



# Croquet Tasmania

## Association Croquet Tournament General Conditions

*Note that one or more of these conditions may be overridden by the conditions of an individual Tournament*

**The Competition will be conducted according to Australian Croquet Association (ACA) Tournament Regulations and played under the current Laws of Association Croquet as determined by the WCF and adopted by The Tasmanian Croquet Association (Croquet Tasmania) unless otherwise provided for and advertised .**

1. If there are fewer than three entries then the competition shall not be held.
2. All events are open to affiliated members of Croquet Tasmania and (except for State Medals) other Associations affiliated with Croquet Australia.
3. The Executive Committee of Croquet Tasmania reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason, and to finally decide any questions arising.
4. All play shall be under the control of the Tournament and Venue Managers who may have the assistance of the Tournament Referee and the State Director of Handicapping.
5. The Tournament Manager, in conjunction with either the State Director of AC, the Tournament Referee , and/or the Croquet Tasmania Competition Convenor, shall conduct a draw, as per Tournaments Regulations.
6. Except for the Tas. Open Singles Championship (see 'j' below) competitions shall be run as a Round Robin unless otherwise advised ( eg AC Classic see 'k' below).
  - a. The Tournament Manager and TR may vary the format of the finals depending on the number of entries and the time available.
  - b. If there are 3 entries it will be run as a double round robin.
  - c. If there are 4 -9 players it will be played as a normal round robin.
  - d. If there are more than nine entries then two blocks will be played. The organisation of the final(s) will depend on what time is available.
  - e. Either (i) the top player from each block play off. Single life. Or Best of 3  
Or (ii) the top two from each block play a round robin final series  
Or (iii) the top two from each block play cross over semi -finals, (single-life) and a grand final ( single life or best of 3 )
  - f. Players shall be seeded as per ACA regulations
  - g. If a player wins the round robin out-right they should be declared the winner.
  - h. If there is more than one player with the most games and if time permits then a final or final round robin should be played.
  - i. If time does not permit the Round Robin results are determined by the number of games won and net hoops scored. If there is a two way tie then the player who beat the other in the round robin is declared the winner. If three or more tie, then the number of hoops each player has scored will determine the winner.
  - j. The Tasmanian Open Singles event will always be run as a RR (with blocks if numbers demand see above) with at least a grand final with the number of finals determined by time available.
  - k. The AC Classic will be run as a best of three knock-out event.



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7. All games shall be timed games of 2.5 hours. (See ACA Tournament Regulations.)
8. Match times will be programmed at the discretion of the Venue and Tournament Managers. A break of no more than 15 minutes between multiple games and 30 minutes for lunch may be allowed.
9. For the first match of the day players must report to the Venue Manager 15 minutes before first match. For other matches players must report 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time, in case the previous match finishes early. Players arriving late may be disqualified at the Venue Manager's discretion.
10. As far as possible matches shall be played in the order of the daily programme, but the Venue Manager reserves the right to alter such programme, if necessary.
11. Balls currently approved by the ACA shall be used for the competition.
12. Hoops shall be set at  $3 \frac{11}{16} \pm \frac{1}{32}$  in. for all events.
13. Intra-state, working players and players with special needs shall be given consideration when programming games. . Otherwise players are expected to make themselves available to play at the times and on the days advertised for the competition.
14. Players and Officials must wear foot-wear which will not mark the court and which provides adequate protection for themselves both on and off the court; and neat, clean attire which the Tournament or Venue Manager judges will not cause significant offence to others. A player in unsuitable clothing or foot wear will be given the opportunity to dress appropriately or will not be permitted to participate in the event. (*from ACA Tournament Regulation 12.7*)
15. The Venue Manager and/or Tournament Manager will decide upon the suitability of weather for play. The health and well-being of players is of paramount importance when deciding if play should proceed.
16. Should an interstate player win an event, any Perpetual Trophy shall remain in Tasmania, in the custody of the Secretary, Croquet Tasmania.
17. Players should be prepared to play two games a day.( three for aspiring / current State A grade players )
18. A lawn fee will be payable to the host Club each day.
19. In the case of a competitor being compelled to withdraw from the Tournament, all games played by such competitor shall be declared null and void.
20. Referees shall be supervisory.
21. Players must ensure they have their handicap cards with them for inspection by the Tournament Manager prior to and at the completion of each event.
22. The Tournament Handicapper in consultation with the State Handicapper shall have the power to re-handicap any player who appears to be incorrectly handicapped.
23. All games of Association Croquet in all divisions will be played under the rules of Advanced Play. That is, lifts (or contact lifts) will be available after the hoops at one back and / or four back have been run by an opponent. (See Rule 36)