

WAUCHOPE GOLF CLUB

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Information & Local Rules 2024

All competitions will be played on the day specified and under the control of the Match Committee, which reserves the right to change, alter, cancel, or vary any competition.

When competitions arranged by the Match Committee are in progress, a member or visitor not participating in that event may only play at the end of the field and then only off a tee as directed by the Starter or Match Committee and shall be required to pay **full green fees**.

Members are expected to know the rules of golf and are to observe the local rules as defined by the Match Committee regarding dress and practice on the course.

The lowest handicap player in the group is responsible for the observance of the rules and etiquette of the game.

Any prize vouchers won in any competition that are older than 3 months will be destroyed, and no money will be held in lieu of redemption of such vouchers.

Number of starters required for a Saturday competition.

Ball competition only	Lower than 40
One grade	40+ (across the field)
Two grade	80+ (A & B)
Three grades	120+ (A, B & C)

Number of starters required for a Thursday competition.

Ball competition only	Lower than 40
One grade	40+ (across the field)
Two grade	80+ (A & B)
Three grades	140+ (A, B & C)

Number of starters required for the 9-hole Thursday competition

One grade 2 Vouchers	25+ (across the field)
One grade 1 Voucher	20 to 24 Players

If the number of starters does not exceed 20 then a ball competition only will take place.

SPECIAL NOTE: On Thursdays and Saturdays the 18 hole and 9-hole are now Medley Competitions. Ladies will compete as part of the overall field.

Ladies will play in the same handicap grades as the men and are still to play off the Red tees.

Golf Carts:

We are having problems with some players driving Golf Carts in prohibited areas. Please be reminded that Carts are to be kept to paths or roads where available. You must obey all signs or barriers and ensure you don't wear out areas from where players may have to play a ball.

In any case you are not permitted to drive within 10 metres of a tee or green unless you are on a path.

PROHIBITED AREAS

Areas of particular concern include but certainly not limited to:

In front of greens,

Between greens and bunkers,

2nd hole between hedge and green. Drive around back of hedge. All area between hedge and boundary fence is G.U.R.

Anywhere between the path and the 4th green,

Anywhere off the path near the 9th green,

Near the 11th green/12th tee do not drive behind the green or between the green and the path or in front of the green between the green and the water,

Between the path and the green near the 15th green,

Between 16th green and 17th tee

Between the path and the green on the 18th

GENERAL RULE: STAY AT LEAST 10 METRES FROM ANY GREEN

If any member of the Golf Committee sees any player driving carts in the prohibited areas they will be spoken to in the first instance and further breaches may result in penalties or suspension.

Slow Play

Players are required to keep up with the group in front, not stay in front of the group behind.

- i) Each player must walk directly to or adjacent to his own ball, waiting there for the farthest player from the hole to play their shot and using this time to assess his own shot and select his club.
- ii) If after the mandatory period of time (three minutes) searching for a lost ball and it is apparent you are holding up play you **must** call the following group through.

Protests, Disputes and Complaints

All protests, disputes and complaints must be made in writing and handed to the President, Captain, Secretary, or a committee member within **fifteen (15) minutes** of the completion of the match or event. Any decision reached by the Committee will regard to protests, disputes or complaints shall be final and binding.

Club Championship

The Club Championship is for Men only and will be a stroke event over 72 holes, unless this needs to be changed due to the weather conditions or playing conditions. A seeded draw will be part of the final round and will comprise the **top four (4) placed Players in each grade** at the completion of round 3.

If a member is allocated a position in the seeded draw that member **must play** in that draw and at the time allocated.

Should a member decide not to play in the seeded draw he then makes himself **ineligible** to win a placing in the Club Championship.

Any exception to this rule can only be made by a majority ruling of a special Match Committee meeting as convened by the Club Captain.

Members will complete all rounds of the Club Championship within the same grade that they started the first round, however if any Handicaps are changed, they are to play of their current handicap.

Senior Championships (50 and over) are part of main Championships.

Ladies may compete as part of the daily event only.

Junior (Under 18) and Cadet (19 to 23) Championships are girls and boys. They are not separate events.

Dress Regulations

The minimum dress code for Members and Visitors playing the competitions or social golf is –

Long trousers or acceptable shorts (**Stubbies, basketball, football, or board shorts along with tracksuit pants and overalls are unacceptable at any time**). Anklet or sports socks are permitted. Long socks always drawn up (**football socks are prohibited at any time**).

Acceptable golf shirts must have a collar (**round neck shirts, t-shirts, football jerseys or shirts with an offensive motif are unacceptable at any time**).

Failure to observe these dress regulations in competition play will in the first instance require the offender to respond to a letter from the committee requiring a full explanation. Failure to respond to this letter will result in at least **two (2) weeks' suspension** at the discretion of the Committee.

Members' Practice and Social Play

Practice from tees, penalty areas and bunkers and to any green is not permitted at any time.

Practice is only permitted on areas set aside and clearly marked by 'practice indicators.

On days when no competition has been programmed a member may play a maximum of two (2) balls from tee to green.

Visitors

Members of affiliated clubs are welcome to join in club competitions subject to the following: -

Proof of financial membership and current handicap of that club is produced.

Visitors must have played 5 games of their last 20 at their home Club to be eligible to win prizes subject to a Match Committee decision

Visitors and Ladies may not enter or play in the Men's Club Championships, however they may play as part of the daily competition

Gross Voucher

A gross voucher will be awarded to the best gross score in all grades on Saturdays that a monthly medal round is played. A gross voucher will be awarded across the field in any other Saturday single event. Events excluded from the gross voucher awards are all Open events, Ambrose events, 4 ball events, mixed events, foursomes' events, bisque par events and the Saturday and Thursday Christmas ham days. Golf professionals are excluded from the Gross vouchers.

Monthly Medals

Winners shall be the best Nett score in each grade on the day the event is played. Members are eligible to win more than one (1) monthly medal in any one (1) competition year. Medal winners in each grade will be invited to play off each year for the annual medal of medals. To participate in this annual medal of medals playoff members must be financial at the time of the playoff. Medal winners may participate in and are eligible to win in more than one grade. Ladies are eligible to compete in Monthly Medals

Match Play

All Match Play games must be played from the first tee where possible. If this is not possible and games are started on the 10th tee it must be classified as the first hole of the Match Index. **All games are to be played from the Blue markers or if no markers, from the Blue Plates. Ladies are to play from red plates or markers.** NB. As all tee markers are sloped for both Men and Ladies players may opt to play off the same tees using relevant look-up handicap sheets. i.e. Both players off Blue or White or Red otherwise use **default.**

Juniors

Juniors under sixteen (16) years of age are encouraged to progress through the junior coaching program and junior golf competition to ensure the appropriate skills and knowledge of rules & etiquette are attained prior to being invited to play for their 18 hole AGU handicap. No more than two (2) juniors may play in the same group in any competition round unless approved by the Starter or Club Captain.

Trophies

Donated perpetual trophies and club championship trophies including monthly medals, medal of medals may only be won by financial members of the Wauchope Golf Club. Visitors and member/visitors playing in 4BBB, Ambrose and any other team event may win open event trophies and or club vouchers in lieu of donated trophies. Any player may win only one (1) trophy in a competition, plus NTP, long drive ball and gross voucher. Major open event players are only eligible to win one (1) gross or one (1) Nett trophy.

Ties In Club Competitions

All ties shall be decided by the Golf Australia count back system. Ties in championship events (gross winners only) including Club Championships (all grades), Senior & Junior Championships, Men's Foursomes Championships (all grades), Mixed Foursomes Championships, Wauchope Open and Timbertown Open shall be decided by a sudden death play-off on the competition day. This play-off will start on the 1st tee then proceed to the 7th tee and then rotate between these two (2) holes until a result is reached.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones may be carried during a competition game provided they are turned to a mute mode, (that being a silent or non-ringing mode). Under certain circumstances they may be left on, but permission must be obtained from the other members in that playing group. Members that do not obtain this permission can face disqualification. Mobile phones may be used for distance measuring or checking for dangerous weather. They may not be used for any other purpose that would help in the playing of the game such as wind speed or direction.

Eagles Nest

The eagle's nest may be won on any competition day including Thursdays 9 hole event but excluding Ambrose & Foursomes events. The eagle's nest will start with 4 balls and increase at the rate of one (1) ball for each Thursday and each Saturday competition held until won. All par 5 holes are excluded from the eagle's nest of balls, but players will still receive an eagle badge.

Hole in One

A hole in one recorded in a programmed competition (including the Thursday 9 hole event) will be recognized by the golf club who will have the members game ball suitably mounted. A hole in one will count as an eagle and the player shall be entitled to receive those balls available in the eagle's nest and receive an eagle badge.

Paths & Roadways

Roads & paths that are formed or constructed using either concrete, Bago gravel, road base or any similar construction material are considered pathways or roads and relief is permitted from these obstructions. A formed/constructed pathway or road need not be edged with timber or any other material to be classed as being formed and or constructed.

Areas in which Bago gravel, road base or similar materials can be seen to have washed away from a pathway or road, relief may be taken as G.U.R. Bare dirt tracks caused by motorised vehicles, golf buggies and golfer/pedestrian traffic are not considered to be formed or constructed pathways or roads but are an integral part of the course and as such no relief may be taken from these.

Bare patches on Fairways only may be treated as G.U.R. (NOT DIVOTS WHETHER FILLED OR NOT)

When your stroke or stance is affected by an exposed tree root on fairway (closely mown areas) or within 3 three club lengths of a fairway you may take relief of one (1) club length no nearer the hole without penalty.

NB A club length is defined as the longest club in your bag EXCEPT A PUTTER

Ground under Repair

Areas of ground under repair are defined by White stakes and/or White lines. Complete relief must be taken, and the stakes are moveable obstructions.

White stakes with green tops are environmental guideposts and are also moveable obstructions. If moved, they must be replaced in the same spot.

Fallen tree branches that cannot readily be moved may be treated as G.U.R. as well as any debris piled for removal, or around the base of trees.

Penalty Areas (Red Stakes)

Lines indicate PENALTY AREA boundaries and stakes indicate the PENALTY AREA. Lines are part of the PENALTY AREA. Stakes are immovable obstructions.

Where no physical line exists the PENALTY AREA is defined by a line of sight between two stakes or the natural line of the penalty area.

Christmas Ham Days

The Thursday and Saturday Christmas ham days are strictly members' only events and are not open to visitors. As all trophies for the Christmas ham days are perishable, they must be collected at the presentation on the day of the event either by the winner or his appointed proxy. Proxy forms are available for members that require them. A bonus point system will apply to these events.

Saturday Christmas Ham Day

This competition will be an 18 hole single Stableford.

Members will be awarded bonus points at a rate of 0.25 for every Saturday game they play between the Saturday Christmas Ham Day 2023 and the Saturday before Christmas Ham Day 2024 (to a maximum of 6). The total of points will be added to their score for the day.

Thursday Christmas Ham Day

There will be two separate competitions on the day – an 18 hole single Stableford and a 9 hole single Stableford. Golfers can play in either event **BUT NOT BOTH**.

Members will be awarded bonus points at a rate of 0.25 for each 9 hole and 18 hole Thursday game they play between the Thursday Christmas Ham Day 2023 and the Thursday before Christmas Ham Day 2024 (to a maximum of 6). The total of points will be added to their score for the day. Bonus points acquired for 9 hole games can only be used for the 9 hole comp. and bonus points acquired for 18 hole games can only be used for the 18 hole comp.

Failure to cancel a booked starting time.

Any member that fails to attend any match that he has booked a starting time for and has not notified the starter at least thirty (30) minutes prior to that starting time that they will not be playing may be invoiced the sum of the match fees plus \$1 handling charge. This amount will be invoiced to the member and said member will **not** be eligible to play in **any event** run by the club until this amount has been paid.

Reporting to the starter

All players must report to the starter at least **fifteen (15) minutes prior** to their scheduled/booked tee off time. Players that do not report by this time **can and will be moved** to another position in the field, at the starter's discretion. Starting times and starting tee positions can be varied by the starter in any competition up until 10 minutes prior to a scheduled/booked tee off time.

Nearest the Pin and Long drives

To qualify for a NTP prize the player's ball must come to rest on the green.

A long drive will be held in all grades and Ladies on every monthly medal day and on Club Championship days. To qualify in this event the player's ball must come to rest on the mown portion of the fairway.

NTP and Long Drive are separate competitions in conjunction with the competition of the day

Member's draw

A member's draw will take place at the completion of each Saturday's presentation, excluding the Saturday Xmas ham day and Wauchope Classic days. A prize in the amount of \$25 is awarded to one member drawn from those who played golf on that Saturday. The member does not have to be present at the Club and the prize will be added to the players Membership Card

Saturday Evening Presentation

There will be 4 draws for a 'six pack' of the winner's choice for those players who have participated in that Saturday's competition and are in the club at that time and claim their prize within two (2) minutes of that player's number being drawn. If a player is not present the draw will continue until won. Should a junior player be a winner then they will receive a half dozen of soft drink. The draw will take place at the discretion of the recorders depending on players present.

Handicap

The maximum members and/or visitors handicap for all competition games is thirty six (36) or Forty-five for ladies (45) unless otherwise decided by the match committee.

Members may play for a Handicap in any scheduled Competition. Players must submit 3 cards to be eligible to receive a handicap. Social cards will NOT be accepted except at the discretion of the Handicapper.

Handicap grades

The following handicap grades will apply to all games under the control of the Match Committee but may be changed at any time without prior notice.

Saturday and Thursday

3 Grades

'A' Grade 0 – 13 'B' Grade 14 – 19 'C' Grade 20 – 36

2 Grades

'A' Grade 0 – 18 'B' Grade 19 – 36 or as decided by the handicapper to approximately even up the field

Application of Handicaps

Individual Stroke	Full Handicap
Individual Par	Full Handicap
Individual Stableford	Full Handicap
4 Ball Stableford	Full Handicap
Bisque Events	Full Handicap
Match Play	Full Difference of Stroke Handicap
Foursomes	$\frac{1}{2}$ Aggregate Combined Handicaps
Foursomes Mixed	$\frac{1}{2}$ Aggregate Combined Handicaps
Foursomes – Canadian	$\frac{3}{8}$ Aggregate Combined Handicaps
Foursomes – American	$\frac{3}{8}$ Aggregate Combined Handicaps
Ambrose – 4 Person	$\frac{1}{8}$ Aggregate Combined Handicap
Ambrose – 3 Person	$\frac{1}{6}$ Aggregate Combined Handicaps
Ambrose – 2 Person	$\frac{1}{4}$ Aggregate Combined Handicaps

Golf Australia Count Back System

18 hole events off 2 tees – last 9 holes 10 to 18 (to be used regardless of the starting hole) then last 6 holes 13 to 18, then last 3 holes 16 to 18, then hole by hole from the 18th hole. In 27 Holes #10 to 18 to be used, 36, 54 & 72 hole events last 18 holes (from the 1st hole) to be used, if still tied, count back as for 18 hole events. In 9 hole events the last 6 holes played, then the last 3, then hole by hole.

For games that start on the 10th tee only countback will be on the last 9 played (1-9)

Electronic score entry

Members that fail to enter their score into the electronic handicapping system after completing a game will be considered as having not returned a card & will be recorded as such (No Score-Not Approved). Continual non entry of cards may result in disciplinary action. If ill or injured, do NOT enter scorecard in tablets with a DNF. This will automatically enter a No Score Not Approved. Hand card to Handicapper or Captain or leave under door of Handicappers office.

Five (5) No Scores Not Approved registered with Golflink in your last 20 games WILL result in you being given a Provisional Handicap which will rule you ineligible for any prizes. You must record a genuine score in a competition to roll Not Approved scores out of the last 20 games.

Return of Match Cards

Members & visitors competing in any scheduled competition are reminded that their score cards must be returned to the handicap desk within ten (10) minutes of the player/players completing his/their game.

Extreme Weather Policy

In the event of extreme weather occurring – lightning, heavy rain, wind, smoke, or other situation requiring golfers to seek shelter they will be alerted by a siren fitted on the club house. Advisory signs are placed on the course.

The following signals indicate:

Discontinue Play Immediately – One prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue Play – Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume Play – Two short notes of siren, repeated.

(For procedure in discontinuing and resuming play – see R&A Rule 5.7)

At all times you are ultimately responsible for your own safety – if you feel threatened seek shelter or leave the course.

2023 CLUB CHAMPIONS

Club Champion	Chris O'Brien
A Reserve Champion	Mick Wheeler
B Grade Champion	Kel Barrett
C Grade Champion	Adam Roelands
Senior Champion	David Andrew
Junior Champion	Wyatt Tate

2023 Men's Foursomes Championship

Champions	Anthony Boyd & Brad Maggs
B Grade Champions	Logan Green & Rhys Nelson
C Grade Champions	John Leicht & John Bartlett

2023 Mixed Foursomes Championship

Champions	Ann-Marie Campbell & Zac Leach
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2023 Match Play Champion

Champion

Greg Whitworh

2023 Ambrose Championship

Champions

Paul Cook & Chris O'Brien

2023 Medal of Medals Winners

A Grade

Glenn Smythe

B Grade

Sam Mc Cudden

C Grade

Carl Eade

2023 Player of the Year

Garry Hay

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