

MOSMAN CROQUET CLUB

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOURNAMENTS - 2022

Club tournaments will be organised by the Games Captains who will appoint a Manager for each event.

1. DATES AND TIMES FOR PLAY

- a) Tournaments will normally be held on the dates or during the periods as shown in the tournament annual calendar, but the period for play may be altered if deemed necessary.
- b) In limited time events the manager will specify times of play. In long run events the players arrange the time for their own matches by mutual agreement.

2. ALLOCATION OF COURTS

Normally events will be single banked but players may have to double bank if lawns are congested. There is no extra time in timed events for double banking. In events where the players arrange their own time of play, a court should be booked during Open Play in the Court Booking system. Competition matches may be played during Club Play if lawns are not required for social play.

3. ENTRIES

- a) **ELIGIBILITY.** Only members of the Club are eligible to play in Club tournaments and they play to their AHS Handicaps. The highest handicap is 20 for AC and 20 for GC. After all games players need to sign off their opponent's results on the AHS Card. If players enter an event in a division whose range of handicaps is lower than their own the Manager may accept the entry but in handicap events they must play to a handicap not more than the maximum of that range.
- b) **ENTRY FORMS.** An entry form will be available in the Competition Register for one month before the commencement of each tournament.

4. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

- a) **DRAW FOR ROUND ROBIN EVENTS.**

(i) If fewer than 3 players enter in singles, or fewer than 3 pairs in a doubles tournament, the event will be cancelled or postponed.

(ii) If 3 players enter in singles, or 3 pairs in doubles, each player or pair plays the others twice.

(iii) If 4 to 7 players enter in singles, or 4 to 7 pairs in doubles, each player or pair plays the others once.

(iv) If 8 or more players enter in singles, or 8 or more pairs in doubles, the Manager shall divide the entrants into 2 or more blocks, designated **A, B, C** etc. so that each block contains from 4 to 7 sides making them so far as possible, equal in number and spread of playing ability. Each player plays all of the players in their block once to determine the winners and runners-up in each block. Play-offs then determine the over-all winners and runner-up. (See **8** (a) below)

- (b) **DRAW FOR KNOCKOUT EVENTS.** The draw will be made as set out in Regulation 19 of the Australian Croquet Association Regulations for Tournaments. If there are fewer than 4 entrants the event will be cancelled or postponed. If there are 4 to 7 entrants it will be drawn as a two-life event and with 8 or more entrants as a single life event.

5. FORFEITURES AND WITHDRAWALS

- a) **FAILURE TO ARRIVE.** If a player fails to arrive within 20 minutes after the starting time for a game, the adversary in that game may decline to play in that session and the offending player must forfeit the game and, in a round robin event, the tournament unless the adversary in that game excuses the failure to arrive and an alternative time for play can be arranged. If the adversary does not excuse the failure to arrive, the offending player may appeal to the Manager against forfeiting on the grounds that the failure to arrive in time was reasonably excusable.
- b) **FAILURE TO SCHEDULE GAME.** If players are unable to agree on a schedule for a game within the time limit of long run tournaments the Manager should be consulted. If the Manager is unable to arrange a mutually agreed time both players will be withdrawn from the event.
- c) **EFFECT OF FORFEITURE OR WITHDRAWAL.** If a player forfeits the tournament or withdraws after the Schedule of Play has been issued, play will proceed as scheduled excluding any games that player was yet to play and the results of any games in which that player had already played will be deemed of no account in determining the results of the players remaining in the tournament.

MANAGER'S DISCRETION. The Manager at his absolute discretion may vary these rules if their application have no bearing on the result or would unfairly disadvantage other players in the competition.

6. HANDICAPS

- a) **TOURNAMENT HANDICAPS.** In handicap events players will normally play to their official handicap but the Manager may determine a different handicap for a player in that event. Any such different handicap must be determined before the player has commenced play in any games of the tournament. Any changes in handicap because a player has gone through a trigger point take effect for all subsequent games. Players may continue in a divisional event even though a handicap change has taken them out of the division range.
- b) **AC TABLE OF BISQUES.** The manager will issue a table of bisques to be given in each game of an AC handicap tournaments (adjusted in accordance with Schedule 1 on page 50 of the Australian Laws Book for games of fewer than 26 points) at the same time as the schedule of play is issued.

7. RULES FOR PLAY

- a) **PREVIOUS USE OF COURT.** Except as allowed in (b) below, whenever possible a game must not be played on a court on which any of the players has already played or practised earlier on the same day unless the game involved the same players.
- b) **PRACTICE SESSION.** Immediately before the commencement of each game a "warm-up" or practice session of 5 minutes is allowed.
- c) **TIME LIMITS.**
- (i) **AC.** All AC games have a time limit of 2½ hours except Bronze events, which are 2 hours. The provisions of Regulation 16(3) (Australian Croquet Association Regulations for Tournaments) apply when the time limit is reached. Briefly, the striker completes his turn and his adversary plays one more turn. That ends the game unless the scores are then equal. If that is so, play continues until the next point is scored. Play then ends forthwith.

(ii) **GC.** All GC games have unlimited time. However the tournament manager may apply a time limit if he deems it necessary to meet the tournament schedule.

d) **AC FORM OF PLAY.** All AC events, except Bronze, will be Advanced 26 point games. Bronze events will be 18-point games.

e) **GC FORM OF PLAY.** All GC tournaments will be 13-point games except the club championship, which will be 19 points.

8. RESULTS OF TOURNAMENTS

a) **ROUND ROBIN EVENTS.** When the entrants have been divided into 2 or more blocks the winner of each block, and when they were not so divided the winner of the tournament, is determined in accordance with Regulation 20(5) of the Australian Croquet Association Regulations for Tournaments.

(i) The winner is the player (or pair in doubles) who has won the most games.

(ii) If there is a tie in games, the winner is the player (or pair) with the largest net points total; i.e. points scored by them minus points scored against them

(iii) If there is a tie in games and in net points totals:

1. Between two players, the winner is the winner of the game between them
2. Between more than two players, the winner is the winner of the most games of the players in the tie

(iv) If the tie is still not resolved the Manager may arrange for a play-off

When the entrants have been divided into 2 blocks, the winner of each block shall play the runner-up in the opposite block. The winners of those two semi-finals games then play each other, the winner and the looser of that final match being the winner and second place getter in the tournament.

When the entrants have been divided into 3 or more blocks, the winners and the runners-up in each block shall play in a single-life knock-out drawn so that, so far as is possible, any byes necessary in the first round are awarded to the block winners in preference to the runners-up, and early matches between block winners and runners-up from the same block are precluded.

b) **KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENTS.** In a single-life event the winner is the one player remaining undefeated after all the matches have been played. In a two-life event the winner of the draw for the first life (the "Draw") plays the winner of the draw for the second life (the "Process") to decide the tournament winner but if the same player has won both Draw and Process the two defeated finalists in those draws may play off for second place. See the ACA Tournament Regulations (19) for a full explanation of these procedures.

LIST OF TOURNAMENTS

For the purposes of all tournaments within the Club, the limits of the divisions are defined by the starting handicaps of the players as follows:

AC

PLATINUM DIVISION: handicaps up to 5
GOLD DIVISION: handicaps of 5 to 8
SILVER DIVISION: handicaps of 9 to 12
BRONZE DIVISION: handicaps of 14 to 24.

GC

DIVISION 1: handicaps up to 4
DIVISION 2: handicaps 5 to 8
DIVISION 3: handicaps 9 to 22

AC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: THE BURROWS CUP

DEFENCE OF THE TITLE BY INCUMBENT CHAMPION. To retain the title, the incumbent Club Champion must enter the competition and will retain it if there are no other entrants. If there is only one other entrant the title will be determined by the best of 3 games between the incumbent and the challenger. If there are 2 or more challengers the ordinary arrangements for a round robin tournament will apply. TITLE NOT DEFENDED. If the incumbent Champion does not enter or if there is no incumbent the ordinary arrangements for a round robin apply. FORM OF PLAY: Advanced singles.

PLATINUM, GOLD AND SILVER DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

FORM OF PLAY: Round robin advanced level play singles. The Gold Division winner receives the Junior A Trophy. The Silver Division winner receives the Reinitis Cup.

BRONZE DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

FORM OF PLAY: Round robin, ordinary, level play 18-point singles games according to Law 44(b) (1); i.e. each game is started with all clips on hoop 5. The winner receives the Sir Granville Rylie Platter.

AC HANDICAP COMPETITIONS

FLORENCE SCOTT TROPHY

Round robin handicap singles for Bronze Division players on a handicap of 18 or 20 with a base handicap of 10. The winner receives the Florence Scott Crystal Bowl.

Competitions played on even numbered years

MAYOR'S TROPHY

Open, handicap, singles, knockout event. The winner's name is inscribed on the Mayor's Shield and receives a take-home miniature copy provided by the Mayor's office.

EDITH WIMBLE TROPHY

Open, handicap, doubles, knockout event. Partners are drawn on a high low basis from the list of entrants seeded by handicap. Winners' names inscribed on the Edith Wimble Honour Board.

Competitions played on odd numbered years

SPRING TROPHY

Open, handicap, singles, knockout event. Played in divisions to determine divisional winners. Bronze plays Silver, winner plays Gold and winner plays Platinum. The winner receives the Spring Platter.

BARRY O'KEEFE TROPHY

Open, handicap, doubles, knockout event. Entrants arrange their own partners. Winners' names are inscribed on the Barry O'Keefe Cup.

GC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: J DUNN CHAFFING DISH

DEFENCE OF THE TITLE BY INCUMBENT CHAMPION. To retain the title, the incumbent Club Champion must enter the competition and will retain it if there are no other entrants. If there is only one other entrant the title will be determined by the best of three 19-point matches between the incumbent and the challenger. If there are 2 or more challengers the ordinary arrangements for a round robin tournament will apply with each match being 19-point games.

TITLE NOT DEFENDED. If the incumbent Champion does not enter or if there is no incumbent the ordinary arrangements for a round robin apply. FORM OF PLAY: Level singles.

DIVISION 1, 2 AND 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS

FORM OF PLAY: Round robin level play singles, 13 point games.

GC HANDICAP COMPETITIONS

MARTYN PRINS TROPHY

A round robin handicap doubles one-day tournament. Entrants pick their own partner.

GIBSON TROPHY

Open handicap, singles, round robin event. The winner receives the Gibson Trophy.

TOP TEN CHALLENGE

Invitation, handicap singles round robin event, 13 point games. Participants will be the 10 club members with the lowest GC handicaps who are available to play. The winner receives the Top 10 Trophy and a sample of Tourbeck wines...

MORTON-EVANS PLATE (Pending)

A round robin handicap doubles one-day tournament. Partners are drawn on a high low basis from the list of entrants seeded by handicap. The winner receives the Morton-Evans Plate.
