

CANBERRA CROQUET CLUB TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

1. These conditions apply to all tournaments except where special regulations apply.
2. The Club's Inclement Weather Policy applies to all tournaments.
3. The draw is to be conducted by the Captain or Deputy, and witnessed by two members of the Playing Committee.
4. The draw will be in accordance with current *Australian Croquet Association Regulations for Tournaments* (noting ACA Reg 17). All knock-out events to be contested as single-life events (ACA Reg 18(a)) American event format (ACA Reg 19(a)) to be used for block play. Round-robin block sizes of up to 9 players shall be considered.
5. All matches are to be played under the latest Laws of Association Croquet or WCF Golf Croquet Rules, as appropriate.
6. For Association Croquet events ACA Reg 16 (*Impasses*) applies.
7. The Club Captain is the Tournament Manager for internal competitions. A Tournament Referee and Tournament Handicapper will be appointed for each competition.
8. The timetable for each tournament will be included in the drawsheet. Where a tournament involves finals after a block stage, block matches will be scheduled for completion at least two weeks prior to the finish date for the tournament. The Playing Committee may change the deadline in the event of extraordinary circumstances, but not to the detriment of other tournaments or the club programme (e.g. Presentation Day).
9. Players should notify the Club Captain of the intention to withdraw from any event once the draw has been made. Players must make every effort NOT to withdraw from a tournament once matches have commenced. If a person withdraws from a knockout event their opponent wins on a forfeit. If a person is unable to play a knockout match when required their opponent wins on a forfeit. If a person withdraws from a round-robin event all their for-and-against scores will be wiped out. If a person is unable to play a round-robin event on a given day they forfeit those matches only. The scores in this case will be zero to the player, and their opponent will be credited with a winning score that is the average of all winning scores in that block, upon completion of block play. ACA Reg 17(c) applies if a match is conceded whilst underway.
10. Double-banking of competition matches is permitted if all players using the court are agreed. If double-banked an extra 15 minutes shall be added to both games if the first game has at least 50% of its time remaining when the second starts. In all other cases no extra time shall be added.
11. When two time-limited games are under way on the same lawn and one game has 5 minutes or less left, it is permissible to stop the clock in the second game to allow the first game to complete before continuing.
12. Association Croquet Law 49(a) (*Expedition in Play*) shall be interpreted as follows:

"The term reasonable despatch shall mean the time between strokes will be no more than 45 seconds with a fifteen seconds warning at 30 seconds, if deemed necessary. Non-compliance may invoke a penalty - end of turn."

Exceptions to the ruling shall be at the Referee's discretion. Examples:
 - Lift and/or contact (Law 36).
 - Peeling.
 - Pegging out.
 - Difficulty in placing a ball for a croquet stroke.
 - Interference with a stroke (Law 34).
 - Imperfections on the surface of the court (Law 34(c)).
 - Players checking on balls, critical positions of balls on the court, including possible wiring situations, at the beginning of a turn and also during a turn.