



MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

LOCAL RULES

1. Format:

Play will be over two rounds of 18 holes Stroke Play each day. The rules of this tournament will be in accordance to the rules of golf as approved by the R & A Rules Ltd and the local rules provided below.

Players will be participating in three (3) respective divisions, these divisions are:

A – Div (Index <= 3.9): Individual **Medal** played from the Championship tees (YELLOW tee markers).

B – Div (Index 4.0 – 9.0): Individual **Medal** played from the Club tees (WHITE tee markers).

C – Div (Index 9.1+): Individual **Stableford** played from the Club tees (WHITE/GOLD/BBLUE tee markers).

2. Forward Tees / Alternative courses:

Players will only be allowed to play the GOLD course if they are competing in the **C-Division**.

Players electing to do so have to be cognisant of the change in handicap. **Players will be allowed to play of Red course for this tournament.**

3. Rules of Golf (Rule 1):

Please ensure that you are familiar with Rule 1 (new rules) and that of this event in order to prevent any self-inflicting penalties / disqualification.

4. Pace of play:

Your position in the field is directly behind the 4ball ahead of you. Please keep up with the pace of play. A course marshall will be monitoring the pace of play at all times. You will be asked to speed up if you have lost time. If you do not speed up after being asked repeatedly, you may be penalised according to the club bye-laws.

1st offence: Verbal warning, and asked to speed up play

2nd offence: 1-stroke penalty

3rd offence: 2-stroke penalty over and above the 1-stroke penalty

4th offence: disqualification

5. Refreshments:

There will be no halfway house after 9 holes, but **GRAB-n-GO** items will be available.

6. Use of carts:

All Players (except juniors) will be allowed to make use of a golf cart for day 1. Players who are seeded in A-Div (top 15) are the only players who will not be allowed the use of a golf cart on day 2.

7. CADDIES:

No outside caddies will be allowed.

8. Preferred Lies:

No preferred lies will be allowed during the Championships.

9. Distance Measuring Devices:

Distance measuring devices will only be allowed if it measures distance only. If a player uses a device that measures any additional factor that is not regarded as 'public information', this player will be disqualified.

10. Out of Bounds:

A ball is out of bounds if it lies outside the boundary fence, marked by a solid white line / white stakes or within the green-keeping outbuildings, adjacent yard or within the compound on Bushwillow, or in the car park or demarcated paved and tarred areas around the Clubhouse.

11. Protection of trees:

Only blue staked trees to be regarded as immovable obstructions i.e. NO STAKE, NO DROP.

12. Stones in Bunkers:

All stones in bunkers on both courses are regarded as loose impediments, which (within the new rules of golf) can be removed from bunkers without any penalty (as per rule 12.2a).

13. Power Lines:

If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable during the play of hole 4, 12 & 13 on Firethorn and hole 9 on Bushwillow, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed as near as possible to the spot from which the original ball was played. If the ball is not immediately recoverable another ball may be substituted.

Note: This local rule does not apply to the supporting structure of power lines. The supporting structure is to be treated as an immovable obstruction.

14. Immovable Obstructions:

Includes the protective fence and its supporting structures left of Bushwillow 9th.

15. Ground under repair and pathways:

The following may be treated as GUR from which a ball may be lifted, cleaned and dropped without penalty within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF. (Rule 16).

- Flowerbeds and shrub gardens (Maintained with a clearly defined border – **indicated with a blue stake**)
- Re-sodded areas including drainage works where the grass has clearly not knitted.
- Areas marked by continuous or dotted white lines.
- Paved area surrounding the Bushwillow workshop has a demarcated drop zone.
- Bunkers with a G.U.R. sign in the middle of them are GUR and NO PLAY ZONES.
- Artificially surfaced pathways i.e. paved or artificially surfaced pathways and not dirt / sand tracks.
- Tractor and vehicle tyre marks, at least 2cm deep, in places other than dirt roads / sand tracks.

16. Lightning: Play is immediately suspended when the lightning siren sounds. Players must mark their balls and proceed to the Clubhouse. Players who continue to play outside these parameters shall be disqualified. Two short blasts shall indicate the all clear and players may resume play.

17. Procedure in the event of a tie: In the event of a gross tie for the A Division winner, a play-off over Firethorn 1st & 18th holes will be played. If still tied a sudden death play-off will commence on the Firethorn 1st hole until a winner is decided. Gross & Net/Points Count-outs: (other than those positions decided by way of play-off)

1. The best score over the second round, or
2. The best score over the even holes of the second round, or
3. The best combined score over the first four even holes of the second round; thereafter the best combined score over holes 5 to 9 of the second round.

Daily net prizes – If there is a tie the prize will be awarded on the basis of points 2 to 3 above, however 2 & 3 to be applied to the round in question.

Prizes are awarded on a one-man, one-prize basis, however this will not apply to the trophies.

18. Tournaments Committee: Rikert Schalkwyk, Francois Swart, Derek McGowan & Johan Aucamp

19. Tournament Referee: Rikert Schalkwyk – 071 278 6486, Rinus van Niekerk – 083 628 9835

20. TIPS: This event will be played under strict tournament conditions:

- If you are uncertain regarding any rule or procedure, play two balls and report the matter to the tournament referee after play for a final decision.
- Check your hole by hole gross scores with your marker after play and **SIGN your card.**

NB: AS A COURTESY TO THE ORGANISERS AND FELLOW PLAYERS, ALL PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND PRIZE-GIVING ON SUNDAY COMMENCING +/- 19H00.

**SCORECARDS TO BE SUBMITTED TO SCORING OFFICE INSIDE
THE MAIN BAR**