



GolfRSA Club Champion of Champions Tournament 2022

Following the launch of the 2022 GolfRSA Champion of Champions Tournament, herewith the Tournament Guidelines to assist at the Union Regional Champion of Champions Finals. Whilst these are guidelines for the Unions, they are the Rules of the Tournament for the National Final.

Divisions

The breakdown of the Divisions is as follows:

Division	Handicap Index <u>Men</u>	Handicap Index <u>Women</u>
A	6.0 & under	HI 6.5 & under
B	6.1 – 14.9	6.6 – 15.3
C	15.0 upwards	15.4 – 36.0

Notes on Divisions:

1. Attached are the Women's Tournament Divisions as provided by WGSA.
2. If due to numbers of players, a Club uses fewer than three Divisions it is not a problem and the Champion will be allocated to the appropriate Division according to his or her handicap for the Finals.
3. GolfRSA will accept the Divisional Champions from the respective Golf Unions' Regional Finals only and cannot accept any Divisional Champions directly from any Golf Clubs. In order to qualify for the GolfRSA Club Champion of Champions National Final, golfers must have become the Divisional Champion at their Golf Union's Regional Champion of Champions Final.
4. At the National Final all players will contest the Division in which they won their Club Championship irrespective of current handicap.

Note: Please feel free to call me with any questions. (Paul Adams: 072-3331886)

Handicaps

It is a recommendation that at the Regional Finals where handicaps are applicable, (e.g. C-Division) then golfers should use the Handicap Index that was used to calculate their Course Handicap when they won their Club Championships; *or* their current Handicap Index if it is *lower*.

Notes on Handicaps:

1. At the National Final players will be required to use the Handicap Index used to calculate their Course Handicap when they won their Club Championships; or the Handicap Index used at the Regional Final if lower- or current Handicap Index if now lower than either of the other two.

Participating Champions

Players can represent the Golf Club at which they are handicapped as long as they are recognised as the official Divisional Club Champion and subject to having paid their Affiliation Fees.

If a player is a Golf Member of another Golf Club in another Union where they may reside temporarily and at which they become an official Divisional Club Champion, they may be entitled

to represent that club as the Divisional Club Champion subject to having paid the Affiliation Fees of that Union.

Only the Divisional Champions can compete with no replacements accepted.

Notes on Participating Champions:

1. It is a Rule of the National Final that only the Divisional Champions can take their place in the Tournament and *no replacements are allowed* if there is a withdrawal.
2. An exception has been made when a Champion passed away and the Golf Club appointed a replacement representative Champion for the year.
3. It is up to the Golf Club as to whom they recognise as their Club Champions and GolfRSA accepts the participation of the recognised Divisional Club Champion. In most cases it is the Strokeplay Champions although there are clubs who recognise their Matchplay Champions as the Divisional Club Champions.
4. If a Golf Club is holding their Club Championships on a date *after* the Union's Regional Champions Final for any reason, that Golf Club shall be entitled to enter their reigning Divisional Club Champions. For example, an actual case was when the severe drought in a region caused a club to postpone their Club Championships until later in the year; and they were then entitled to enter their reigning Divisional Club Champions.

Format

The Format that will be used for the different Divisions at the National Final is as follows:

Division	Format
A	Strokeplay
B	Strokeplay
C	Stableford

There will also be a Team Challenge whereby the best four scores on each day contribute to the Team total with the highest cumulative points total over the 36 holes being the Team Champions.

Notes on Format:

1. The gross Strokeplay winners in the A and B Divisions and the highest Individual Stableford points score in the C Divisions will be crowned National Champions.
2. At the National Final recognition will also be given to the players with the best Net scores in the A and B Divisions.
3. For the Team Challenge, Strokeplay scores will be converted to Stableford scores for the purpose of calculating the best four scores on each day and the Team's total points.

Caddies and Carts

Caddies and carts are allowed so as not to exclude anyone from taking their place in the field.

Notes on Caddies and Carts:

1. If there are a limited number of carts, priority use of carts is given to senior players or those players having medical reasons. There have been players up to the age of 80 competing as well as a number of players with medical conditions; including one with a disability.
2. External caddies are generally not allowed so as to support the caddies at the host club; and to prevent any industrial relations issues.
3. No supporter, parent or other external person is allowed to drive carts and only participating players may do so.

Distance Measuring Devices

At the National Final the same Local Rules are used in respect of Distance Measuring Devices as are used at all other GolfRSA tournaments. These are that GPS / distance measuring devices *are* allowed but no wind or slope functions are allowed.

Notes on Distance Measuring Devices:

1. Cell phones may be used as distance measuring devices but no other apps may be used to measure wind speed etc.
2. Under no circumstances may cell phones be used on the golf course for making calls, unless in an emergency with the agreement of fellow competitors.

General

- The National Final is played according to the Rules of Golf and it should be noted that unless otherwise indicated by the Tournament Referee, there will be NO PLACING. (Rule 1 applies: “Play the course as you find it and play the ball as it lies”.)
- If scores from the Union Champions Final are not entered into the HNA Handicap System, the offending player will **not** be eligible to take their place in the National Final field. (It will be the same if the player has not entered their scores from the Club Championship.)

Please feel free to contact Paul Adams with any questions.

Best regards,

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