



## **COMPETITION RULES – 2026**

### **GENERAL**

1. In so far as these rules do not apply, control of competitions is invested in the Match Committee.

### **ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN COMPETITIONS**

2. A player is not eligible to play in a competition unless they enter for the same in the following manner:
  - a. A player enters for the competition prior to the commencement of their round either by electronic timesheet, nomination forms for special events or by calling/notifying the Pro Shop if the timesheet is locked.
  - b. Pays the competition entrance fee before commencing play in that competition.
3. A player is not eligible to win any competition associated event or sweepstake unless they have a current handicap:
  - a. A player is required to have a current Australian Golf Union handicap to compete in any Open or Invitational event
  - b. A visitor may be required to produce a copy of their current Golf link number.
4. The club Professional and/or Trainee (Associate) may compete in competitions run by the Club, however, they are only eligible to win a club trophy and sweepstakes. They will continue to pay their annual membership fees and pay normal competition fees. Golf Professionals and Trainees are not permitted to win any gross event, or sponsored event or participate in Monthly Medals or Honour Board events.
5. A player failing to meet the requirements of paragraphs 2 or 3 will be disqualified.

### **BREAKING OF A ROUND**

6. Notwithstanding anything in the Local Rules of the Club, a player is not to break their round at the end of nine (9) holes for more than ten (10) minutes.  
Penalty: Loss of position in field.

Exceptions:

7. If a medical emergency occurs within a group, the group may seek medical help, and may lose their spot in the field, and be able to rejoin the competition within a reasonable time.
8. A doctor may, for professional reasons, break his round during any competition, except a Championship, without incurring a penalty.

### **COUNTRY MEMBERS**

9. A Country Member is not eligible to win a Monthly Medal or an Honour Board event.

### **VISITORS AND RECIPROCAL RIGHTS**

10. A visitor, if a financial member of another physical Golf Club and having a current AGU handicap, is eligible to compete in all Club events except Championships. However, they are not eligible to win a sponsored trophy. In the event of a visitor returning the best score in a Club Competition, they are to be awarded a suitable Club trophy. Reciprocal rights shall not be given to other clubs within 25km of the Maryborough Golf Club, unless their subscriptions and standards are similar to our Club. A member of an online club, may play in all competitions except Club Championships, but will be subject to paying full social fees, full competition fees and full social cart fees if a cart is hired.

### **COURSE RECORDS**

11. A **Course Record** may be set only when the course is prepared for medal play. This occurs when stroke rounds are played from the Blue markers including the Club Championships, Monthly Medals, Pro Ams or Carnival days.
12. Ladies - A Course Record may be set only in Stroke competition.
13. A **Club Record or Record Score** may be set in ordinary competitions whether it be a stroke, stableford, standard scratch or any event, where a score is recorded for each hole.

### **HANDICAPS**

#### **Maximum handicaps allowable in MGC Competitions:- As per AGU handicaps**

Men: 45

Ladies: 54

14. **Handicaps** for various competitions are to be in accordance with the following sub-paragraphs.
  - a. Individual:
    - i. Stroke – full handicap
    - ii. Standard Scratch – full handicap
    - iii. Stableford – full handicap
    - iv. Match Play – full handicap between stroke handicaps
    - v. Vs Par
  - b. Foursomes: (Including Mixed)
    - i. Stroke - half of aggregate stroke handicaps
    - ii. Standard Scratch – half of aggregate stroke handicaps
    - iii. Stableford – half of aggregate stroke handicaps
    - iv. Match Play – half the difference of aggregate stroke handicaps
  - c. Canadian, American & Chapman Foursomes (including Mixed)
    - i. Stroke – half of aggregate stroke handicaps
    - ii. Standard Scratch – half of aggregate stroke handicaps
    - iii. Stableford – half of aggregate stroke handicaps

- d. Two/Four Ball Best Ball Club Events (including Mixed):
  - i. - full handicaps
- e. Ambrose Events – including Mixed
  - i. 4 person - one-eighth of the combined full handicaps
  - ii. 3 person - one-sixth of the combined full handicaps
  - iii. 2 person - one-quarter of the combined full handicaps
- f. Additional rules for Ambrose events:
  - 1. 4 person Ambrose - 3 tee shots required by each player
  - 2. 2 person Ambrose – 6 tee shots required by each player

These must be recorded on card. Ball to be placed not more than a card length from chosen ball.
- g. In Charity events, social players shall have the given handicaps – men – 18, Ladies – 27
- h. 2 ball events in conjunction with a single event, both players are to have a single card. Winners and Runner ups are from 2 ball event. Sweepstakes are from single event. Winners and Runners up are not eligible for sweepstakes.

### **CHANGES OF HANDICAPS**

15. The mechanics of extensions and reductions of handicaps are the responsibility of the Club's handicapping system. However, the following is to apply:

- a. In the event of a "B" Grade player being promoted to "A" Grade or a "C" Grade player being promoted to "B" Grade during the progress of a Club Championship or 72 hole event, they are to continue to play in the Grade in which they started the event and are to retain their initial handicap for the purpose of the 72 hole event. and

16. In the event of a player, who has qualified for the Final Monthly Medal playoff, being transferred to another Grade prior to the final being played, they are to play in the Grade in which they qualified but on the current handicap at the time of the final. The Grade limits of A, B and C Grades are to be determined by the Match Committee.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS**

17. The Club Championships and Foursomes Championships to be conducted with the following sub paragraphs.

- a. **Club Championships**
  - i. The Club Championships is open to all players who are full and financial Members of the Maryborough Golf Club, have a current AGU handicap, have nominated on the nomination sheet and paid the nomination fee. The nomination fee is payable for all 4 rounds. This fee will be set by the Match Committee.
  - ii. The Championships are to be played over seventy-two (72) holes.

- iii. The Club Champion is the player returning the lowest Gross Score for 72 holes, regardless of his grade. Players with the lowest Gross score from the other 2 grades are to be declared the winners of the 72 hole Gross event for their respective grades.
- b. **Foursomes Championships**
  - i. The Foursomes Championships are open to all players who are full and financial members of the Maryborough Golf Club and have a current AGU handicap.
  - ii. In the event of 2 players, of different grades, pairing to compete in the event, they are to compete in the 36 hole event in the grade appropriate to the player with the lower handicap.
  - iii. The Championships are to be played over 36 holes.
  - iv. As the Championships are played over 2 stipulated rounds, the order of play between partners is to be reversed after the first round – i.e. Player “X” and Player “Y” pair – player “X” hits off the first tee (odd numbers) for the first 18 holes (Player Y to hit off even numbers) *at the commencement of the first round, then Player “Y” is required to hit off the first tee (odd numbers at the commencement of the second round.* If the field is started as a “shotgun” start, “X” hits off on odd holes for 18 holes and then “Y” hits off odd holes on the second 18.
  - v. The pair returning the lowest gross score for 36 holes, regardless of the Grade division, are the Club Foursomes Champions. Pairs with the lowest gross scores in the other 2 grades are to be declared winners of the 36 hole gross events for their respective Grades.

c. **Mixed Foursomes Championships**

- i. Played over 27 holes. For the first 18 holes men tee off the odd numbered holes, ladies tee off the even numbered holes. This is reversed for the final 9 holes.

d. **Tied Scores:**

- i. In the event of a tie in the Club Championships, Men’s and Ladies’, (all grades), there will be a playoff over 4 holes – 1, 16, 17 and 18, and thereafter. The lowest score in this playoff wins. If there is still a tie, a “sudden death” playoff will commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> hole (then 16, 17, 18) until a winner is declared.
- ii. In the event of ties for first place in any Foursomes event, there will be a playoff over 4 holes (1, 16, 17 and 18). If there is still a tie, a “sudden death” playoff will commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> hole (then 16, 17, 18) until a winner is declared. If there is still a tied score, there will be a “sudden death” playoff commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> hole.
- iii. In the event of a tie (for the Open Champion) in the Maryborough Open Event, there will be a “sudden death” playoff commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> hole (then 16, 17, 18 if required).

e. **Grades:**

For Championship events, Monthly Medal, Maryborough Open Day and Warrys Matchplay Qualifying events, the grades will be:

Men: A Grade – Lowest marker to 9

B Grade – 10 – 16

C Grade – 17 – 45

Ladies: A Grade – Lowest to 19

B Grade – 20 – 29

C Grade – 30 – 54

All other competitions will be graded as to make the number in each grade as equal as possible.

Match committee reserves the right to change the number of grades if numbers warrant it.

### **Club Competitions**

18. Club competitions are to be conducted within the following guidelines:

- a. Minimum number of Players required for sponsored and Club trophies is:
  - i. Sponsored Trophy – A minimum of 40 players for a Four Ball event and a minimum of 30 players for a single event. Should the field not meet the minimum number the trophy may be presented on the authority of the sponsor.
  - ii. Club Trophy – A minimum of 20 players for a Four Ball event and a minimum of 6 players for a single event. Where the number of players competing in a single event exceeds 55 the competition is to be divided into 2 grades – 105 players – 3 grades
  - iii. Monthly Medal (Men) is played in three grades irrelevant of numbers
  - iv. Ladies competitions – minimum of 10 players for a sponsored trophy and minimum of 6 players for a club trophy. If less than minimum players are in the field, they will join the men's field for a medley event. Ladies pin shots will stand if ladies competition is cancelled.
- b. Tied Scores: Tied scores are to be resolved in the following manner –
  - i. Match Play – off handicap. Players are to play hole by hole, until the tie is broken; with strokes being given as if the match had just commenced.
  - ii. All other competitions to be determined by countback. (Usually the computer will determine this i.e. last 9 holes, then last 6 holes, then last 3 holes, then back hole by hole from 18, 17 etc. )
  - iii. Qualifying Rounds – in the event of two or more players tying for the last position, the last position is determined by a countback.
  - iv. Monthly Medal – **Men's and Ladies**  
All players who have tied scores for the first position and lose the trophy (Monthly Medal) by countback, qualify for the final "**Medal of Medals**".
  - v. Patrons Trophy, Men's and Ladies – Players who have tied scores for first position, are also included as qualifiers for the end of year playoff for the Patrons Trophy.

### **COURSE UNPLAYABLE**

19. If the Match Committee, in consultation with the Greens Superintendent considers that the course is unplayable, they will have the option to cancel that day's competition. At least 6 of the field must complete their round before the designated day's competition is awarded. The cancelled day's competition can be replayed at a later date as determined by the Match Committee. A Club Trophy may be awarded if the minimum number of players has completed the round. Players will only be credited their greens fees if the competition is cancelled.
20. In the event of a Ladies' competition being cancelled, ladies who have completed their round will join the Men in a medley event. Any Ladies' pin shots will be awarded to the lady as usual.
21. Notices to members will be posted on Facebook and emails sent to members as soon as is practical after the decision to cancel play occurs. This will also happen if carts are not permitted onto the

course due to weather events. If carts are NOT permitted on course, the daily competition reverts to a Medley Stableford.

### **Course Etiquette**

22. The lowest handicapped player or a member of the Committee in each group is deemed to be the Captain of the group and will be held responsible for ensuring that players of the group abide by the rules and etiquette of the game.

### **Practice**

23. Practice on the course is permitted only in areas set aside for the purpose.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Definition of Full Member**

24. A candidate for membership shall be deemed to be member of the club when they have paid the applicable subscription fee as prescribed by the Articles of Association.

### **Entitlement of joining Members:**

25. With Official AGU handicaps – The proposed member is to provide proof of their current AGU handicap in the form of a duly signed Members Card or their handicap sheet from their previous Club. If they are unable to provide either of these, they are to be regarded as a proposed member without an AGU handicap.

26. On completion of a Maryborough Golf Club Nomination Form, the proposed member is entitled to –

- a. Pay the same Green Fees as that of a full member; and
- b. Play in all Club Championship events, in accordance with the following sub-paragraphs –

- i. been accepted by the Committee and the requirements of paragraph 24 met.

27. Without an AGU handicap – On completion of a Maryborough Golf Club Nomination form, the proposed member is entitled to –

- a. Pay the same green fees as that of a full member;
- b. Play in all Club competitions, except the Club Championships events, in accordance with the following sub-paragraphs –

- i. After completing 3 stroke rounds and on receipt of an AGU handicap, be eligible to win sweepstakes and pin shots; and

- ii. Not be eligible to win a trophy or runner up trophy until such time as their nomination has been accepted by the committee and the provisions of paragraph 23 are met.

- iii. Ratify all new members prior to Club Championship events starting

28. Definition of Full Member: no candidate for election shall be deemed to be a Member of the club until he has paid such nomination fee (if any) and first subscription as is prescribed by the Articles of Association.

## **DRESS STANDARDS**

Members and their guests are expected to maintain a suitable standard of dress both on the course and in the Clubhouse.

### **On the Course**

Golf shirts, neat and tidy pants, shorts or skirts, appropriate shoes with sports socks.

### **In the Clubhouse**

Smart casual dress or golf attire and footwear is expected at all times. (No rubber thongs after 6:30pm)

### **Unacceptable Clothing**

- Singlets and men's sleeveless shirts
- Clothing with offensive slogans or images
- Torn or dirty clothing
- Tracksuit pants and exercise wear
- Swimwear and beach clothing

Thank you for your cooperation.

Members and guests failing to meet these requirements may be denied access to the course and clubhouse at the discretion of the Management Committee.

## MAJOR EVENTS - PRIZE VALUES

### APPENDIX "A" TO MARYBOROUGH GOLF CLUB BY-LAWS

#### **1. MEN**

Club Champion – 72 holes	\$300
B Grade Gross	150
C grade Gross	150
Junior (17 and under) Gross	60
Junior (17 and Under) Nett	40
A Grade Nett	100
B Grade Nett	100
C Grade Nett	100
Seniors (over 55) Gross	75
Seniors (over 55) Nett	50
Foursomes Champions	75 per player
B Grade 36 Hole Gross	50 per player
C Grade 36 Hole Gross	50 per player
A grade Nett	40 per player
B Grade Nett	....40 per player
C Grade Nett	40 per player

#### **LADIES**

Club Champion – 72 holes	\$300
B Grade Gross	150
C Grade Gross	150
A Grade Nett	100
B Grade Nett	100
C Grade Nett	100
Junior (17 and Under) Gross	60
Junior (17 and Under) Nett	40

#### **Foursomes Champions**

Gross - Men's and Ladies	75 per player
Nett – Men's and Ladies	50 per player

#### **Mixed Foursomes Champions**

Mixed Foursomes Nett Winners	75 per player
	50 per player

#### **Warry Memorial**

#### **MEN**

A Grade	50
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B Grade	50
C Grade	50
<b>LADIES</b>	50

**Hart Memorial**

Ladies	50 per player
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**Medal of Medals**

**MEN**

A Grade	75
B Grade	75
C Grade	75
<b>LADIES</b>	75

**Patrons Trophy**

Men	100
Ladies	100

**Above amounts to be credited to player's customer wallet.  
(within 10 business days after the event has been finalised)**

**ORDER OF HONOUR BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

1. Mixed Foursomes Champions (C, B, A,)
2. Foursomes (Ladies, C, B, A)
3. Patrons Trophy (Ladies, Men's)
4. Van Lathum Shield (Ladies, Men's)
5. Warry Memorial (Ladies C, B, A)
6. Hart Memorial (Ladies)
7. Junior Champion (L & J Cooper Trophy)
8. Members Championship Nett (Ladies, - Men's C, B, A)
9. Members Championship Gross (Ladies, B, C, - Men's C, B)
10. Ladies Club Champion
11. Men's Club Champion