

# INTERNATIONAL GOLFING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS - AUSTRALIA INC.

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## 1. Annual Tournament

- 1.1 In order to participate in an INTERNATIONAL GOLFING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS - AUSTRALIA Tournament, an entrant shall:
  - 1.1.1 Be a member of a Rotary Club and pay the IGFR - Australia Annual Subscription
  - 1.1.2 Be a person who accompanies a Rotarian
  - 1.1.3 Who was a member of the IGFR - Australia before resigning from Rotary.
- 1.2 Rotarians who have an official Golf Australia Handicap or equivalent and have paid the IGFR - Australia Annual Subscription may compete for all Rotary Trophies
- 1.3 A Rotarian who resides outside Australia may compete in the Tournament and is eligible for the Clem Renouf, Royce Abbey or the Victorian Trophy. This participant shall be classified as a Rotarian Golfer.
- 1.4 A person who complies with 1.1.2 or 1.1.3 and they or their Rotary guest(s) is a financial member of the IGFR - Australia and has an official Australian Handicap or equivalent may compete for the Guest Trophies. Rotarian Golfers will have preference over Guest Golfers in the case of a full field.
- 1.5 Rotarians, sponsors or other supporters of the Tournament who may not be members of a recognised golf club may be invited to play [at the discretion of the State Tournament Committee] they will be incorporated in a separate concurrent event and will not be eligible for any Rotary Trophies.

## 2. Tournament Application

- 2.1 Applications to conduct an Annual Tournament from Rotarians representing a State or Rotary Club must be submitted in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer at least two months prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 2.2 The application shall include the location of the Tournament, dates of the Tournament, availability of accommodation, costs, letters of acceptance from Golf Clubs and other relevant details.

## 3. Tournament Program

- 3.1 The Fellowship Tournament shall be played over not less than two days. An earlier day be reserved for practice, subject to green fees and arrangements being made with the Clubs concerned.
- 3.2 There may be a 72 hole but not less than a 36 hole Aggregate Stableford Teams event.
- 3.3 The Tournament may be played on more than one golf course.
- 3.4 Individual Stableford Competitions of 18 holes shall be played each day concurrently with 3.2
- 3.5 The discretion as to whether 72, 54 or 36 holes be played in 3.2 and 3.4 above shall be left to the State Tournament Committee but must be advised in the Entry Forms.
- 3.6 The State Tournament Committee will choose or provide a choice of coloured tees for each day of the golf tournament. The Golf Australia (GA) handicap is referred to and is to stay the same for the tournament, however the daily handicap will reflect the tee colour that the golfer is playing off.
- 3.7 Awards shall be made to the players with the highest Stableford scores, for each 18 holes and the aggregate of 36, 54 or 72 holes of the Tournament for the divisions set out in 3.4

#### 4.

##### **Tournament Rules**

- 4.1 The Rules are those of "The Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Rules Limited and the United States Golf Association" supplemented by any local rules.
- 4.2 A Match Committee appointed by the Tournament Committee will settle all disputes.
- 4.3 In the event of a tie the winner of a tie or ties shall be decided by a countback of
  - [a] the highest Stableford score for the individual events
  - Or
  - [b] the highest sum of the Stableford scores for the players in the teams events in the following order:
    - 4.3.1 Last 18 holes
    - 4.3.2 Holes 10 to 18 [inclusive] of the last 18 holes
    - 4.3.3 Holes 16 to 18 [inclusive] of the last 18 holes
    - 4.3.4 18<sup>th</sup> hole of the last 18 holes
    - 4.3.5 If still tied, by the Match Committee shall decide how to determine the winner.
- 4.4 Respectful behaviour is expected at all times throughout the IGFR-Australia tournaments and meetings.
- 4.5 Each player must adhere to commonly accepted standards of golfing etiquette and sportsmanship.
- 4.6 Physical, verbal and other forms of abuse, including discrimination will not be tolerated.
- 4.7 In the event of a breach of item 4.4, 4.5 or 4.6, disciplinary action will be taken and if proven the match committee will have the final say in the sanction(s) to be applied for that tournament.

#### 5.

##### **Tournament Entry Forms**

- 5.1 An entry Form similar in detail to the form shown in Appendix 1 shall be prepared by the State Tournament Committee and a draft forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval prior to printing.
- 5.2 The State Tournament Committee shall distribute the Entry Form to Participating Rotarians at the preceding year's Tournament.
- 5.3 The State Tournament Committee shall distribute the Entry Form to Past Participating Rotarians until such time as the Rotarian requests removal from the database.
- 5.4 Editorial relating to Tournaments shall be directed to the Rotary Down Under Magazine, to each District Governor and each World Fellowship Activities Chairperson in Australia by the State Tournament Committee.

#### 6.

##### **Tournament Qualifications**

- 6.1 Individual entries will only be accepted from Rotarians and guests who are financial members of an affiliated Golf Club and who hold a current Australian handicap or equivalent. Proof of handicap shall be required by the Tournament Match Committee.

##### **Divisions**

- Division 1 Rotarian golfer Handicap: 0-15
- Division 2 Rotarian golfer Handicap: 16-23
- Division 3 Rotarian golfer Handicap: Men 24-36 Women 24-45
- Division 4 One Division only for Guests Handicap: Men 0-36 Women 0-45

- 6.3 The minimum number of players in each Rotary Golfer Division of the Tournament shall be twelve. Should there be less than 12 entries in any of the Rotary Golfer Divisions, then the organising Committee shall adjust the handicap for each division so there is approximately one third of total Rotarian Golfers in each of the Rotary Golfer Divisions.
- 6.4 Team Events. Teams will be selected as follows:  
All entrants will be listed in order of handicaps and participants paired, so low handicap players are teamed with a high handicap player and mid-handicap players are paired together. Pairings are preferred to be from different States, different Rotary Districts or different Rotary Clubs in that order. The Tournament Director is responsible for the final decision on the teams.
- 6.5 All entrants will be drawn in the Teams Events. If there are an odd number of entries the last entrant will be paired with the first entrant received from the other half of the draw and from a different State.

## **7. Trophies**

- 7.1 Team Trophies will be presented for the following:
- 7.1.1 The "Clem Renouf" Trophy shall be awarded to the Rotarian Team with the highest aggregate Stableford score.
  - 7.1.2 The "Victorian Trophy" shall be awarded to the Rotarian Team with the second highest Aggregate Stableford score.
  - 7.1.3 The "Sandgropers Trophy" shall be awarded to the State or Territory which has the highest total of points at the end of the Tournament calculated from the best two scores on a daily basis of players from an individual State or Territory.
- 7.2 Individual Trophies shall be awarded for the following:
- 7.2.1 The "Royce Abbey" Trophy shall be awarded to the Rotarian with the highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score and the title IGFR - Australia Champion with Handicap.
  - 7.2.2 The "West Australian" Trophy shall be awarded to the Rotarian with the highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score and the title of IGFR - Australia Champion without Handicap.
  - 7.2.3 The "South Australian" Trophy shall be awarded to the Division 1 player with the highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score.
  - 7.2.4 The "Tasmania" Trophy shall be awarded to the Division 2 player with the highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score.
  - 7.2.5 The "Northern Territory" Trophy shall be awarded to the Division 3 player with the highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score.
  - 7.2.6 The "Glen Kinross" Trophy shall be awarded to the player aged 65 years before the first day of the Tournament up to 70 years of age with the highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score. The age bracket may be changed by the Tournament Director to better suit the age and number of participants registered for the tournament.
  - 7.2.7 The "Ian Riseley" Trophy shall be awarded to the player aged 71 years and over before the first day of the Tournament with the highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score. The age may be changed by the Tournament Director to better suit the age and number of participants registered for the tournament.

- 7.2.8 The "Queensland" Trophy shall be awarded to the Division 1 player with the second highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score.
- 7.2.9 The "New South Wales" Trophy shall be awarded to the Division 2 player with the second highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score.
- 7.2.10 The "Australian Capital Territory" Trophy shall be awarded to the Division 3 player with the second highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score.

### 7.3 Guest Trophies

- 7.3.1 Guest Team with the highest Aggregate Stableford score.
- 7.3.2 Guest Team with the second highest Aggregate Stableford score.
- 7.3.3 Guest with the highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score.
- 7.3.4 Guest with the second highest Individual Aggregate Stableford score.

7.4 Perpetual Trophies shall not be taken out of Australia.

## 8. Trophy Rating

- 8.1 Trophies for each of the winners of the "Clem Renouf", and the winners of the "Royce Abbey" and the Western Australian" Trophies shall be of equal value and the most expensive trophies.
- 8.2 Trophies for each of the winners of the "Victoria" Trophy and the winners of the "South Australia" Trophy, The "Tasmania" Trophy, the "Northern Territory" Trophy, the Glen Kinross" Trophy and the "Ian Riseley" Trophy shall be of equal value, but of lesser value, than those awarded to each of the winners of the trophies listed in 8.1
- 8.3 Trophies for each of the winners of the "Queensland" Trophy, the "New South Wales" Trophy, the "Australian Capital Territory" Trophy, "the Sand Gropers Trophy", the Guest Teams and the Guest Individual Trophies, shall be of equal value, but of a lesser value, than those awarded to each of the winners of the trophies listed in 8.2
- 8.4 Tournament organisers may donate any special prizes which shall be played for in that year only.

## 9. Trophy Priority

- 9.1 In the interest of Fellowship any participant shall receive only one trophy with the exception that the winners of the "Clem Renouf" and the "Victoria" Trophies may also receive an individual trophy.
- 9.2 The order of priority shall be:
  - 9.2.1 The "Clem Renouf" Trophy.
  - 9.2.2 The "Victoria" Trophy.
  - 9.2.3 The "Royce Abbey" Trophy.
  - 9.2.4 The "West Australia" Trophy.
  - 9.2.5 The "South Australia" Trophy.
  - 9.2.6 The "Tasmania" Trophy.
  - 9.2.7 The "Northern Territory" Trophy.
  - 9.2.8 The "Glen Kinross" Trophy.
  - 9.2.9 The "Ian Riseley" Trophy.
  - 9.2.10 The "Queensland" Trophy.
  - 9.2.11 The "New South Wales" Trophy
  - 9.2.12 The "Australian Capital Territory" Trophy.
  - 9.2.13 Individual 18 Holes, Division 1, 2 and 3 - Day 1

- 9.2.14 Individual 18 Holes, Division 1, 2 and 3 - Day 2
- 9.2.15 Individual 18 Holes, Division 1, 2 and 3 - Day 3 and 4 if applicable
- 9.2.16 Guest Teams of 2. Best score.
- 9.2.17 Guest Teams of 2 Second best score.
- 9.2.18 Guest Individual. Best score.
- 9.2.19 Guest Individual. Second best score.
- 9.2.20 Sand Gropers Trophy.

## **10. Tournament Registration**

- 10.1 A registration fee shall be set by the State Tournament Committee to cover costs for Green Fees, a Welcome Function to be held in the evening of the first day, a Presentation Dinner to be held in the evening of the final day, together with administrative and organising costs, trophies etc.
- 10.2 The cost and administration of Fellowship functions organised by the State Tournament Committee may not be included with the registration fee.
- 10.3 The State Tournament Committee may require all golfers to play in carts if they deem it necessary for speed of play or the health and safety of golfers.
- 10.4 The State Tournament Committee may require all golfers to record their scores via the Mi-Score app, in which case members, if not already done so, will be required to download the App and pay the annual subscription fee (if required). This will be dependent on the golf course that the competition is to be played at, eg. it uses Mi-Score and is an area where there is internet reception.