



Pioneer Valley
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2026
HANDBOOK

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PVGC Match Committee**

2025/2026 PVGC Management Committee & Staff

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Course Staff – Tom Rewald, Richard Price, Trevor Lyons

Match Committee – Carene Vandersee, Mark Henrich, Chris Blackburn & Alan West



Clubhouse Times

Bookings Essential. Times may vary due to weather or major events.

Day	Open	Close
Monday	07:00am	03:00pm
Tuesday	07:00am	03:00pm
Wednesday	07:00am	03:00pm
Thursday	07:00am	03:00pm
Friday	07:00am	05:00pm
Saturday	06:30am	05:00pm
Sunday	07:00am	05:00pm



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Other Enquiries

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LOCAL RULES



Out of Bounds (Rule 18)

- Beyond any line of white and black top stakes
- Beyond any fence bounding the golf course

Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- Red Penalty Areas are identified and defined by red stakes and where red lines are in existence, they define the margin. Where no line or stake exists the Penalty Area is defined by its natural margin.

Abnormal Course Conditions (including Obstructions and GUR)

- Includes all areas bounded by white lines and/or white stakes. This includes drains on right hand side on holes 7 & 14 as defined by white stake at each end with a club length either side of sight line of stakes.
- All artificially surfaced roads & the service road that runs from the clubhouse to the green shed.
- The cart shed, security safety screens, distance & tee indicator signs, sandpits & seats.
- All bare patches on the putting green are to be treated as G.U.R. and relief is also available if the condition intervenes with the line of play providing the ball is on the putting green.
- Bare Patches – a ball which comes to rest on a bare patch (are devoid of grass – a divot is not a bare patch) in the general area on the closely mown portion cut to fairway height or less (Rule 16.1b).
- All marked and unmarked irrigation and construction works.
- All clearly defined wheel ruts.
- Cultivated garden beds.
- Within 1 club length of the ends of all drainage bridges in the general area cut to the fairway height or less.
- Manmade drains containing water.
- Animal & human footprints in a bunker.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green

- Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:
 - On the line of play, and is:
 - Within two club-lengths of the putting green
 - Within two club-lengths of the ball, and
 - Both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less

Moveable Obstructions

- All course signage that is NOT FIXED into the ground permanently shall be treated as MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS. Please replace signage afterwards.

Distance Markers

- All distance markers are measured to the centre of the green

Power Lines

- If a player strikes a power line and/or poles, the stroke is cancelled, and the ball **MUST** be replayed from the nearest point from which the original ball was played.

Motorised Carts

- All motorised carts are to be driven no closer than 10m from all green edges & drivers must obey on-course signage.

Mobile Phones/Radios

- Mobile phones are to be turned off or put on silent, no radios/music to be played during a competition round.

COMPETITIONS OFFERED DURING THE 2025/2026 SEASON

WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

Tuesday – Women

Tuesday – Mens's competition - playing a Single Stroke or Stableford from white or yellow tees. There must be at least 4 players to have competition.

Thursday – Veterans – Men 55+ & Women 50+

Saturday – Club Competition & Juniors

Sunday – Juniors

MEN & WOMENS CLOSED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club Championships will be held on Saturday & Sunday with both days being a timed booking sheet. Saturday's booking sheet will be from 6:30am to 11:30am off tee 1 & Sunday's will be from 6:30am to 8:30am off tees #1 & #10 including a seeded draw. Members will be notified via text message when Sunday bookings open, following completion of the seeded draw.

MEN & WOMEN'S MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

AN HONOUR BOARD EVENT – KINDLY DONATED BY LIFE MEMBERS ROB & KAY CRAIG

How it works – Members must nominate to participate in the Matchplay competition. Men will have 3 divisions - Div 1 (0-9), Div 2 (10-17) & Div 3 (18 & above). Women will have 1 Division. Divisions have been determined by PVGC Match Committee. Men will play off scratch & Women will use their daily handicaps.

Cost - \$10.00 per player

Nominations open Sunday 1st February & close Monday 30th March. Mens Daily Handicap as of Monday 30th March will be used to determine which Division they will be in. Draws will be finalised by Sunday 12th April 2026. Draws will be emailed out to members involved and placed on the white noticeboard for results to be written. Match 1 will commence from Monday 13th April.

Please note – It is up to individual players to determine when they will play. All matches **MUST** be played within a 3-week period and can be played any day of the week. Once games are completed, please write the result on the draw sheet on the white noticeboard.

ECLECTIC

Competitions are held on Tuesday (Women), Thursday (Men & Women) & Saturday (Men & Women) with results finalised at the end of October.

Cost - \$10.00 per Eclectic competition you wish to enter.

How it works – The lowest score obtained on each hole across the stroke rounds is recorded, producing an 18-hole score, giving each player a Gross Eclectic score. Eclectic placings are based on Net Stroke score with the handicap halved. Handicaps are taken from the last round of the competition. Nominate from Sunday 1st February.

GREG NEILL & SON FINE JEWELLERS TROPHY

This is played in conjunction with Saturday competition rounds and is kindly sponsored by Greg Neill & Son Fine Jewellers and is open to all members at no cost.

How it works – There is a Men & Women's Greg Neill & Son Fine Jeweller Trophy competition. 5 games are selected during the year, either a stroke or stableford. Points are awarded to each player from 10 to 1. 10 points being awarded to the winner of the day and 9 for runner-up etc. etc. down to 1 point for all players on the day. The player with the most points at the end of October is the winner.

If there is a tie the countback system will be utilised and the player with the highest points from their last round will be deemed the winner. If there is still a tie it will go back to the second last round and the player with the highest points will be deemed the winner.

Dates for Greg Neill Trophy

Rnd 1 – 21st February

Rnd 2 – 4th April

Rnd 3 – 20th June

Rnd 4 – 22nd August

Rnd 5 – 31st October

SHOT OF THE DAY

Saturday competition day only. There will be 1 Shot of the Day for single and team events, and the cost is \$3.00 for single and \$5.00 for team events and your name must be written on the sheet at the bar and paid prior to teeing off. It is open to men and women. The winner/s has money put onto their membership card to purchase items/merchandise behind the bar. For team events the money is split between the players.

The captain will decide each week which hole and whether it is 2nd or 3rd shot.

PIN SHOTS

Weekend competition - Men & Women will have separate pin shots each Saturday.

MONTHLY MEDAL & MEDAL OF MEDALS FINALS

Monthly Medal competitions are played on Tuesdays (Women), Thursday (mixed) & Saturday (mixed).

Monthly Medal competitions are played each month with the winner being eligible to play in the Medal of Medals final in October.

Tuesday Women - 1 Division

Thursday Veterans - 2 Mixed Divisions

Club Saturday - 3 Mixed Divisions

GNQ PENNANT COMPETITION

Men's Handicap Pennant Competition

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd March

1 Team representing Pioneer Valley Golf Club

Hosted @ Magnetic Island Golf Club

The nomination form will be put up on the white noticeboard in January with the team chosen mid-February.

Women's Handicap Pennant Competition

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th July

2 Divisions representing Pioneer Valley Golf Club

Hosted @ Sarina & Bowen Golf Clubs

Men's Stroke Pennant Competition

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August

A, B & C Grade teams representing Pioneer Valley Golf Club

Hosted @ Pioneer Valley, Ayr & Mystic Sands Golf Clubs

Nomination forms will be put up on the whiteboard in April with the selection process for all teams being selected by Saturday 15th June.

Players will be notified of their selection.

YEARLY PRIZES AWARDED

Men's Club Champion – Honour Board

Men's A Grade Gross Runner-Up
Men's B Grade Gross Champion
Men's B Grade Gross Runner-up
Men's C Grade Gross Champion
Men's C Grade Gross Runner-Up
 Men's A Grade Nett Winner
Men's A Grade Nett Runner-Up
 Men's B Grade Nett Winner
Men's B Grade Nett Runner-Up
 Men's C Grade Nett Winner
Men's C Grade Nett Runner-Up

Women's Club Champion – Honour Board

Women's Gross Runner-Up
 Women's Nett Winner
Women's Nett Runner-Up

Veterans Men's Club Champion - Honour Board

Veterans Men Div. 1 Gross Runner-Up
 Veterans Men Div. 2 Gross Winner
Veterans Men Div. 2 Gross Runner-Up
 Veterans Division 1 Nett Winner
Veterans Division 1 Nett Runner-Up
 Veterans Division 2 Nett Winner
Veterans Division 2 Nett Runner-Up

Veterans Ladies Club Champion – Honour Board

Veterans Women's Gross Runner-Up
 Veterans Women's Nett Winner
Veterans Women's Nett Runner-Up

Match Play

Men's Div 1 Winner – **Honour Board**
Men's Div 2 Winner – **Honour Board**
Men's Div 3 Winner – **Honour Board**
Women's Winner – **Honour Board**

Men's Foursomes Champions – Honour Board

Men's Foursomes Nett Winners

Women's Foursomes Champions – Honour Board

Women's Foursomes Nett Winners

Mixed Foursomes Champions – Honour Board

Mixed Foursomes Nett Winners

Weekend Div. 1 Medal of Medals Winner

Weekend Div. 2 Medal of Medals Winner

Weekend Div. 3 Medal of Medals Winner

Veteran Div. 1 Medal of Medals Winner

Veteran Div. 2 Medal of Medals Winner

Tuesday Women's Medal of Medals Winner

Men's Weekend Eclectic Winner

Women's Weekend Eclectic Winner

Women's Tuesday Eclectic Winner

Veterans Men's Eclectic Winner

Veterans Women's Eclectic Winner

Men's Weekend Greg Neill & Son Fine Jewellers Trophy Winner

Women's Weekend Greg Neill & Son Fine Jewellers Trophy Winner

Women's Tuesday Goanna Winner

Women's Tuesday Putting Winner

All prizes will be given out at the end of year Presentation



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Men's & Women's Closed Club Championships

Conditions of Play

Closed Club Championships are open to financial members of Pioneer Valley Golf Club with a GA Handicap.

A \$4.00 levy per player will be charged for the Championship.

Payment is required in full on the 1st day of the Championships for the 2 days.

- The Championship will be a timed booking sheet on Saturday & Sunday. Saturday will be off tee #1 from 6:30am & Sunday will be from 6:30am using tees #1 & #10, including a seeded draw for the top 8 players.
- This event is played over 36 holes – 18 holes Saturday & Sunday.
- The Men's & Women's Championship will be awarded to the player with the best gross score after 36 holes.
- There will be 3 Grades A, B & C for Men and 1 Division for Women
- Handicaps for grades to be decided by the PVGC Match committee. Handicaps will be frozen from the 1st day. All cards will be uploaded to GA CONNECT at the completion of the Closed Club Championships.
- All play shall be under the control of the Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix, alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- All play shall be in accordance with the rules of Golf and the local rules of the club as per the scorecard and the white noticeboard.
- Golf North Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event (“the Code”). A copy of the code is available at www.golfnq.org.au. Any breach of Code must be recorded with the PVGC Match Committee.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship in all grades/divisions, the winners shall be decided by a Playoff over the holes to be decided by the PVGC Match Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count-back system.
- Players must swap cards.
- All play must proceed without undue delay.
- Motorised carts may be used by any player.
- The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed provided they do not measure gradient or wind speed.

DISPUTES MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE PVGC MATCH COMMITTEE WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF FINISHING THE ROUND BY THE PERSON/S CONCERNED.

MOBILE PHONES ARE TO BE TURNED OFF OR PUT ON SILENT, NO RADIOS/MUSIC TO BE PLAYED DURING A COMPETITION ROUND.



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Veterans Closed Club Championship Conditions of Play

Veterans Club Closed Championships are open to financial members of the Pioneer Valley Golf Club with a GA Handicap.

Men aged 55 years & over, Women aged 50 years & over are eligible to play

- The Championship will be a timed booking sheet from 8:00am and will be played over 18 holes and is a stroke event.
- Divisions in both Men & Women will depend on numbers.
- Handicaps for divisions will be decided by the PVGC Match Committee.
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- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix, alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- All play shall be in accordance with the rules of Golf and the local rules of the club as per the scorecard and the white noticeboard.
- Golf North Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event (“the Code”). A copy of the code is available at www.golfnq.org.au. Any breach of Code must be recorded with the Veteran Match Committee.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship in all grades/divisions, the winners shall be decided by a Playoff over the holes to be decided by the PVGC Match Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count-back system.
- Players must swap cards.
- All play must proceed without undue delay.
- Motorised carts may be used by any player.
- The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed provided they do not measure gradient or wind speed.

**DISPUTES/VIOLATIONS MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE VETERANS MATCH COMMITTEE
WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF FINISHING THE ROUND BY THE PERSON/PERSONS CONCERNED.**

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DURING A COMPETITION ROUND.**



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Mixed Foursomes Closed Club Championships Conditions of Play

PVGC Mixed Foursomes Closed Club Championships is open to financial members of Pioneer Valley Golf Club with a GA Handicap.

A \$4.00 levy per player will be charged for the Championship.

Format of game – After initial tee off, it is alternating shots until the ball is in the hole.

Example: Player A tees off, Player B hits 2nd shot, Player A hits 3rd shot etc. etc. until the ball is in the hole.

- The Championship will be a timed booking sheet from 8:00am to 9:00 am (dependent on numbers)
- The event will be played over 27 holes & play will commence from Tee #1 for the 1st 18 holes and the last 9 holes of the 27 holes will start from Tee #1.
- Men will tee off odd numbered holes and Women will tee off even numbered holes for the first 18 holes and the reverse format shall apply for the remaining 9 holes.
- The Championship will be awarded to the team who has the best gross score after 27 holes.
- Handicap is ½ of the teams combined handicaps. This will already be worked out and printed on scores cards prior to tee off.
- Players must swap cards & score cards are to be handed in after the first 18 holes.
- All play must proceed without undue delay.
- Motorised carts may be used by any player.
- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix or alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship, the winners shall be decided by a 2-hole playoff (gross) followed by a sudden death if needed. Playoff holes to be decided by the PVGC Match Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count-back system.
- Golf North Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event (“the Code”). A copy of the code is available at www.golfnq.org.au. Any breach of Code must be recorded with the PVGC Match Committee.
- The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed provided they do not measure gradient or wind speed.

DISPUTES MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE PVGC MATCH COMMITTEE WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF FINISHING THE ROUND.

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Men & Women's Foursomes Closed Club Championships Conditions of Play

PVGC Men & Women's Foursomes Closed Club Championships is open to financial members of the Pioneer Valley Golf Club with a GA Handicap.

A \$4.00 levy per player will be charged for the Championship.

Format of game – After initial tee off, it is alternating shots until the ball is in the hole.

**Example: 1st Player tees off, 2nd Player hits 2nd shot, 1st Player hits 3rd shot etc. etc.
until the ball is in the hole.**

- The Championship will be a timed booking sheet from 6:30 am to 9:00 am (dependent on numbers)
- This event is played over 27 holes.
- Play shall commence from Tee #1 for the 1st 18 holes and the last 9 holes of the 27 holes will start from Tee #1.
- Players may choose who tees off odds or evens & then swap on the last 9.
- The Foursome Championships will be awarded to the Men Div 1/Div 2 & Ladies Div 1 teams who return the best gross score after 27 holes.
- Handicap is ½ of the teams combined handicaps. This will already be worked out and printed on scores cards prior to tee off.
- Players must swap cards & score cards are to be handed in after the first 18 holes.
- All play must proceed without undue delay.
- Motorised carts may be used by any player.
- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix or alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship, the winners shall be decided by a 2-hole playoff (gross) followed by a sudden death if needed. Playoff holes to be decided by the Match Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count-back system.
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Veterans Open Championship Conditions of Play

Pioneer Valley Veterans Open Championship is open to Men 55 + & Women 50 +.

- The Open Championship will be played over 18 holes with a Shot gun start from 8:30 am and is a Stroke Event.
- There will be 2 Divisions for Men & 2 Divisions for Women (depending on numbers)
- Handicaps for divisions will be decided by the PVGC Match Committee.
- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix, alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- All play shall be in accordance with the rules of Golf and the local rules of the club as per the scorecard and the white noticeboard.
- Golf North Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event (“the Code”). A copy of the code is available at www.golfnq.org.au. Any breach of Code must be recorded with the PVGC Match Committee.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship in all grades/divisions, the winners shall be decided by a Playoff over the holes to be decided by the PVGC Match Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count-back system.
- Players must swap cards.
- All play must proceed without undue delay.
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Women's Open Championship Conditions of Play

- The Open Championship will be played over 18 holes and is a stroke event with a Shot Gun Start from 7:30am.
- There will be 3 grades – A, B & C
- Handicaps for grades will be decided by the PVGC Match Committee
- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix, alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- All play shall be in accordance with the rules of Golf and the local rules of the club as per the scorecard and the white noticeboard.
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- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship in all grades, the winners shall be decided by a Playoff over the holes to be decided by the PVGC Match Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count-back system.
- Players must swap cards.
- All play must proceed without undue delay.
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Men's Open Championship Conditions of Play

- The Open Championship will be played over 36 holes and is a Stroke Event.
- Saturday - Shot Gun Start from 12:30pm & Sunday - timed draw from 7:00am using Tees #1 & #10 with a seeded draw for each division – Top 8.
- There will be 3 Grades - A, B, & C
- Handicaps for grades will be decided by the PVGC Match Committee.
- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix, alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- All play shall be in accordance with the rules of Golf and the local rules of the club as per the scorecard and the white noticeboard.
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2026 PVGC Match Committee

SPONSORING OF EVENTS

There are many opportunities for members and businesses to sponsor during the year.

The following club events are available to sponsor:

 **Weekly events held:**

Tuesday – Women’s & Men’s Competition

Thursday – Veterans Mixed Competition

Saturday – Club Mixed Competition

 **PVGC Women Open – 2026 sponsored by Valley Vet Surgery**

 **PVGC Men Open**

 **PVGC Veteran Open**

 **PVGC Junior Open**

 **PVGC Pro-Am – 2026 Naming Rights Sponsor – Roy Powell Security**

If you are interested in sponsoring or learning more about sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to reach out to Carene via email at

membership@pioneervalleygolf.com.au

GOLF COMPETITIONS AND HOW THEY ARE PLAYED

Golf Australia Advice

Stroke (Medal)

The score at each hole is entered on the score card, totaled and the player's full handicap deducted. The player who completes the stipulated round in the fewest net strokes is the winner. Usually, a gross winner is also determined.

Match Play

This traditional form of the game sees two individuals or two sides competing against each other with the number of holes won or lost deciding the match. The match is completed when one side is ahead after the stipulated number of holes or is more holes up than the number of holes remaining to be played.

The number of strokes awarded in this competition is the difference between the players' handicaps. Where there are more than 18 strokes difference between players' handicaps, the higher handicapped players will receive 2 or 3 strokes per hole where applicable. It is usual for the Committee to prescribe sudden-death continuation if a match is all square after the required holes. In this case handicap strokes are used as in the original round.

In four-ball match play, the lowest marker reverts to scratch and gives strokes to the higher markers, e.g. A is on a 4 handicap, B on 8, C on 12 and D on 27. A receives no strokes, B gets 4 strokes, C gets 8 strokes and D gets 23 strokes, irrespective of who is A's partner.

Stableford

This system of scoring by points was introduced by Dr Frank Stableford of the Wallasey Golf Club (Liverpool, England) in 1932 and is the most common event played at club level.

Stableford involves scoring points based on results at each hole. Using the index for each hole, players can make a mental allocation of their full handicap for each of the 18 holes. For example, a player on a handicap of 18 will add one shot to the par value of each hole to determine their own par for the hole. Thus, a hole rated as a par 4 becomes a par 5 for the player.

The points scoring method is then calculated by allocating two points for a par, one point for one over, three points for one under, four points for two under, and so on. For example, a player receiving a stroke on a par 4-hole scores 4, giving them a net 3; for this the player receives 3 points. A player at a par 3-hole scores a 4 but does not receive a stroke; for this the player would receive 1 point.

Players who exceed their own par by two strokes score no points for the hole and, since they cannot improve on that result, they should pick up their ball. At the end of the round all points scored are added up and the player having the highest number of points is the winner.

When marking the score card, the number of strokes taken must always be shown for holes where points are scored. Thus, the card records both strokes and points.

Par

Players need to allocate full handicap strokes to each hole, as explained for Individual Stableford competition. Once players mentally determine their own par for each hole, the Individual Par competition challenges them to beat their own par. If players do exceed their par, they score a ‘+’ (plus) for the hole. If players equal their own par, they are said to have squared the hole which is scored with an ‘O’. If par is not achieved, a ‘-’ (minus) sign is recorded. At the end of the round the plus and minus signs are added, and the net result written in as so many ‘up’, ‘down’ or ‘squared’.

A player is allowed their full stroke handicap, and the strokes are taken at holes as indicated on the card. Where the handicap is more than 18, two strokes will be allowed on the number of holes that the handicap exceeds 18. These strokes will be taken in the same order as followed for the first 18 holes unless the index goes beyond 18.

Once again, when marking the score card, the number of strokes taken must always be shown for holes where an ‘O’ or ‘+’ is scored. Thus, the card records both strokes and plus, half, or minus.

Bogey

This form of competition is rarely played in Australia. It is played and scored the same as a Par competition, except that where a Par competition is scored against the course ‘par’ for each hole, a Bogey competition is scored against the course ‘bogey’ for each hole. In this context ‘bogey’ does not necessarily mean one over ‘par’ at every hole; at some holes the ‘bogey’ score will be the same as the ‘par’ score, at others it will be one over ‘par’. The Committee will determine what the ‘bogey’ score is for each hole – there may only be three or four holes on the course where the ‘bogey’ score is different from the ‘par’ score. Some clubs in the United Kingdom will list on their score cards for each hole both the ‘par’ score and the ‘bogey’ score.

Four-Ball Par

Two players play as partners each taking strokes at holes as in a par competition. If one of the partners wins a hole and the other squares it only the win is counted. If one square a hole with par and the other loses it only the square is counted and so on. Plus, square, and minus signs are added at the end of the round and recorded as in an ordinary par competition.

In a four-ball handicap event care must be taken to mark the scores of each player in separate columns headed by the initials of the player. If the scores are incomplete and it is impossible for the Committee to check the card the players will be disqualified.

Four-Ball Stableford

This event is played in exactly the same manner as a Four-Ball Par, except that the better ball of the partnership will be credited with points rather than a plus, square or minus.

Four-Ball Aggregate Stableford

As the name implies, the Stableford system is used in this event and the competition is played with a partner, as in a Four-Ball Stableford. Individual full handicaps are applied to each player and the number of points scored by each player is recorded at the end of every hole, as well as a total or aggregate for the team. The team having the highest number of points is the winner. Again, when marking the score card, the number of strokes taken must always be shown for holes where points are scored. Thus, the card records both strokes and points.

Foursome

Two players play as partners and use one ball. The partners strike off alternately from the tee and thereafter strike the ball alternately during the play of each hole. Scoring is done as for a stroke round and the total is subject to a deduction of half the partners' aggregate handicaps.

Note: If either player incurs a penalty stroke it does not alter the rotation of play. In a multiple-round event, the committee in charge of the competition may stipulate whether the order is to be either preserved or changed. In a single-round event, the committee in charge of the event may stipulate who is to play from the 1st tee (which may not necessarily be the starting tee if a multiple-tee start is employed).

General

All forms of stroke play are subject to the Rules governing stroke play. Special rules for Par and Stableford competitions are set out in Rule 32. Rule 31 covers the special rules for four-ball Competitions.

Foursomes may be played under either stroke play rules or match play conditions and Rule 29 is relevant to foursome events.

Some of the more popular types of play are listed below together with suggestions regarding conducting these events. It cannot be too strongly emphasised, however, that since these competitions are not covered by the Rules of Golf, the Committee must carefully lay down in advance and publish the conditions of play. The State Association will not, except in the most exceptional circumstances, give a decision on any query submitted when play is conducted otherwise than in accordance with the Rules.

Mixed Four-Ball Par or Stableford

These games are played as described previously with the man playing from his tees, using his own score card and the woman playing from her tees using her own score card. Care must be taken when checking the card to refer to the women's card when dealing with holes squared or won by her.

There are some variations to this depending on the Club. In some instances, the woman plays on her full handicap using the women's card as described above. In other cases, on $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap, using the women's card. Again, the woman may be on full handicap and using the men's card. There are also exceptional instances where women play from a $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap and the men's card is used. These last two methods are the least satisfactory.

Mixed Foursomes

Mixed foursomes are played in the same manner as foursomes except that the women use their own tees and observe their own local rules when it is their turn to play. It is recommended there be a stipulation as to which gender plays from the 1st tee – this will serve to ensure there is uniform usage of teeing grounds (i.e., it will avoid for example one pair starting a given hole from 40 meters forward of where another pair commences the same hole).

Canadian Foursomes

This event is played as per a Foursomes event except that both players play tee shots at every hole and afterwards continue with whichever ball they nominate, with the partner playing the second stroke. Handicap allowance is $\frac{1}{4}$ of aggregate stroke handicap for stroke competitions.

American Foursomes

Both players play tee shots at each hole, then play a second stroke with their partner's ball. One ball is then selected and play proceeds as in foursomes, so that if Player B hits the second shot with the selected ball, Player A hits the next shot and play alternates until the hole is completed. Handicap allowance is $\frac{3}{8}$ of aggregate stroke handicap for stroke competitions. This event is sometimes called "Pinehurst Foursomes".

Flag Competition

The score taken on each hole is entered on a card as in a stroke round. When a player has completed a number of strokes equal to the par of the course (as shown on the score card) plus their stroke handicap, they will have finished the round. The first player to start in the competition will carry the flag (mounted on a stick) and plant it on the spot where their ball lays at the finish of the round. If the ball is in the rough the flag may be planted at the side of the fairway, but not nearer the hole. If a subsequent player has not finished their round when they reach the flag, they carry it with them and replant it when they reach the end of their strokes. The winner is the player who carries the flag the longest distance from the first tee, and it normally happens that the final position is somewhere beyond the 18th green, usually on the 1st or 2nd hole. When the competition is played in two or more divisions, two or more flags, clearly marked will be necessary.

Bisque Par

This event is a variation of the Individual Par competition, where players allocate their full handicap to each hole however, they like. It is not necessary to allocate your handicap before the event, as this is normally done on a hole-by-hole basis. In some Bisque Par competitions, players will determine their handicap stroke allocation for a hole *prior* to playing that hole (and mark that allocation on the score card at that time); in other Bisque Par competitions, players will determine their handicap stroke allocation for a hole *after* playing that hole (and mark that allocation on the score card at that time). The allocation of handicap strokes will obviously cease once the player's full handicap has been used. The game is then played as an Individual Par competition and scored in the same fashion.

Ambrose Competition

This event can be played as a two, three or four-person event, although the four-person event is the most popular. Each player plays a tee shot at each hole. The captain then selects the best drive which is then played by its owner. The other members retrieve their balls and in turn drop within one club-length of the selected position and play their second shots. This procedure of selecting the best position continues until a ball is holed. When on the green, balls are placed on the selected spot.

This event can be played as a gross event, with each group having a spread of handicaps, or as a handicap event where a fraction of the aggregate handicaps is used. The most common method of determining handicap is: Two-person event – $\frac{1}{4}$ of aggregate stroke handicap; Three-person event – $\frac{1}{6}$ of aggregate handicap; Four-person event – $\frac{1}{8}$ of stroke handicap.

Aussie Six Pack

This competition is played under the 4 BBB Stableford rules.

- Holes 1 to 6 - Teams best Stableford score is recorded
- Holes 7 to 12 – Teams Stableford scores added together, is recorded
- Holes 13 to 18 – Teams Stableford scores of both players are multiplied and recorded

The total score for the team is the addition of all scores from Hole 1 to 18.