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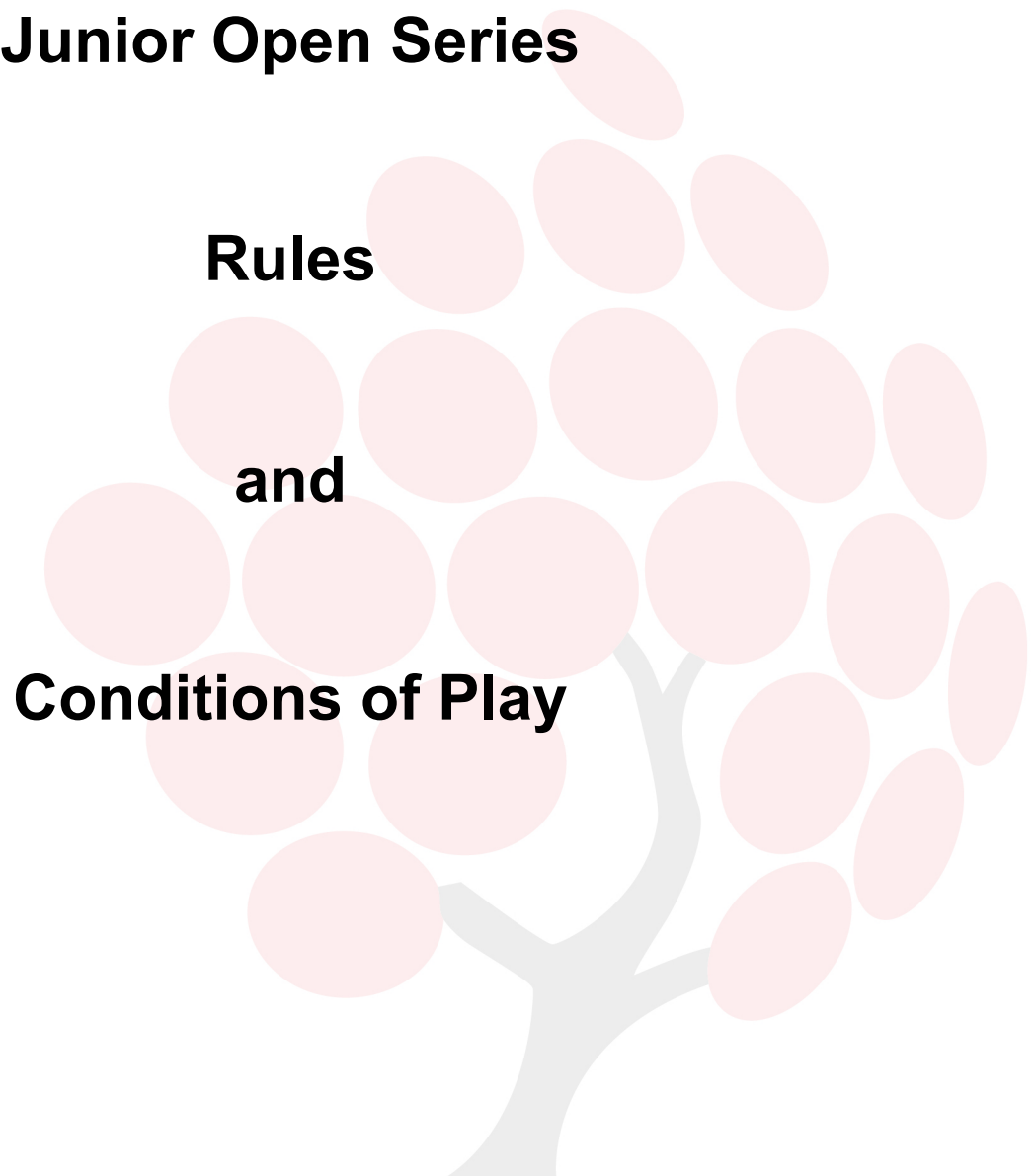
2017

Junior Open Series

Rules

and

Conditions of Play



1 INTRODUCTION

The Golf **Illawarra** Junior Open Series (JIOS) is an initiative of the Association to promote junior golf throughout the District and to develop greater involvement at Member Clubs' Junior Open Events by other Members of the Association. It is Golf **Illawarra's** intention to help promote its Member Clubs as well as the game of junior golf.

A JIOS event will not be permitted to clash with any other Golf **Illawarra** junior events and, preferably, also not clash with IOS events.

To be the winner of the JIOS, a player must compete in a specified number of events.

For these Junior Open Events, the course should be set up to play at a challenging level whilst still being fair and enjoyable for all levels of ability.

The course should be presented in its best condition from both a golfing and aesthetics perspective.

2 ADMINISTRATION AND ENTRY CONDITIONS

2.1 *MATCH COMMITTEE*

2.1.1 The Match Committee will have the power to vary these Standard Conditions and to decide any dispute or question arising as to the qualification of any entrant and can, in its absolute discretion at any time and without assigning any reason therefore, refuse any entry.

2.1.2 The members of the Match Committee present during the playing of the Event can exercise all functions of the Match Committee in relation to the Event and will constitute the Committee within the meaning of the Rules of Golf for the purpose of the conduct of the Event.

2.1.3 Protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Match Committee within fifteen (15) minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.

2.2 *ELIGIBILITY*

2.2.1 Only junior male and female Members of Member Golf **Illawarra** Clubs will be eligible for the JIOS.

2.2.2 Players need to be under the age of 18 on December 3, 2017 - the last round of the JIOS.

2.3 *CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS*

2.3.1 There are **ten (10) Clubs** involved in the 2017 JIOS with the winners of the prize money being determined by the best five (5) accumulated rounds during the JIOS.

2.3.2 The JIOS is a Gross Event and Gross Trophies take precedence over Nett Trophies as indicated:

Gross Winner	\$400
Nett Winner	\$300
Gross Runner-Up	\$250
Nett Runner-Up	\$200
Gross Third	\$150
Nett Third	\$100

3 **CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

3.1 ***CLUBS AND DATES***

The following clubs are involved in the 2017 Junior IOS:

Highlands	January 11
Moss Vale	April 2
The Grange	June 18
Nowra	July 23
Jamberoo	September 28
Russell Vale	October 8
Gerrington	November 5
Links Shell Cove	November 11
Kiama	November 12
Wollongong	December 3

3.2 ***POINTS SCORE***

All results will be determined on Stableford points regardless of whether or not individual Rounds are played as a Stroke or Stableford.

3.3 ***COUNTBACK PROCEDURES***

The last Round played will be used as a Count-Back Round in case of a tie.

The procedure for that Round shall be a Count-Back of the last 18 Holes; then the last 9 Holes, if needed; then the last 6 Holes, if needed; then the last 3 Holes, if needed; and then each individual Hole starting from the 18th Hole backwards, if needed.

3.4 ***TIME OF STARTING***

Players must report to the Starter a minimum of 15 minutes before the hit off time set down by the Host Club. Penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a -- disqualification.

Waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7 -- if a player arrives at his/her starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes of his/her starting time, he/she shall incur a penalty of two strokes taken at the first hole.

3.5 DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

For all play in an IOS Event, a player may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance only. The player is **NOT** in breach of Rule 14-3 (page 81) if the distance measuring device is designed to gauge or measure other conditions (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature is used providing those features are **NOT** used.

3.6 PACE OF PLAY

Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group in front.

Any group with a clear Hole in front of it will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who, by their pace, contribute to such delay. Penalties may be imposed without the need to issue Warnings prior to the imposition of such Penalties.

3.7 TRANSPORTATION

Players must walk at all times during a stipulated Round unless permitted to ride by the Match Committee.

Players will not generally be permitted to ride in, or on, any form of automotive locomotion, during the play of a Hole. An exception will be made in the case of a player affected by a disability, which makes it necessary for him to use automotive locomotion. It will be necessary for the player seeking exception to produce: --

- a)** a certificate or letter from a Medical Practitioner specifying: --
 - (i)** The disability by which the player is affected; and
 - (ii)** The Medical Practitioner's opinion that owing to the disability the player requires the use of automotive locomotion in order to participate in the competition; or
- b)** in the case of a permanent disability, a letter from the Captain or Club Manager confirming that the player does not participate in any games of golf at that Club except with the assistance of automotive locomotion; or
- c)** in the case of a temporary disability, a letter from the Captain or Club Manager confirming that the player does not presently participate in any games of golf at the Club except with the assistance of automotive locomotion and nominating the period for which permission to use automotive locomotion is granted.

Battery operated hand buggies are exempt from this provision.

3.8 MOBILE PHONES

The use of a mobile phone or portable phone by a competitor or his caddie whilst on the golf course during an Event is distracting and inconsiderate. If the competitor or his caddie is in the possession of a mobile or portable phone it should be turned off. If the phone rings, this is deemed to be in use and the Committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player in accordance with the concluding paragraph of section 1, Etiquette of the Rules of Golf.

3.9 SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION, ADVERSE WEATHER

3.9.1 The signals to be used will be determined by the Host Club.

3.9.2 In the event of a complete wash out of a Round or Rounds, the total number of accumulated Rounds will be reviewed and a new minimum requirement set.

3.9.3 The Match Committee reserves the right to alter the playing conditions, as necessary.

3.10 RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's scorecard is deemed officially returned to the Match Committee when the player has left the designated area for returning cards.

3.11 RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION; COMPETITION CLOSED

The competition is closed when the Trophy has been presented to the winner, or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Match Committee.

3.12 CONFORMING GOLF BALLS (Note to Rule 5-1)

The condition on page 155 of the Rules of Golf (effective January 2016) is in effect.

3.13 DRESS REGULATIONS

Players must adhere to the Dress Regulations of the Host Club.

3.14 DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE

In stroke play, if a *competitor* is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during play of a Hole he/she may, without penalty, complete the Hole with two balls.

After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the *competitor* must announce to his/her *marker* or a *fellow-competitor* that he/she intends to play two balls and which ball he/she wishes to count if the *Rules* permit. If he/she fails to do so, the provisions of Rule 3-3 b (ii) apply.

The *competitor* must report the facts of the situation to the *Committee* before returning his/her scorecard. If he/she fails to do so, he/she is disqualified.

3.15 CODE OF CONDUCT

3.15.1 The Golf **Illawarra** Code of Conduct will apply throughout all Junior IOS competitions, in addition to other requirements of players as specified by tournament conditions, local rules and the by-laws of each participating Club.

3.15.2 Players are under an obligation to avoid acts that are unsportsmanlike and detrimental to the game of golf.

3.15.3 By entering a Junior IOS competition, each player agrees to comply with the normal standards of behaviour and conduct. Unacceptable conduct will result in a player being subject to action as determined by the Golf **Illawarra** Committee.