



Welcome to Bannockburn Golf Club.

As part of your membership, we have listed below what we have to offer, in addition to information on our competitions and operating systems.

You will receive your login details to OneGolf from the membership administrator. We encourage you to book in your tee times for both competitions and social golf. Please click the link below to see how to use and set up your OneGolf account.

- <https://1golf.com.au/upload/wysiwyg/manuals/OneGolf-Member-Instructions-Generic.pdf>

In addition, we also offer Miscore via their App to submit your competition scores as well as providing you with distances, statistics, and local rules. Please download from your phone app store.

VOLUNTEERING

Every Monday at 9:30am, volunteers assemble at the club to undertake general tasks around the course. If you are unable to make it on a Monday, please contact our Course Superintendent David Johnson for details of any tasks that need to be completed around the course at the time you are able to attend.

RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

Clubs with whom BGC have a Reciprocal Rights Agreement:

- Horsham Golf Club
- Echunga Golf Club

DRESS REGULATIONS

There are no specific dress regulations relating to the Bannockburn Golf Club, other than wearing enclosed shoes and we respectfully ask that you do not wear offensive clothing. It is also requested that you remove headdress when in the Clubhouse.

ETIQUETTE

Members are urged to consult the Club's bylaws and observe the etiquette of golf and the rules governing play on the course at all times. R&A Rules can be downloaded from:

- <https://www.randa.org/rog/the-rules-of-golf>

GOLF CARTS

Carts can be booked through Vendi Golf or by clicking Golf then cart hire on our website. Please book ahead as we have limited cart availability.

We have a number of members who require the use of golf carts and as such, we do have a 2-cart policy per group of four members. We also ask those who drive carts to please be aware of and respect those members who choose to walk. Give those players space from behind, and do not speed up on the group in front. As an example, a golf cart travels at approximately 12-13 kph whereas a person walks at 5-6 kph.

GENERAL

We are a "Ready Golf" club. **Ready golf** means thinking ahead so that you are ready to play when it is your turn. This applies everywhere on the course - on the tee, the fairway and the green.

ON THE TEE

The player with the honour should be ready to hit first. This may mean hitting and then scoring the card. If the person with the honour is not ready, only then should someone who is ready, play first.

ON THE FAIRWAY

Players should go to their golf ball as soon as it is safe to do so, and then get ready to play. Whilst waiting, players should decide what shot they are going to play, select the club and be ready to make their shot when it is their turn.

ON THE GREEN

Players should take their putt while other players are walking to their ball or reading the green.

The low marker in each group will be responsible for the repairing of divot holes and observing of the etiquette of golf. Players should not move, talk, and stand close to or directly behind the ball or hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke. Play must be from stipulated tee. Where possible, golf should be played in groups of four with a maximum of four players per group. It is your duty of care to ensure that golfers in front are out of range before playing your shot. In the interest of all, there should be minimal delays during play. Golfers searching for a ball should signal players following them to pass, and ensure they are out of range before continuing with their own game. After the players have holed out, ensure any damage to the putting green made by the ball or spikes, is carefully repaired. Players should ensure that when placing a flagstick, no damage is made to the putting green. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the green.

Please inspect the Notice Board before start of play for any temporary local rules and other information. The management of golf at Bannockburn Golf Club is based upon 4 hours for 18 holes (i.e. 2 hours for each 9 holes). Golfers are asked to be AWARE of this condition.

COMPETITIONS

Club Competitions are run as follows:

- Midweek competition runs from Sunday thru Friday with Thursdays Tee off times between 8:30 – 9:30am.
- Weekday Women's Competition is held on Wednesdays with a 10:00am. Tee off time.

- Saturday Competition has Tee off times between 7.00am – 1:00pm. 4 NTP, 1 Best second shot for male and female & Golden hole on different NTP's.

Prior to play:

- Place your name in the competition sheet or book and pay the respective competition fee.
- Ensure you have signed your cards and check that the score for each hole is correct. (*Failure of the above will result in disqualification*).
- To enter your competition score on Miscore, please make sure you are on the timesheet for your app to work.
- Please note, you are still required to fill in the competition book or sheet to be certified as a player in the competition, even if you have booked in online.
- Your membership number must be entered on the card. If visiting from another club, please provide your full golf link number on the card.

HANDICAPS

To obtain a handicap, players are required to submit THREE cards of 18 holes or SIX cards of 9 holes. Cards submitted for handicapping can be from any club, not necessarily only from the Bannockburn Golf Club. A player may play a social round or in a competition. All cards are to be handed in at the same time to the captain's office. The player will make known any previous handicap and/or golf history. The Handicapper will assess the cards and a handicap will be allotted.

MATCH PLAY

In Match Play, the lowest marker is to play from scratch; the scratch player then concedes the difference in strokes in their handicap to the other player or players.

SINGLES MATCHES

Full difference between the respective handicaps.

FOURBALL MATCHES

Lowest marker to play from scratch, the rest to take full difference between their respective handicaps.

FOURSOME STROKE

Half of combined handicap - fractions to count.

STABLEFORD AND PAR

Full handicap.

GUIDELINES FOR PARTNER EVENTS

CANADIAN FOURSOME STROKE

After partners have each played their first stroke of the hole, they shall select one of the balls that will be played by the partner who did not play the ball off the tee. Thereafter, alternate strokes to be played until the hole is completed. 3/8 of combined handicap, fractions to count.

AMBROSE

The team selects a Captain who is responsible for the method of play and marking of the card. The Captain also determines the order of play for each shot. All players hit off from the tee and the Captain then decides which ball is in the best position. The selected ball may be marked and replaced on the original spot. The other team members then place their ball within one club length of the selected ball, no nearer the hole. They hit their next shot from this position. The Captain makes a similar selection after the next shot and play continues in this manner. If the selected ball is in the rough or hazard, the other balls must be dropped in the rough or hazard. On the green the other balls must be putted from within 15cm of the selected ball, not nearer the hole. Ambrose is scored as a stroke event and handicapping is as follows:

- Two ball event – 1/ 4 of aggregate stroke handicap
- Three ball event - 1/ 6 of aggregate stroke handicap.
- Four ball event - 1/ 8 of aggregate stroke handicap.

In a four-man Ambrose, each player shall have three tee shots that must be used. For a three-man Ambrose, each player shall have four tee shots that must be used. For a two-man Ambrose, each player shall have six tee shots that must be used. Please Note: Two members of the team must sign the card after checking scores for correctness.

YANKEE, PINEHURST OR CHAPMAN

After partners have played their first strokes of the hole, each will play the ball of the other. When two strokes have been played with both balls, the better ball will be selected and the partner who played the first stroke with that ball will play the third stroke. Thereafter alternate strokes are to be played until the hole is completed. To calculate handicap, use 3/8 combined handicap, fractions to count.

ALTERATIONS TO CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The Match Committee holds the right to alter conditions of play, postpone or cancel a competition if extenuating circumstances warrant.

HEAT POLICY

If the forecast temperature is 38° or above at 3pm as detailed on the Elders Weather website - www.eldersweather.com.au - the day before the scheduled event, the following will be enforced:

- All scheduled competitions will be cancelled and rescheduled to be played with an 8.00 am Shotgun start. The Committee reserves the right to cancel any Competition where heat or conditions may cause harm to competitors.

COPING WITH HEAT

- Wear loose fitting light weight clothing; wear a hat and apply 30+ sunscreen
- Take 20ml of fluid per kilo of body weight of water or sports drink 1 hour before playing
- Drink at least 150 – 250 ml of fluid every 15min on the course
- On completion of your round, drink water or sports drink to rehydrate
- Avoid caffeine as this will increase dehydration
- If feeling unwell or dizzy, stop playing and inform the organisers who will be able to help.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Members should check Notice Board before start of play for Temporary Local Rules and other information these can be found on Miscore app under local rules.

TIME SHEETS

Electronic Time sheets operate for all competition golf and are available for entry 8 days in advance. Please report to the green fee table at least 15 minutes before scheduled tee-off time and be prepared to move groups at the starter's discretion.

MEMBERS' GUESTS

Members' guests are welcome, and may play in the Club Competition, but will not be eligible for Honour Board Events, Monthly Medals or other events that the Match Committee shall deem to be for members only. Members may introduce and play with a guest for the cost of an eighteen-hole green fee. Note that no individual guest may play on more than six occasions at the reduced rate.

Visitors will need to register on the kiosk computer to be able to use their Miscore app, even if they are on the timesheet.

PRACTICE

Practice is permitted on the practice fairway, the 10th fairway at the designated signed location only. The practice chipping area is on the old 10th tee and practice green only. Practice on the course is restricted to the playing of **two balls only**, other than on the designated practice fairway. The course professional has priority on all the practice areas.

PLAYING GOLF

Golf is to commence at the 1st tee or as directed by the captain or match committee.

PROTEST

A protest in connection with any competition or match shall be made immediately to the Captain or any member of the Match Committee. The Match Committee, whose decision shall be final, shall deal with such protest as soon as possible.

VISITORS

Visitors who have an Australian Handicap shall, on payment of green fees and competition fees, be eligible to compete in Club Competitions with the exception of any events the Match Committee shall deem for Members only.

COMPETITION GRADES

Handicap Breakdown:

- 1 Grade 0 - 54
- 2 Grade 0 - 18 | 19 - 54 with 30+ players
- 3 Grade 0 - 12 | 13 - 21 | 22 - 54 with 50+ players
- 4 Grade 0 - 9 | 10 - 14 | 15 - 19 | 20 - 54 with 90+ players

NOTE - Grade breakdown may be altered at the discretion of the Match Committee. Max daily handicap in competition 36 Men, 45 Women.

TIED RESULTS

All ties in Club Handicap Competitions shall be decided on a count back except Monthly Medal where ties will be decided by a play-off on the following Monthly Medal Day. This will continue until a clear winner is attained.

COUNTBACKS

18-hole events. The best score for the last 9 holes shall be used. If there is still a tie, the last 6 holes and, if still tied the last 3 holes. If a tie persists, then hole by hole from the 18th. In 27, 36, 54 and 72-hole events, the last 18 holes shall be used and if still tied, the countback as in 18-hole events shall be used.

COMPETITION Cancellation

The cancellation of a competition will be the responsibility of the relevant committee running that particular competition. Cancellation should be a last resort and should not be considered unless all other avenues for continuance of play have been exhausted. Course closure requires the committee to cancel any competition in progress at the time. If the competition is cancelled, monies paid as entries on the day of that competition will be forfeited and any scores already posted shall be cancelled and will not be recorded for any purpose including handicapping.

JUNIOR GOLF

The Bannockburn Golf Club extends an open invitation to all juniors to partake in the Junior Clinics that are conducted throughout the year by the Course Professional. Please check with the committee for details of such programs. Junior Members are encouraged to practice whenever possible and to play golf with parents if they are golfers themselves. As Junior Members, they are entitled to free use

of equipment if needed. For those juniors who have a handicap, they are welcome to play in any of our weekly and Saturday competitions. The cost for juniors to play in a club competition is currently \$2. To obtain a handicap, three cards are required. (Details in the Handicap Section). We have had some top golfers that have graduated from our junior ranks, and look forward to this continuing in the future.

WOMENS GOLF

Wednesday 18-hole Competition with a minimum of 5 Players to constitute a competition.

HIT OFF TIMES

- March – End of December 10am – 11am
- January - March (Summer Competition) 9am -10am
- Entry Fee \$5

GRADES

The following grades apply at:

- 1 Grade 5 - 16 Players
- 2 Grades 16 & up Players DIVIDED EQUAL

If less than 10 Players in a Grade Handicap Divisions may be adjusted. Winners - Runners/up - Do Not Receive D/Line Balls Stableford & Par Competitions with 4 NTP & best second shot, Stroke with putting.

HONOUR BOARD EVENTS

Available to all financial members who have paid the Sporting fee. Players must hold a current Australian handicap (45 for Woman 36 for Men, limit for both qualifying and match play). Honour Board events - all rounds shall be contested off the permanent distance markers.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Men's Club Championship is decided over three stroke rounds. In the event of a tie a 1-hole stroke playoff will take place on the course where the final round was played. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the 1-hole playoff, the playoff will continue as a sudden death playoff. For the final round.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Junior Championship is open to all junior members (both male and female) under the

age of eighteen years at the time of the first round. This event is played in conjunction with Club Championships.

KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

Matches must be played by the dates stipulated in the Golf Program, and the winners are to record the results by 6pm on the day of each round. Exceptions may be granted by making a formal application to the Match Committee. If an individual is representing the Club in a Pennant Team the week of.

Emergencies may be substituted for any forfeits only before the first round.

MAJOR EVENTS

Open to all financial members who have paid the Sporting fee.

MINOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Minor Championships shall be played in three grades:

- A Grade
- B Grade
- C Grade.

These grades will be played in conjunction with the Club Championship under the same conditions. Players will remain in their starting grade for the three rounds. Club Champion cannot win the Minor Championships. This event is played off starting handicap with the first round of the Club Championship. The best net score over the three rounds is the winner.

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

This Championship will be played on a Wednesday in conjunction with the Men's Club Championships. There will be a Scratch and Nett winner declared over 3 rounds.

MONTHLY MEDAL

Monthly Medals will be held on the 3rd Saturday in each month where possible. All medal winners will compete in a November competition for Medalist of Medalists.