

GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS ZONE SENIOR GOLFERS ASSOCIATION

ZONE DAY

CONDITIONS OF PLAY 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

The Committee of the Glasshouse Mountains Zone Senior Golfers' Association (the Association) has compiled these Conditions of Play pursuant to the Association's By-laws, and in addition to the Rules of Golf, to suit our unique Seniors Competition.

To be eligible to participate in the Association's events, a player must be a financial member of, and have playing rights at, a golf club affiliated with Golf Australia.

The extent to which an eligible player may compete in those events will be determined by whether he/she is a financial member of a club affiliated with Glasshouse Mountains Golf Zone or a member of a non-affiliated club. (See **4. Championships and "Honour Board" Events** and **9.Visitors** for eligibility of visitors).

2. COMPETITIONS

With the possible exception of Annual Singles Championships (*see Section 4*), all competitions shall be played as Medley events in up to three (3) divisions based on Daily Handicaps. The maximum Daily Handicaps for all competitions will be 36 for Men and 45 for Ladies.

The number of divisions will be determined by the number of players in the field:

- Fewer than 60 players - One (1) Division;
- 60 or more but fewer than 90 players - Two (2) divisions;
- 90 players or more – Three (3) divisions.

Indicative Daily Handicap ranges* for an event contested in 3 divisions are:

- a) Division 1: 0 to 13 inclusive;
- b) Division 2: 14 to 20 inclusive;
- c) Division 3: 21 and above.

*The Match Committee shall have the right to determine for each competition the actual handicap ranges applicable to each division with a view to achieving an approximately equal number of competitors in each division.

3. FEES

The breakdown of green fees and disbursement of funds on behalf of the Association as at the start of the 2024 season is as follows:

- a) Cost per game at all events: \$20.00
- b) Breakdown of fees:

Amount	Purpose
\$16.00	Retained by Host Club.
\$4.00	Collected by Host Club on behalf of GMGZ Seniors and allocated to Prize Vouchers for Winners and Runners Up, Ball Rundown and Nearest To Pin Prizes. Treasurer will issue an invoice for \$4.00 per player to be paid in cash or by direct deposit by the Host Club.
\$20.00	Total

- c) Purchase of prizes and balls for daily events will be at the discretion of the Association and will be funded by monies collected on our behalf by Host Clubs as outlined above.
- d) The cost per game will be reviewed on an annual basis at the Association's AGM.

4. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND "HONOUR BOARD" EVENTS

Subject to adequate nominations being received, the Association's Singles Championships shall be played in three (3) Men's divisions plus a separate Ladies' division. If fewer than 5 eligible ladies nominate for Round 1 of the Championships, the Championships shall be played as a Medley event as per Section 2 above. For both men and women, they shall be decided on the aggregate of two Stroke rounds of 18 holes, each to be held at venues decided by the Committee.

The Ladies' Championships and Division 3 of the Men's Championships will be contested under "Strokeplay Maximum Score" conditions (Rule 21.2), with the maximum score to be recorded on any one hole being twice the par value of the relevant hole.

The Match Committee will determine the handicap ranges in each grade based on statistical information from the previous year.

In the event of a tie after the two rounds of the Championships, the result will be determined by a countback over the second 18 holes. In the event of equality of scores in both rounds, normal Golf Australia countback rules will apply.

No player is to receive BOTH Best Gross and Best Nett trophies in any division.

If a round of the Singles Championship event is started and then called off for any reason, the event will revert to a one-day event.

Other Championship/Honour Board events to be determined throughout the playing year, along with relevant conditions, are:

1. FOUR BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) To be decided by a ONE round Stableford event held at a venue to be decided by the Committee;
- b) To be contested as a Medley event in a single division with the winners and runners-up being the teams, whether Mixed or unisex, with the best overall points scores.

2. BEST 5 OF 7 STABLEFORD GAMES

- a) To be eligible for this award, a player must have played at least 5 of 7 Single Stableford games designated by the Committee as "Best 5" events;
- b) With the exception of Pacific Harbour and Wantima, each of the clubs listed at 6. below will host one of those events;
- c) The award will be contested in the same number of divisions as that which applies to Singles Championships (3 for the Men and one for the Ladies, provided at least five (5) eligible ladies participate in the competition);
- d) The division to which a male player is initially allocated will be determined by his GA handicap when he first plays in one of the designated events;
- e) Indicative GA handicap ranges for the 3 divisions are:
 - Division 1: 0 to 14 inclusive;
 - Division 2: 14.1 to 20 inclusive;
 - Division 3: 20.1 and above.

- f) Throughout the Competition, the Committee will routinely review the number of active players per Division and adjust Divisional Handicaps such that an approximately equal number of active players competes in each.

NOTE: Championship and Honour Board events are open only to members of clubs in the Glasshouse Mountains Golf Zone. However, visitors are eligible to win daily events run in conjunction with those competitions.

5. FORMAT OF PLAY

The format of events will be Shotgun Start, unless otherwise specified, as detailed in the Event Planner and Online Nomination Sheets. Shotgun start times will be negotiated with host clubs to fit in with local and particular circumstances.

All clubs are to have their nominations registered by 9:00am on the Wednesday before the event. If there are no entries recorded on a club's Nomination Form, it will be assumed there are no entries from that club.

6. ALLOCATION OF NUMBERS FROM EACH CLUB

Field sizes for 18-hole courses need to be restricted to 144 (2 groups per hole). The preferred number is 144 less 4 players for each Par 3 hole. This means the ideal field for most courses is about 128 players.

In view of this restriction, and in acknowledgement of the almost certain withdrawal of some nominees, the following conditions will apply to nominations from each of Beerwah, Bribe Island, Caboolture, Kilcoy, Maleny, Pacific Harbour, Pine Rivers, Wantima and Woodford clubs:

1. Each club shall be guaranteed up to 16 acceptances for each event and shall have the right to nominate an unlimited number of reserves;
2. If some clubs fail to fill their allotted quotas, places will be offered to sufficient reserves to achieve up to the preferred maximum field for the host course;
3. Similarly, an approximately equal number of reserves from each relevant club will be offered places in the field;
4. Reserves from any particular club shall be selected in the order in which they have nominated;
5. If total nominations received for an event, including reserves, fall short of a full field, the host club may offer additional places to its eligible members;
6. The host club will, as soon as practicable, inform delegates from other clubs which reserves, if any, have been allocated spots in the field;
7. The Committee reserves the right to review, at each AGM, the number of guaranteed acceptances for each club in the light of participation statistics for the playing year just completed.

Fields for games at Kilcoy club will be limited to 72 players, with guaranteed numbers adjusted commensurately.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Nominations must be registered via dedicated online Nomination Forms uploaded to the GMGZ Seniors website (<https://www.gmgz.com.au/senior-golf>). To assist in ensuring the conditions in 6. above are met, there are separate Nomination Forms for each club. They are generally available approximately a fortnight before the relevant event.

Although online nominations generally close at 9:00am on the Wednesday before the event, interested players are encouraged to contact the host club thereafter regarding availability of a place in the field.

Any changes to nominations or cancellations after the closing time must be made by contacting the host club.

8. ALLOCATION OF FIELD PLACEMENTS

Where possible, there should be no more than two players from the same club in any playing group.

Players who indicate on the nomination form that they intend to walk should be allocated to tees as near as possible to the clubhouse.

There will be no dedicated time slots for lady players. The host club will allocate field positions as it sees fit but, where possible, will “pair” lady players with at least one other lady player.

9. VISITORS

Visitors from outside the Zone are welcome to play in all “Zone Day” events and may win daily prizes. However, as outlined under **4. Championships, etc**, they are not eligible to win major events.

It should be noted that, in the event of a surplus of nominations for any event, players from clubs affiliated with Glasshouse Mountains Zone hold preference over visiting players.

10. REFRESHMENTS

Host clubs are encouraged to provide light refreshments before hit-off. Clubs opting to provide morning tea must absorb the cost within their own fee structure. Lunch or snacks may be available at the players’ expense.

11. SCORE CARDS

Players are encouraged, where possible, to use the MiScore App to record and submit their scores. Those players who use a paper scorecard must enter their scores as soon as possible after the completion of play so that daily presentations are not unduly delayed.

Responsibility for submitting a score in a timely manner rests entirely with the player. If no score is submitted within a reasonable period from the overall end of play, and no valid reason for this can be established before competition closure, “No Score Not Approved” will be submitted to Golfink or its successor for handicapping purposes.

12. HANDICAPS

Daily handicaps, as calculated under the Golf Australia Slope and Scratch rating system, are to apply to all games.

13. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Single Events

For daily Singles events, there are to be Winner and Runner-up prizes based on the results in each division.

Irrespective of the total number of players in the field, the Daily Winner of each division will receive a voucher/gift card to the value of at least \$40. Divisional Runners Up will receive one to the value of at least \$20.

Winners and Runners-up in each division who receive prize vouchers/gift cards do not qualify for a ball in the ball rundown.

Pairs Events

The value of prize vouchers/gift cards will be determined by the size of the field. On the assumption that each event will attract a field of at least 60 players, each member of the winning team will receive a voucher/gift card worth at least \$40 and the runners-up will each receive one valued at a minimum of \$20. Should there be a significantly larger field, additional prizes, such as sleeves of golf balls, may be awarded to teams at the top of the ball rundown.

14. NEAREST THE PINS (NTPs)

Golf balls will be given for EACH NTP on a minimum of 4 holes at all events.

NTPs will be OPEN to all players, male and female.

The number of balls given per NTP will be determined by the size of the field.

It is recommended that there be 3 balls for each NTP.

15. COMPULSORY BALL RUNDOWN

Award of balls in the rundown will be based on players' positions in the overall field and not by division.

The number of balls in the rundown will be determined by the size of the field.

Subject to sufficient balls being available within allocated funds, at least one-third (1/3) of the field is to receive a ball.

16. PRESENTATION DAY

Championship awards for all divisions, along with 4 Ball, Best 5 Stableford and "Above and Beyond" awards, will be presented on this day.

The annual budget allows for costs associated with this day each year, including a subsidy towards the cost of each player's lunch.