RULES OF CONDUCT OF MASTER BUILDERS AUSTRALIA Inc. NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

(Competing for the M R Hornibrook Cup)

If at any time in the future a name change is contemplated for the Golf Tournament, such a name change can only be approved by a unanimous vote from all States/Regional members and approved by the national body i.e. Master Builders Australia Inc.

These rules were last amended on 27th February 2024 and are effective from that date.

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MEMBERSHIP

1. Competitors must conform with the following rules to be eligible to compete in the tournament.
2. All competitors must be financial members of their States/Regional Master Builders' Golf Club or its recognized equivalent.

HANDICAPS

1. All competitors must be financial members of an affiliated golf club of their respective State or Regional Area and have a current Australian handicap as issued by the said club.
2. Competitors to be responsible to supply proof of current handicap if so requested by host State/Regional tournament committee.
3. The match committee of the host State/Regional team will have sole right to adjust any competitor's handicap if it so desires for the duration of the tournament only.
4. Competitors to play off their full current golf handicap. (This however may be adjusted according to the rules of the tournament as laid down by the host State/Regional match committee).
5. The decisions of the host State/Regional match committee will be final and binding in all respects.

COMPETITION RULES

1. **The Rules of Play** during the tournament will be those as set out by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews in vogue at the time; except where they are modified by the local rules of the club in which the competition is played.
2. **Local Rules**.
   a) Local rules of the respective clubs where the tournament is played must be observed at all times.
   b) The following Local Rule will be applied at the host club's discretion. *" If a player's combined age plus daily handicap equals or is greater than the limit set by the host club, he/she is granted relief on holes with a long carry at the tee such as over water, a wasteland, gully, or the like. The player is entitled to play from the Drop Zone without penalty."*

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3. The M.R. Hornibrook Cup will be played for by the competing States/ Regional teams over three (3) days:
   a) The competition will be individual Stableford.
   b) The State/Regional team score to be calculated by using 75% of the highest scores of competitors aggregated over the three (3) (continued) days and divided by the number of players included in the 75% to arrive at an average. For the purpose of percentage calculation, a State or Regional team shall be the number of players who commence play on the first day, excluding players who give prior notification to the match committee of their inability to play the full tournament. After Rule 3(b) has been applied the minimum number of players that count shall be eight (8).
   c) Percentage of players to be taken to the full number .5 and over. i.e. a team of 14 players x 75% = 10.5 = 11 players.
4. All competitors are obliged to return their score card immediately on completion of each day's play.
5. All protests must be in the hands of the host State/Regional Match Committee not later than 30 minutes after competition play ceases each day and all rulings handed down shall be final.
6. Postponement or cancellation of play due to weather or course conditions will be the decision of the host State/Regional Match Committee. This is to be made as early as possible on the day concerned. If the tournament cannot continue after two (2) days of play, the winners will be decided by the same method taken over two (2) days in lieu of three (3) days. If only one (1) day's play is possible the tournament will be abandoned.
7. Competitors must be on the tee ready to start at least 10 minutes before their starting time. Any player arriving late may be relegated to the rear of the field at the discretion of the starter.
8. Fours to be made up of one (1) host State/Regional player, the remaining players to be from different States/Regions wherever this is possible.

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9. The host State/Region may reserve the right to conduct other competitions in conjunction with the M.R. Hornibrook Cup under the same tournament rules, but such an event shall in no way interfere with the standard or the successful running of the cup.
10. All competitors shall be charged a registration fee as laid down for the current tournament, this to be at the discretion of the host State/ Region.
11. The number of players allowed to enter from each State/Regional team shall be 19 and the host State/Regional team be allowed 30. The size of the field to be no more than 144 and whenever a short fall may occur the host State/Regional team has the power to allocate accordingly.
12. Each State/Regional body has the right to veto with regard to new members. Only affiliated State/Regional teams accepted by current members and approved by Master Builders' Australia Inc. shall participate for the M.R. Hornibrook Cup. The members are: NSW, South Australia, Tasmania, Newcastle, Victoria, Queensland, Gold Coast.
13. A State/Regional team must field a minimum of eight (8) players for three (3) consecutive tournaments prior to being eligible to host a tournament.
14. No other permanent trophy shall be competed for other than the M.R. Hornibrook Cup.
15. Each State/Region to be responsible that all entry nominations with accompanying fees are forwarded to the host State/Region no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the start of the tournament and that entries only be lodged on a collective team sheet.
16. Each host State/Region to be responsible for the arrangements of functions and/or entertainment, with a minimum of an opening and a closing function.
17. Alterations, additions and/or deletions to or from these rules can only be made by a properly constituted delegates' meeting or a meeting called for that purpose by the host State/Region at a place to be agreed upon.

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18. Each State/Region to have one (1) vote only with the Chairman to have the casting vote.
19. Tournament reports are to be prepared each year by the host State/ Region. Other records, if any or as the host State/Region nominates, to be included.
20. Captain of the host State/Regional team and the MBGA President to co-chair Sunday or any other meeting which may be arranged and each State/Regional team is entitled to have two (2) representatives in attendance at meetings.
21. The MBGA Inc. Secretary, in conjunction with the Secretary of the host state/regional team, to prepare and circulate minutes of the meetings.
22. The Secretary of the host state/regional team to prepare tournament results, handed out daily to each Captain.
23. Photographs will be provided at host State/Regional team's expense. These will comprise a team photograph for each participant, a Captain's photograph and a group photograph for each State/Regional team.
24. At least four States/Regions must be represented at the mid-year Captain's meeting for a quorum to be formed.
25. If expense has been incurred by the host State/Region in regard to the cancellation of a registration, a proportionate refund can be made and that if no expense has been incurred by the host State/Region, a full refund can be allowed.
26. Ties.--
    a) Should a tie occur for the Individual Aggregate trophy, then a count-back to be conducted to determine the winner in accordance with the Rules of Golf
    b) Should a tie occur for the MR Hornibrook Aggregate Trophy a count-back is to be conducted on the last day's team score.
27. During the tournament, no play shall take place on any course listed in the tournament until after that day has completed.