

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION (INC)

2008/09 PAXTON AVERAGE CONDITIONS

The Roy Paxton Golf Averages Award is a stroke average award conducted throughout the year commencing with the first tournament in September and finishing with the last event prior to the commencement of Metropolitan Pennants. All rounds played in gazetted Paxton Average events count towards the final stroke average.

1. The Conditions Covering the Roy Paxton Averages are as Follows –

- 1.1** The averages are open to amateur golfers resident in Western Australia with an Australian handicap of five (5) or less.
- 1.2** To qualify for the Paxton Averages a player must play a minimum of sixteen (16) rounds in the scheduled events.
- 1.3** Players withdrawing from a round after starting will have a score of eighty six (86) recorded for that round. In exceptional circumstances the round may be deleted.
- 1.4** Players disqualified from a round will have a score of eighty six (86) recorded for that round.
- 1.5** Players who enter an event and fail to compete will have eighty six (86) recorded for each of the rounds of the event unless a satisfactory explanation is received for failing to compete.
- 1.6**
 - a)** Scores returned during an event where the Calculated Course Rating is below 71 will be increased by the number of strokes by which the rating is below 71.
 - b)** Scores returned during an event where the Calculated Course Rating is above 71 will be decreased by the number of strokes by which the rating is above 71.
- 1.7** Once a player has completed sixteen rounds the worst score of the player shall be excluded and thereafter one round for every five played shall be excluded.
- 1.8** The winner of the Paxton Averages will be the player who has the lowest adjusted score for the year.

2. The Club

2.1 Event Format

To be eligible for consideration as a Paxton Average Event the event must be played over a minimum of thirty six holes in one of the following formats –

- 2.1.1** Thirty six holes over two days with both AM and PM fields on each day.

2.1.2 Thirty six holes over two days with only half day fields :

eg. Round One AM Round Two PM
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2.1.3 Thirty six holes over one day with a restricted field size.

2.1.4 Fifty four holes over two or three days.

2.1.5 Seventy two holes over two, three or four days.

2.2 Size of Field

The size of the total field will be left to the discretion of the host club and the draw established in accordance with Section 2.3.

2.3 Draw

2.3.1 It is recommended that the full draw be made in threes at a minimum of seven minute intervals. However the side of the draw containing players eligible for the Paxton Averages must be made in groups of three.

2.3.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the club. It is recommended that a late entry fee is applied to all late entries of \$10.

Players eligible for the Paxton Averages (ie. five handicap and below) will only be accepted as a late entry if there is a position in the field which allows them to play on the same side of the draw as the lower handicapped players.

eg. If a morning draw has been established for round one with all players eligible for the Paxton Averages and a late entry is received from a three handicapper he can only be placed in the morning draw.

2.3.3 Where play is conducted over two consecutive days using both a morning and afternoon field all players eligible for the Paxton Averages must play one morning round and one afternoon round. It is recommended that these players play in the first round in the morning and the final round in the afternoon.

2.3.4 The draw must be done in such a way where players on similar handicaps play together ie. seeded by handicap. Drawing players from the same clubs in the same group is to be avoided.

2.3.5 A two tee start is recommended (for eighteen hole courses).

2.3.6 Where a cut is made after the penultimate round and a new draw established the draw will be seeded as per the total scores achieved after the previous round. The leading players will commence from the first tee towards the end of the field. In this case players from the same club may be drawn together.

2.3.7 Should too many entries be received a ballot will take place deleting the higher handicapped players first (including club members).

2.4 The Course

2.4.1 The course must be played with tees and holes located in championship positions.

2.4.2 Preferred lies must not be allowed.

2.4.3 Temporary greens, tees, cored / sanded greens or fairways may exclude the event holding Paxton Average status. Where any one of these conditions apply the WA Golf Association must be informed in advance of the commencement date of the event. The WAGA Match Committee will determine whether Paxton Average status is withdrawn.

2.5 Practice

One complimentary practice round must be made available to at least all players eligible for the Paxton Averages.

2.6 Rules

The Rules of Golf and club local rules will be used as agreed by the Association.

2.7 Distance Measuring Devices

Clubs are permitted to allow GPS only distance measuring devices. The following wording *must* be included in the local rules of the event -

“In this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a global positioning system (GPS) device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round a player uses any other distance measuring device or a GPS device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play eg. gradient, wind-speed, temperature etc. the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.”

2.8 Motorized Transport

Any player who is eligible for the Paxton Averages by way of handicap will not be permitted to travel in or on any motorized cart unless authorised in advanced by the WAGA Match Committee. The WAGA Motorised Cart Policy will apply.

During the event a player may travel on a motorised cart if authorised by the committee of the day. Such use will be temporary and may only be authorised for matters which assist in maintaining the pace of play eg. ball lost player has to return to the teeing ground.

2.9 Handicapping

In all Paxton Average Events it will be the responsibility of the host club to ensure that all scores are processed through the Golf Link system on a daily basis. In the case of players who do not possess a Golf Link number the cards must be returned to the player's home club within forty eight hours of the completion of the tournament. All handicapping through the Golf Link system must be finalised by the day following the final round of the tournament.

2.10 Scores

The scores of those players who qualify under Section One together with the CCR's will be forwarded to the Association Office in finishing order within forty eight hours of the finalization of the tournament. Where necessary the WA Golf Association will provide result sheets.

3. Variations to Conditions

Any variations to these conditions must be applied for in writing to the WAGA Match Committee no less than twenty eight days prior to the event.