**SOUTH GIPPSLAND D.G.A.**

**DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. Entries accompanied by entry fees MUST be in the hands of the Tournament Manager no later than (10) ten days prior to the event. Late or telephone entries will only be accepted subject to the capacity of the course.

2. Entries are restricted to amateurs who are ‘bona fide’ Male members of Club’s affiliated with the South Gippsland District Golf Association Inc, and who comply with such qualifications as laid down by the Association. The Tournament Committee shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person, without being required to give a reason for such refusal.

**3. Opening Day & Fourball Championships. Participating Teams do NOT need to be members of the same club, but need only to be a member of a South Gippsland D.G.A. affiliated club.**

4. The competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrew’s, Scotland, together with such local rules as are in force on the course on which the competition takes place.

5. If a dispute takes place, it shall be decided by the Committee in charge of the competition, whose decision shall be final. Provided however that if in doubt, the Tournament Committee shall have the right to refer such dispute to Golf Victoria.

6. The Tournament Committee, or such persons as they may authorise shall have the following powers:

 6.1 To temporarily alter a players handicap in accordance with the U.S.G.A. Handicap System

 6.2 To vary the handicap limits in any grade

6.3 To permit any competitor who is not ready to start at his appointed time to start at a later time.

 6.4 To alter or vary the conditions (except 2; 3 or 4) should they deem it advisable

 6.5 To shorten or fix another day

 6.6 To limit the number of entries in any event, and to alter the starting time of any event.

7. Ties in scratch events shall be decided by playoff, on holes decided by the Match Committee, or as the Match Committee may decide. Ties in handicap events shall be decided by count-back using the approved method as adopted by Golf Australia.

8. No player/ pair may win more than (1) one trophy, with the exception of Nearest the Pin events.

9. Handicap limits for all grades will be determined by the Match Committee following the close of entries.

10. The Tournament Committee shall consist of the ‘Host Clubs’ Match Committee and shall have the entire management of the competition, and any protest must be lodged in writing at the Clubhouse before 6.00 pm, on the day of the competition.

11. Player must register with the starter at least (10) ten minutes prior to their nominated hit off time.

12. All competitors will be made honorary members of the Host Club for the duration of the Championship.

13. The South Gippsland D.G.A. ‘Code of Conduct’ shall be in force during District Championships. Any reported infringements of this Code will be referred to the South Gippsland D.G.A. ‘Discipline Committee’.

14. The District & Host Clubs ‘Dress Code’ shall be strictly adhered to. Players who fail to meet the dress standards will be refused permission to commence play.