

Hi All,

Firstly, thanks for your patience while we try and find the best solution for everyone for time sheets moving forward.

You will find this Saturday's time sheet attached (with handicaps) and below - with a new Wednesday sheet. There will be a few changes improve a few things we have encountered.

Every week the time sheet (Saturday and Wednesday) will be wiped clean and you will need to call or email me with your group and a preferred time and I will book you in and confirm your tee time (individuals can register and I'll book you in with a group and advise you later in the week) . This is to make sure there aren't any gaps, people don't miss out on a tee time, to allow people to change groups more easily and for people to have the opportunity at preferred times as we predict the booking sheet system will continue on for more than a month until we can get back to shotgun starts.

There have been a few cases where a player has turned up to play and their booked partners have not shown up meaning the player went home without a game - this is not OK. If you need to cancel your booking, please let me and your playing partners know so we can avoid this and I can refill your time on the sheet, making sure everyone gets a game.

The main goal here is the weekly communication from groups or individuals to confirm tee time bookings. Please can members communicate this change among other members as I know there are some people who don't get emails or don't have access to them.

**Changing Playing Conditions:**

1. Mud Rule will be in play from now on until you hear otherwise. On the Fairway in play and playing surface fairway height or shorter (Fairway, Green Surrounds - 1 mower width from green, and the green), If your ball has mud on it you can mark the ball, lift it, clean it, and replace it exactly where it came from - not moved a tiny bit to get the fluffy tuft of grass next to where it landed.
2. Flagsticks - as of this weekend as per directions from Golf Australia - we are able to remove the flags with a gloved hand if hygiene and sanitisation guidelines are followed. The foam inserts will be removed. Please make sure you use your gloved hand and keep sanitising. You are still able to leave the flagstick in when putting as we use to pre-corona.
3. Rakes - will go back in bunkers and you will no longer receive a club length's relief so please make sure you rake the sand well as you leave the bunker - you know how annoying it is when your ball lands somewhere that is poorly raked (or not at all).

**Other Rules:**

1. Plugged Ball - relief anywhere on the course except in a penalty area or bunker taken as - mark the ball, lift, clean, knee height drop anywhere inside a club-length no closer to the hole. If your dropped ball rolls outside (or closer to the hole) of the one club length area you must re-drop. Please always check with your marker player before taking relief
2. Please see below for the accepted local rule for an OUT OF BOUNDS OR LOST BALL - confirming it can be either.

As Bruce mentioned, we were to be playing the Handicap Match Play this week but that we be put back in the program once the restrictions are lifted. We will play Stableford for a club trophy this week.

\*\*On another note - Most people have renewed their membership - if you have not renewed yet, please feel free to speak to Jenny (0416 186 395). There are now other payment options including a quarterly part payment. The club gives until the end of April to finalise subscriptions at which point your handicap on GolfLink will be put into a 'holding' status which will mean you are not able to play in comps as you are not covered under the affiliations/insurances that your membership provides. The 'holding' Status keeps all your handicap info until you are able to re-join which then allows us to change back to 'active' status. From the end of April, you will be required to pay a full green fee and will not be eligible for competitions if you are in this 'holding' status. This is information for members to understand the process from the Match and Membership Committees and to communicate things as best we can.

If anyone has any questions or there are changes to the time sheet I haven't got on the sheet - please email or call me on 0408 256 622

Bookings can be made via Email, call or text and I'll get back to you by the end of the day -

Good Golfing,

Ben Birtles

Club Captain