

Draft Conditions – Patron's Trophy 2014

1. The main event will comprise Bo3 matches (cumulative time limits of 2.75, 2.5 & 2.25 hours).
2. There will be a single game flexible Swiss event (with 2.5 hour time limits) for players knocked out of the main event and for players on a bye throughout the event. All games, including the knockout games will be counted in the results of the flexible Swiss event. The players with byes in the first round of the knockout will commence playing flexible Swiss games at the same time as the knockout begins.
3. All games are subject to TReg 16(3)(1), including the changes approved by ACA in April 2014.
4. The draw will be conducted by the ACA Tournament Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures, in conjunction with the ACA AC Selection & Events Committees. The seedings will be done by the ACA AC Selection Committee, taking into account the latest available World Ranking List.
5. This event will be played under the Laws of Association Croquet, sixth edition amended 2008, as adopted by Croquet Australia; and the Australian Tournament Regulations as amended on 13 March 2014, including the ACA Refereeing Regulations. ACA TReg.17 Impasse applies..
6. Hoops are to be set as near as possible to 3 11/16 inches. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, balls, hoops and setting techniques, a tolerance of $\pm 1/32$ inch is allowed.
7. Dawson International balls will be used.
8. Courts will be allocated by the Tournament Manager. Games will be double banked as required.
9. A 5 minute warm up period will be permitted before a player's first game of the day, when hoops may only be run in a controlled fashion.
10. Matches shall commence at 7:30 am sharp unless otherwise indicated. Players are requested to be at their designated court before the scheduled starting time.
11. Players may be allowed a break of up to 10 minutes between matches and a lunch break of up to 30 minutes. No break is allowed between games of multiple game matches. The Tournament Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to enable completion of the scheduled program.
12. It is mandatory for players to ask the Tournament Manager if they wish to leave the venue for any reason.
13. The Tournament Manager will decide whether play in any match should continue if the weather is deteriorating.
14. Referees will be Referees on Request in accordance with TReg 8.
15. The Tournament Manager in consultation with the Executive of Croquet Australia may make any alterations to the program, draw and other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the tournament in the time available.
16. Players' attention is drawn to Law 49 regarding Expedition in Play.
17. The Australian Handicapping System is in use for this Tournament. Players must ensure that they have their handicap cards with them and present them to the Tournament Handicapper. Handicap changes will be effective after completion of any game in which players pass a trigger point (in accordance with the updated Handicapping Regulations published on the ACA Website on 14 February 2010).
18. An appeals committee comprising the Tournament Manager, the Tournament Referee and a member of the ACA Executive (or their nominee) shall determine any matters that are in dispute during the course of the tournament.