and after the completion of play for the day, subject to club requirements for dressing courts and maintenance. The Tournament Manager's approval should be sought for such practice and players assistance in preparing and clearing lawns will ensure that this practice can continue.
7. Hoops are to be set as near as possible to 3 11/16 inches. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, balls, hoops and setting techniques, a tolerance of $\pm 1/32$ inch is allowed. Players are requested to assist in setting the hoops if necessary.
8. Hoops may be reset at any time on the request of the player in play. In double-banked games, hoops may be reset on the request of the player in play subject to approval of the double-banked player on court. The double-banked player on court may not reasonably withhold permission unless he is in a break within 3 hoops of a hoop which is to be reset.
9. Dawson International balls will be used.
10. Players are requested to assist in setting the hoops at the start of the day if necessary.
11. Courts will be allocated by the Venue Manager and games will be double banked as required.
12. There will be a Referee at each venue to act as required. Where there are not sufficient referees present for all games, referees will generally be on request in terms of Rule 15 (b) (2).
13. Players' attention is drawn to Rule 14 of the WCF Golf Croquet Rules book regarding Etiquette, which also covers expedition in play and to Condition 65 of the ACA Handbook concerning Conduct of Players in the activities of the ACA.
14. Players are required to wear predominantly white clothing and appropriate footwear. Club, State or National Uniforms are also permitted. Predominantly white clothing means any article with more than 75% of its surface area white. White means white, not grey or off-white (this condition does not apply to wet weather clothing hats or caps). Any player presenting at the venue in clothing that does not meet this criteria will be given the opportunity to dress appropriately or will not be permitted to participate in the event. The Executive Committee may amend these rules if necessary. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.
15. A 5 minute warm up period will be permitted before every match when hoops may only be run in a controlled fashion. This is subject to tournament schedule.
16. Matches shall commence at **8.00 am** sharp unless otherwise indicated. Players are requested to be at their designated court before the scheduled starting time.
17. All games will be un-timed. However, the Tournament and Venue Managers may impose a time limit of an additional 15 minutes of play after a game has been in progress for at least 1 hour. WCF Golf Croquet Regulation 2(d) shall apply.
18. Players may be allowed a break of up to 10 minutes between matches and a lunch break of up to 30 minutes. No break is allowed between games of multiple game matches. The Tournament Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to enable completion of the scheduled program.

19. It is mandatory for players to inform the Tournament Manager should they wish to leave the venue for any reason.
20. The Venue Manager will decide whether play in any match should continue if the weather is deteriorating.
21. The Tournament Manager in consultation with the Executive of Croquet Australia may make any alterations to the program, draw and other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the tournament in the time available. If available, lights may be used at the Tournament or Venue Manager's discretion.
22. An appeals committee under ACA comprising the Tournament Manager, the Tournament Referee and a member of the ACA Executive (or nominated representative) shall determine any matters that are in dispute during the course of the tournament.
23. Should an overseas player win an event, the perpetual trophy shall remain in Australia in the custody of the Executive Director of Croquet Australia. All winners of trophies are requested to obtain a quote for the cost of appropriate engraving and submit that quote to the Executive Director of Croquet Australia before proceeding.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Tournament Headquarters is Newcastle National Park Croquet Club (4 courts). Other clubs will be used as necessary including Maitland (4) and the plate will be played at Toronto (4). Programs will be available on Registration at National Park CC on Friday 14 May between 12 Noon and 4.30 pm (or at the first venue of play for each player).

Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship of Australia (18 – 23 May 2010)

1. The Open Singles Golf Croquet Championship of Australia is generally limited to 64 players.
2. The Draw was conducted by the Executive Director in conjunction with the ACA Tournament and Selection Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The ranking list current at that time was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Open 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 each other player in the block in best of three 13 point matches.
 - b) Players placed 1 to 4 in each block based on games won will proceed to the final 16 knockout stage of the event. If players are tied then they will play a 13 point game to determine the winner if time permits, otherwise placings will be determined by net points, 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. The knockout will be played as best of three 13 point matches.
 - d) The Plate event will be conducted as large blocks or Swiss with a single life knockout final. Players may enter the Plate event as follows:
 - i. players not allocated a place in the main events, and,
 - ii. players who are reserves in the main events, and,
 - iii. players entering the Plate Event directly (not through the main event).

Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship of Australia (15 – 17 May 2010)

1. The Open Doubles Golf Croquet Championship of Australia is generally limited to 32 pairs.
2. The Draw was conducted by the Executive Director in conjunction with the ACA Tournament and Selection Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The ranking list current at that time was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Open 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 each other pair in the block in a single life 13 point game.
 - b) Pairs placed 1 to 4 in each block based on games won will proceed to the quarter finals. If pairs are tied then they will play a 13 point game to determine the winner if time permits, otherwise placings will be determined on net points, 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. The knockout will be played as best of three 13 point matches. The Final will be played as best of five 13 point matches (time permitting).
 - d) A Plate event may be conducted (if time) as blocks or Swiss with a single life knockout final. Pairs may enter the Plate event as follows:
 - i. pairs not allocated a place in the main events, and,
 - ii. pairs who are reserves in the main events, and,
 - iii. pairs entering the Plate Event directly (not through the main event).