

CONDITIONS FOR RIVERSDALE CUP

1. Entrance Fee MUST be paid at time of entry and includes complimentary practice range balls, pull buggies and snacks and drinks on course.
2. Entries must be made to the Manager, Riversdale Golf Club, PO Box 2368, Mt Waverley 3149 not later than 6pm Friday 29 January 2010.
3. Competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by R & A Rules Ltd., together with such local rules as are in force on the course over which the competition takes place. If a dispute arises on any point, it shall be decided by the Match Committee, whose decision shall be final. In the absence of a full Committee such number thereof as may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be deemed a decision of the full Committee.
4. The Committee will comprise the Match Committees of the Riversdale Golf Club and the Victorian Golf Association.
5. In every event Competitors will be drawn against each other for the day in such manner as the Committee may arrange. The Committee, or such person as the Committee may authorise, shall have the power to select a partner for any competitor whose partner is not at the Tee when called upon at the time appointed to start.
6. The Committee to make all arrangements, and to have full power to alter or make any variation in the conditions or program should they deem it desirable.
7. Any protest must be made to the Committee not more than 15 minutes after the conclusion of play on the day on which the disputed matter has arisen.
8. The Committee may, in the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, either shorten the tournament or fix another day. In the case of ties, they shall be decided by countback in all events, with the exception of the Riversdale Cup, which shall continue over holes as decided by the Championship Committee.
9. Entries are restricted to amateurs who are members of Clubs of the Victorian Golf Association or of the Golf Clubs registered with such State or Overseas Associations, or of clubs affiliated with the Victorian Golf League. The Committee shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
10. Competitors must report to the Officials at least 30 minutes before the notified time of starting. Failure to comply may cause disqualification.
11. The Committee shall have power to cancel any event or to limit the number of entries that will be received in different events and to alter the time fixed for starting any event as indicated in this program.
12. If entries are excessive, the Championship Committee reserves the right to ballot out according to handicaps, except the leading 25 competitors plus ties in last year's Riversdale Cup, the past 5 winners, the leading 30 players in the previous year's Ivo Whitton Trophy and International Team players.
13. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ascertain their starting times for Day 3 – seeded draw - AND whether they have qualified for the final day by logging onto Riversdale's web site www.riversdalegolf.com.au.
14. The cut for the final day of play will be limited to the 60 leading players, plus ties.
15. Entry forms will not be accepted unless Handicap verification is signed and dated by the appropriate Club official AND a golflink number or equivalent documentation is provided.
16. Competitors must comply with Riversdale dress standards and it is their responsibility to make themselves familiar with these. Copies available on request.
17. Riversdale Golf Club has a non-metal spike policy. No competitor will be permitted to play with metal spikes. Refunds will not be given for non-compliance of this condition.
18. Conditions 7, 8, 9, 10, 13 & 14 of the Australian Amateur Foursome also apply to the Riversdale Cup.
19. **Measuring Devices**
For all play, a player may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance 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, windspeed, 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.

CONDITIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN MEN'S AMATEUR FOURSOME

1. Format

- 1.1 The Championship shall be decided over 36 holes of Foursome stroke play on Wednesday 3 March 2010.
- 1.2 The order of play from the tee must be changed for the 2nd Round.
- 1.3 In the event of a tie, joint winners shall be declared.
- 1.4 The winners shall be the Australian Men's Amateur Foursome Golf Champions and receive silver medallions. The runners-up shall receive bronze medallions.
- 1.5 The Entrance Fee is \$55.00 per pair (includes GST).

2. Championship Play Committee

- 2.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise the Chair of the Golf Australia Championships Committee, Golf Australia's Director – Championships and Manager – Championships.
- 2.2 In the absence of the full Championship Play Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Play Committee.
- 2.3 The Championship Play Committee shall have the sole management and control of the Championship with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions.
- 2.4 The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship shall be final.

3. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R & A Rules Ltd, shall apply together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Entries shall only be made on the Entry Form issued by Golf Australia and Riversdale Golf Club, or facsimile copies thereof. Entry by email is acceptable provided it is a scanned image of the official entry form.
- 4.2 Eligible players are male amateur golfers whose individual Australian Handicap does not exceed 3.4 Strokes, or who are past winners of the Australian Men's Amateur Foursome Championship, or who are members of International teams for the Riversdale Cup, or Interstate teams for the Riversdale Cup.
- 4.3 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R & A Rules Ltd.
- 4.4 Entries shall be subject to approval from the Committee of an entrant's Home Club. (NB This requirement may be waived in exceptional circumstances by the Championship Play Committee).
- 4.5 In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship, entries from those pairs with higher handicap aggregates shall be decided by a handicap ballot. (NB the following shall be exempt from a handicap ballot: past winners of the Australian Amateur Foursome Championship, members of International teams for the Riversdale Cup, members of Interstate teams for the Riversdale Cup, pairs exempted by the Championship Play Committee.) Unsuccessful pairs shall be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance fees will be refunded to pairs balloted out, who do not compete.
- 4.6 Fully completed Entry Forms must be received by the General Manager of Riversdale Golf Club by not later than 6.00pm ON THE SAME DAY AS ENTRIES FOR THE RIVERSDALE CUP CLOSE. It is the sole responsibility of the pair to ensure that its entry is received prior to the closing time for entries. NB A pair should not believe its entry to be received until its names have been posted at www.riversdalegolf.com.au
- 4.7 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry shall be subject to the application of a \$27.50 late fee (includes GST).
- 4.8 In the event that an entry is received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the pair shall be automatically liable to Riversdale Golf Club for the sum of \$27.50 (the "late entry fee" includes GST). Where the pair nominates to pay the entry fee by credit card, by providing their credit card details, the card holder additionally authorises Riversdale Golf Club to debit the nominated account for the sum of the late entry fee (if applicable). Where payment is made by cheque, money order or cash, the pair will be invoiced for the amount of the late entry fee and the entry will not be accepted until the full requisite payment has been received.
- 4.9 Acceptable payment methods are only as follows credit card (Visa or MasterCard Only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note though that Riversdale Golf Club will NOT accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received). Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to Riversdale Golf Club.

- 4.10 Entries will not be accepted by telephone or facsimile (exception entries with credit card payments only may be sent by facsimile), or unless the Entry Form is fully completed and signed by the secretary/manager of each entrant's home club.
- 4.11 Entrance Fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those pairs who may be balloted out and who do not subsequently compete. All refunds paid to pairs who have withdrawn will be subject to an \$11.00 administration charge (includes GST).
- 4.12 For each player, an entry must be accompanied either by a copy of his current handicap record for the past six months officially endorsed by his home club, or by his GOLF Link number. A decision of the Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.
5. **Media**
All rights for televising live, television recordings, or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championship are reserved only to Golf Australia and may only be made under licence.
6. **Starting Times**
If the pair arrives at its starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after its starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole to be played. The penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.
7. **Golf Balls**
7.1 It will be obligatory for all competitors in the Championship to play with a ball that is listed in the current R&A and/or USGA Conforming Golf Balls. Penalty: Disqualification.
7.2 Additionally, throughout a stipulated round, the balls a pair plays must be the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry on the current list of Conforming Golf Balls. (Note: If a ball of a different brand and/or type is dropped or placed it may be lifted, without penalty, and the pair must then proceed by dropping or placing a proper ball (Rule 20-6). Penalty: 2 strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round 4 strokes. Procedure when breach discovered: When a pair discovers that it has played a ball in breach of this condition, it must abandon that ball before playing from the next teeing ground and complete the round with a proper ball, otherwise the pair is disqualified. If discovery is made during play of a hole and the pair elects to substitute a proper ball before completing that hole, the pair must place a proper ball on the spot where the ball played in breach of the condition lay.
8. **Drug Testing**
All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Drug Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, will be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. A list of the prohibited substances will be available at registration. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via ASADA Hotline- 1800 020 506, or from www.asada.gov.au.
9. **Code of Conduct**
All entrants assent to be bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct. A copy of the code is available at www.golfaustralia.org.au
10. **Driving Clubs**
Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition. (The list may be viewed via www.golfaustralia.org.au)
*PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION:
Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.
In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.
*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their opponent in match play or their marker or fellow competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified.
PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.
11. **Measuring Devices**
Distance Measuring Devices are NOT permitted
12. **Practice**
Tuesday 2 March 2010 after 1.00pm.
13. **Pace of Play**
Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it. Any group with a clear hole in front of it will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to pairs in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.
14. **Motorised Transport**
During play, it is prohibited for a player or his caddie to ride in or on a motorised vehicle.
Penalty: 2 Strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round 4 strokes. Procedure when breach discovered: Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the pair is disqualified.
15. **Golf Australia Hard Card**
The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Australian Men's Amateur Foursome Championship.
16. **Mobile Phones**
Mobile Phones must not be used under any circumstances, except by permission of the Championship Play Committee.