

THE MINI GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OF WA

RULES

- Teams consist of two players.
- The team who plays the stipulated round or rounds in the fewest strokes is the winner.
- The format is a best ball event. Both players will tee off, play the hole and then take the best score.

Tournament Play and Rules

Each team must start each hole from behind the stipulated tee markers and play to the furthest flag on the hole. In the case of a course with All Abilities-specific holes, the All Abilities categories will play to that hole.

1. A player may only touch a rested ball in playing field under the supervision of his fellow players.
2. Each player is responsible for the cleanliness of the playing area. Removing dirt and debris before a stroke is permitted.
3. If the path of a ball is influenced by anything other than normal dirt and debris, tournament director (only) can allow another attempt.
4. If a rested ball moves, it must be returned to rested spot.
5. No player may make alterations to the field of play except to clean dirt and debris.
6. Attire: House rules apply
7. Participants will use the equipment provided by the host vendor (Putter and ball). No markings are permitted to be added to ball or club to enhance a player's shot or create a specific aid.
8. No objects are permitted to be placed within a foot of field of play.
9. Breaks will not be allowed during play except for health reasons.
10. Postponed/delayed play (e.g. because of rain) can be ordered by tournament official and play must immediately stop. All players with a ball in play will be permitted to complete the hole.
11. Sportsmanship is required and anything contrary will be handled immediately by a tournament official.
12. Mobile devices must be silenced and never allowed out when the participant (owner of device) has a ball in play. Devices may be used to note shots of the next hole and used between holes.

Scoring

Each pair in a group will keep score for the other pair and attest for accuracy at the conclusion of each round. Teams will play with another team and cross mark each other's cards.

Scorecards must be legible, signed by players and markers before being turned in to Tournament Official. Any corrected score will require a single line through the mistake and correction written next to it. If there is a disagreement of a rule or interpretation needed, a tournament official must be notified. It cannot be decided among the group.

Tournament official may ask for an increased pace if delays are created. An under 90 second guide per stroke is the goal, Players should not unduly delay play.

The maximum a player can have on a hole is 8. Once the player has had 8 strokes pick up the ball and record an 8 on the scorecard.

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Penalties

- For playing of a hole before the previous player has completed and left the field of play: A caution and restart at the hole with a penalty of all strokes already taken.
- Playing out of turn, or beginning of the next hole before the last player of the group ahead has completed the previous hole, will result in: Correction, warning and a one-stroke penalty if behaviour continues.
- If the path of the ball is deliberately influenced by the player after the stroke it will result in: Disqualification
- If a ball goes out of bounds it will result in: A one-stroke penalty will be assessed for any ball leaving field of play. The ball will be played from exit point unless special ruling is in place or needed. This includes balls returning to the tee off area and out the open end (out of field of play). A ball that enters water or a bunker can be placed back on the playing surface at the exit point with a one-shot penalty.
- A ball resting against a rock or timber sleeper, can be moved one club head length away at no penalty.
- Penalties may be assessed for inaccurate scorecard recording. This penalty will be assessed to each member of the playing group.
- A player cautioned twice in the same tournament may be disqualified.
- A forgotten score entry for a hole can be added after the round providing the player has not yet signed the card and the score is agreed to by all players in the group.

Where a local rule contradicts a GolfWA rule, the GolfWA rule supersedes the local rule.



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Team and Eligibility

A Team consists of 2 people playing a best ball format (Best score per hole format). Individual entries will not be accepted, however in the unlikely case of injury one person can complete the round. The original pairing for this event cannot be broken. However, if the winning pair are unable to compete in the State Final, the pair with the second-best score is eligible, and so on.

Teams will be placed in divisions depending on age and if they hold a GA handicap where applicable. The 6 divisions are as follows: –

- Open (18 years of age and over)
- Junior (17 years of age and under)
- All abilities with a GA Handicap (18 holes – Collier Park & Wanneroo Only)
- All abilities without a GA Handicap (9 holes – Collier Park & Wanneroo Only)

The eligibility for each division is based upon whether one player meets the requirements for either age or handicap. Teams with one player aged 17 and under and another player aged 18 and over must play in the open division. To be eligible for the junior category both players must be under the age of 18 on the day of the qualifying round.

Note: Juniors aged 12 and under playing without an adult must have an adult chaperone accompanying them.

All Abilities divisions: A team with a player that holds a GA Handicap will play in the handicap division regardless of whether the second player does or does not hold a GA Handicap

State Finals

The following number of teams from each division, from each venue will progress to the State Finals at Collier Park GC on Saturday, 11th November 2023.

- Open – Top 4 team pairings from each venue
- Junior – Top 4 team pairings from each venue
- All Abilities with a GA Handicap – Top 2 pairings from Collier Park & Wanneroo only
- All Abilities without a GA Handicap – Top 2 pairings from Collier Park & Wanneroo only

Player Code of Conduct

All entrants agree to be bound by the GolfWA Code of Conduct. A copy of the code is available from the Policies section of the GolfWA website GolfWA Policy Manual: [GolfWA Code of Conduct](#)

Format

- The format throughout the championship will be a best ball format. Both players will tee off from behind the relevant markers and use the best score from the hole.
- Please refer to your venue's local rules regarding penalty areas and garden beds.
- Teams will play to the furthest flag. In the case of a course with all abilities specific holes, the all abilities categories will play to that hole.
- Teams will be paired with another team and play in groups of 4. The two teams will swap and mark each other's cards in both the qualifying and the finals.

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- Holing a putt in a hole that is not the stipulated cup for the designated hole has no penalty. Players will need to remove the ball from the hole and play it from beside that hole.
- In case of a tie, the Australian countback method will be used to determine the winner. Refer to [Australian Countback Method](#)
- In the case of the countback not being able to decide a winner, a playoff between the groups will ensue.

Teams paired together will swap score cards and mark the other team. Cheating or score fabrication will result in disqualification.

Please check in at Pro Shop 10 mins prior to tee off time.

Equipment

- Players are required to use the equipment provided by the host vendor.
- Scorecards and pencils will also be issued by the host club.
- Please refer to each venue's individual dress code in regard to appropriate dress standards.

Format

This is a smoke-free event and as such players are prohibited from smoking during a stipulated round. (Note: This clause covers all forms of smoking including vaping.)

Completion of Found

- Please submit cards to Pro Shop/ front desk after the completion of the round. The host venue will send the top four/two qualifiers' names and cards from each division to GolfWA.
- Pairs can play multiple qualifying rounds, however only their best score will count and the best 2 scores from each division will be invited to be finalists.
- The top 2 qualifiers from each division at host venues will be invited to play off in the state final against the finalists from the other venues.

GolfWA will contact the advancing qualifiers and provide details of the finals.

Smoke Free

This is a smoke-free event and as such players are prohibited from smoking during a stipulated round. (Note: This clause covers all forms of smoking including vaping.)

Database of Competitors' Details

The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by GolfWA. This data may be utilised by GolfWA or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time-to-time players may be sent entry forms, event literature, the GolfWA e-newsletter, marketing material by the sponsor(s) of GolfWA events, or information about events conducted by GolfWA-approved bodies.

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GolfWA may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this Championship as well as other GolfWA Championships and GolfWA. The cooperation of players with authorised representatives of the media is required, provided that no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required and provided that the player's Championship play is not unreasonably interfered with.

