



CROQUET TASMANIA

Golf 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 Croquet Australia (CA) Tournament Regulations and played under the current Rules of Golf Croquet as determined by the World Croquet Federation and adopted by Croquet Tasmania (CT) unless otherwise provided for and advertised.

1. Eligibility to compete in events conducted by CT is restricted to affiliated players and overseas players affiliated to an organisation which is a member of the World Croquet Federation
2. CA Handicap Regulations apply.
3. The Tournament Manager (TM) reserves the right to change the format of the event depending on the number of entries. The format will be confirmed when players are notified of the draw.
4. If there are fewer than three entries, then the competition will not be held.
5. The CT Executive Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to make a final decision on any questions arising.
6. All play will be under the control of the TM and VM, who may have the assistance of the Tournament Referee (TR) and the State Director of Handicapping.
7. The TM, in conjunction with the TR, will conduct a draw, as per CA Tournament Regulations.
8. Suggested formats:
 - All games will be 13-point games played on full-size lawns, double-banked where necessary
 - 6 or fewer entrants (best of 3 round robin)
 - 7 to 10 entrants (1 block round robin of single games with final 4 playing best-of-3 finals, or one block playing a double round robin with no final)
 - More than 10 entrants (number of blocks, divisible by 4, single-game round robin with top 8 playing best-of-3 knockout finals).

9. Authorised GC variations include the length of games (7, 13 or 19 points), the number of games in each match and the method of determining the winner (see 17)
10. The TM may impose a time limit on all games, provided that such time limit is advertised in advance or announced at the tournament before the start of the event. If no time limit has been imposed, the TM may impose a further 15-minute time limit on any game in progress for at least one hour.
11. Game/match start times will be programmed at the discretion of the VM and TM. A break of no more than 15 minutes between multiple games and 30 minutes for lunch may be allowed.
12. Players in the first game of the day must report to the Venue Manager at least 15 minutes prior to their starting time. For other games, players must report 30 minutes before their scheduled starting times. A player who reports more than 15 minutes after their scheduled starting time may be disqualified, at the TM's discretion.
13. As far as possible, matches will be played in the order of the daily program, but the VM reserves the right to alter such program, if necessary.
14. Invictus balls will be used for the competition.
15. Hoop width will be set at 3 11/16 inches with a tolerance of $\pm 1/32$ inches.
16. Intra-state, working players and players with special needs will 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.
17. The method of determining a block winner is as follows:
 1. The winner is the player who has won the most matches.
 2. If the number of matches is equal, the winner is the player who has won the most net games.
 3. If the number of matches and net games are equal, the winner is the player who has the highest net points total. Each player's net points total is the points scored minus the points conceded.
 4. If matches, net games and net points total are equal:
 - a. Between two players, the winner is the winner of the match between them.
 - b. Between more than two players, the winner is the winner of the most matches played between the players in the tie;
 - c. If the number of matches is equal, the winner is the player who has won the most net games played between the players in the tie.

- d. If matches and net games are equal, the winner is the player who has the highest net points from the games played between the players in the tie.
 - e. If there is still a tie, a tie-break of such form as the TM deems fit is to be imposed.
 - f. If the method of determining the winner (incl. determining players qualifying for the finals) is changed by the Committee of Management of the event, then the method to be used must be specified in the conditions for the event and competitors advised prior to the start of the competition.
 - g. For such competitions the Committee of Management will determine the number of competitors who will qualify for the next stage from each block once the number of entries is known. Competitors will be advised accordingly at the beginning of the competition.
16. Players and officials must wear footwear 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 TM or VM judges will not cause significant offence to others. A player in unsuitable clothing or footwear will be given the opportunity to dress appropriately or will not be permitted to participate in the competition. (ACA Reg. 12.7).
 17. The VM and/or TM will decide upon the suitability of the weather for play. The health and well-being of players is paramount when deciding whether play should proceed.
 18. Should an interstate player win an event, any perpetual trophy will remain in Tasmania, in the custody of the Secretary, Croquet Tasmania.
 19. Entrants in top grade events should expect to play up to six games in a day, and in the lower grade no more than four games in a day.
 20. A lawn fee will be payable to the host club each day.
 21. In the case of a competitor being compelled to withdraw from the tournament, all games played by such competitor will be declared null and void.
 22. Referees should be supervisory.
 23. Players must ensure they have their handicap cards with them for inspection by the TM prior to and at the completion of each event.
 24. The Tournament Handicapper, in consultation with the State Handicapper, will have the power to re-handicap any player who appears to be incorrectly handicapped.

25. Etiquette (CA Reg. 14): Players are responsible for maintaining good standards of behaviour towards other players, equipment, courts and spectators. Report any failure to comply to a referee immediately.
26. A Tournament notice giving the following information will be sent to each competitor:
- The competition draw (see 3 above).
 - The names and contact details of the TMs and venue/s for the tournament.
 - Any qualifications or restrictions, including the length of games, the number of games in each match and the method of determining the players qualifying for the finals.
 - The time competitors are expected to be at the venue and the time that play will begin on the first day.
 - Details of prizes and trophies.