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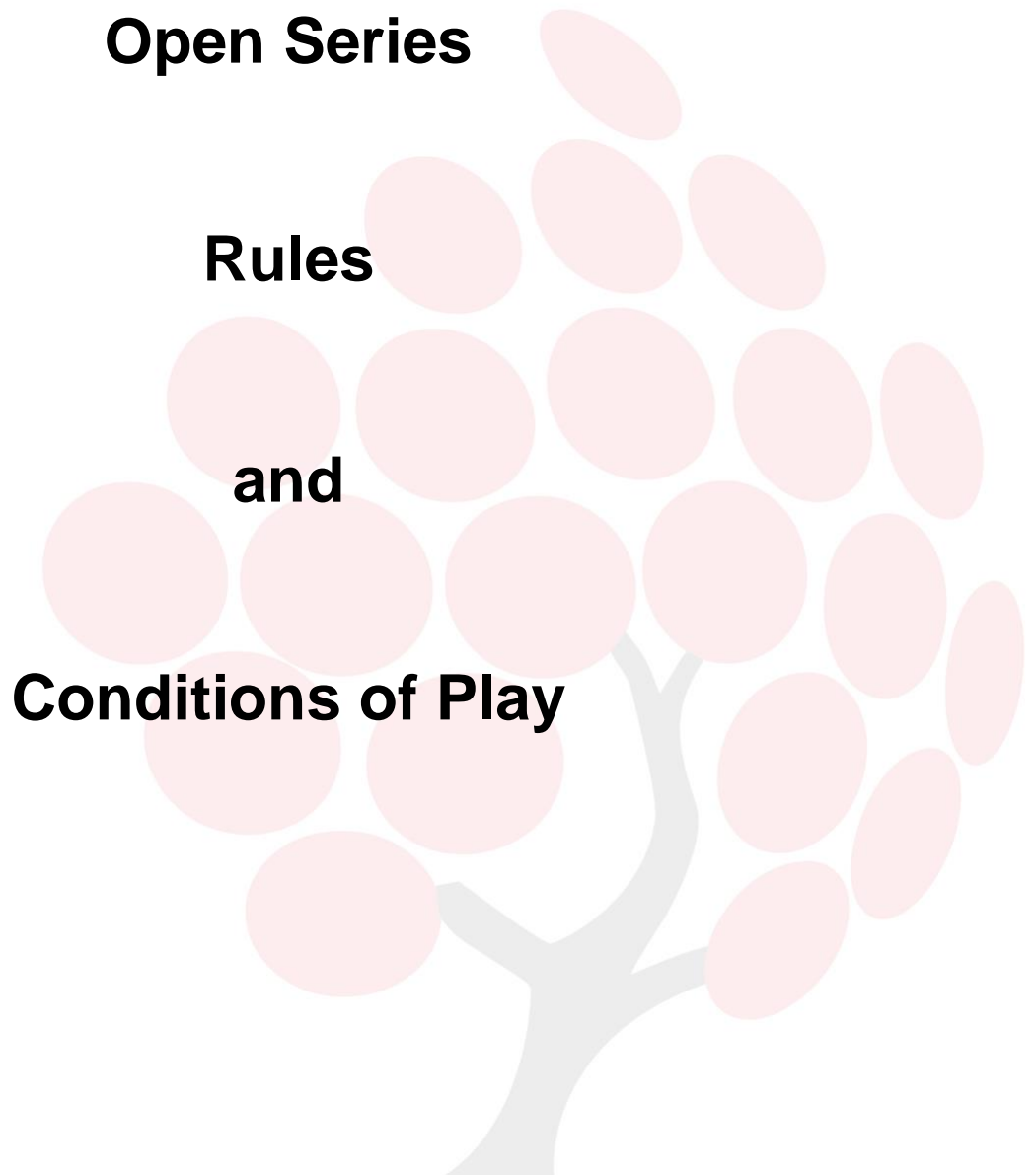
2018

Open Series

Rules

and

Conditions of Play



1 **INTRODUCTION**

The Golf **Illawarra** Open Series (IOS) is an initiative of the Association to promote the game of golf throughout the District and to develop greater involvement at Member Clubs' 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 golf.

The IOS will mostly be run after the completion of the Golf **Illawarra** Pennant season.

Golf **Illawarra** has divided the Member Clubs into geographical zones with the Southern Highlands Clubs being known as the "Western Division", clubs north of and including Kiama and Jamberoo being the "Northern Division" and all clubs south of Kiama and Jamberoo being the "Southern Division"

To be the winner of the IOS, you must compete in a specified number of events in each Division.

For these Open Events, the course should be set up to play at a challenging level while 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 full male Members and junior male Members of Member Golf **Illawarra** Clubs will be eligible for the IOS.

2.3 ***CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS***

2.3.1 There are fifteen (17) Clubs involved in the 2017 Series with the Champion of each Division being determined by the best eight (7) accumulated rounds during the IOS.

2.3.2 To be eligible to be awarded an IOS prize, a Player must have played the specified number of games in the Areas as listed: --

Northern Area:	3 games
Southern Area:	3 games
Western Area:	1 game

2.3.3 The following clubs are involved in the 2017 IOS:

Northern Area:

Russell Vale	17 March
Kiama Golf	7 April
Wollongong	10 June
Jamberoo	22 July
The Grange	11 November
Port Kembla	17 November
Links Shell Cove	18 November

Southern Area:

Shoalhaven Heads	27 May
Sussex Inlet	3 June
Nowra	9 June
Worrigeel Links	1 September
Gerringong	22 September
Callala Bay	14 October
Vincentia	4 November
St Georges Basin	25 November

Western Area:

Moss Vale	28 January
Bowral	8 April
Highlands	25 August

2.4 PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION

2.4.1 The IOS is a Gross Event and Gross Trophies take precedence over Nett Trophies as indicated:

Gross Winner	\$500
Nett Winner	\$400
Gross Runner-Up	\$350
Nett Runner-Up	\$300
Gross Third	\$250
Nett Third	\$200
Total Prize Money	<u>\$2,000</u>

3 CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

3.1 POINTSCORE CALCULATIONS

The winner for each Category will be determined by calculating the total of the differentials between the score achieved and the Daily Scratch Rating (DSR) for each Round played.

3.2 RATING DIFFERENTIALS

If, for example, the course played has a DSR of 72 and the player has a 75, +3 will be the Recorded Score. Similarly, if the course played has a DSR of 70, and the player has a 68, -2 will be the Recorded Score.

At the end of all the Rounds played, the eight (8) best Recorded Scores will be tallied and the lowest Score wins.

3.1.2 COUNTBACK PROCEDURES

The last Round played will be used as a Countback Round in case of a tie.

The procedure for that Round shall be a Countback 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.

3.2 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. If a player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes of his starting time, he shall incur a penalty of two strokes taken at the first hole. Where the Committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented the Player from starting on time, there is no penalty.

3.3 DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

For all play in a JIOS 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.

3.4 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.

3.5 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 a letter 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.

3.6 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.

Note: -- In deciding whether a penalty should be applied, the Match Committee will consider Decision 33-7/8 "Meaning of Serious Breach of Etiquette" on page 516 of the R&A Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2012-2013.

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

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

3.7.2 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.

3.7.2 The Match Committee reserves the right to alter the playing conditions as necessary

3.8 RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

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

3.9 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.

3.10 CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

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

3.11 DRESS REGULATIONS

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

3.13 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 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 *marker* or a *fellow-competitor* that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the *Rules* permit. If he 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 score card. If he fails to do so, he is disqualified.

3.14 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) The Golf **Illawarra** Code of Conduct will apply throughout all IOS competitions, in addition to other requirements of players as specified by tournament conditions, local rules and the by-laws of each participating Club.
- 2) Players are under an obligation to avoid acts that are unsportsmanlike and detrimental to the game of golf.
- 3) By entering an 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.

