

# President's Tens 2013

## Registration & Practice

1. Tournament headquarters is the Victorian Croquet Centre at Cairnlea (12 courts). Location details are in the letter of invitation sent to players.
2. Registration & practice will be at VCC from 2pm on Thursday 7 February.

## Conditions of Play

3. Events will be played under the WCF Golf Croquet Rules adopted by Croquet Australia, and the Australian Tournament Regulations (available on the ACA website).
4. Players are to wear neat and appropriate sporting attire as per ACA Tournament Regulation 12.7
5. 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.
6. Hoops may be checked at any time on the request of the player in play. AC Law 53(b)(3) applies in this event. Any hoop out of specification will be reset. Players are not to adjust hoops themselves.
7. Dawson International balls will be used.
8. All games will be un-timed. However, the Tournament Manager may impose a time limit of an additional 15 minutes of play after a game has been in progress for at least 1 hour.
9. A 5 minute warm up period will be permitted before a player's first game of the day. Courts may be available for practice up to 7.45am each day and after the completion of play for the day, subject to club requirements for dressing courts and maintenance.
10. The Tournament Manager will allocate courts, and games will be double banked as required.
11. Matches shall commence at **8.00 am** sharp unless otherwise indicated. Players are requested to be at their designated court before the scheduled starting time.
12. Each Ten is a double round robin of single 13 point games. Order for the first round will be randomly drawn at 0800 on Friday. The first round will start at 0830 Friday, and must complete before the second round starts, using the same order.
13. Each player will play up to 6 games on Friday, 7 games on Saturday and at least 5 games on Sunday.
14. Players may be allowed a break of up to 10 minutes between matches and a lunch break of up to 30 minutes. The Tournament Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to enable completion of the scheduled program. **It is mandatory for players to inform the Tournament Manager should they wish to leave the venue for any reason.**
15. The Tournament Manager will decide whether play in a match will continue in bad weather.
16. Referees will generally be in Charge. Where there are not sufficient referees present to be in charge of each game, referees will be supervisory, in charge of several courts.
17. The Australian Handicapping System is in force for this Tournament. Players are to ensure that they have their ACA Handicap Cards with them to present to the Tournament Manager or his representative before each event commences. Handicap cards should be completed after each game. If players reach a trigger point, their handicap changes immediately after that game. Handicaps may be adjusted by the Tournament Handicapper during the events.
18. The winner of each Ten will be determined as per ACA Tournament Regulation 20.1.5
19. Please note Rule 14 of the WCF Golf Croquet Rules book regarding Etiquette, which also covers expedition in play, and ACA Tournament Regulation 12 concerning responsibilities of players.
20. The Tournament Manager in consultation with the ACA Representative may make any alterations to the program, draw and other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the tournament in the time available. If required, lights will be used at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
21. An appeals committee under ACA comprising the Tournament Manager, the Tournament Referee and a member of the ACA Executive (or nominated representative) shall determine any matters that are in dispute during the course of the tournament.
22. The winners of each ten will hold the following perpetual trophy - The First Ten Trophy; The Second Ten Plaque and the Women's Ten Tray. Winners & Runners up will also be awarded an ACA medallion; and each player receives a President's Tens badge the first time they compete. Winners are responsible for arranging engraving of trophies at the ACA's expense, but must obtain a quote and obtain approval from the ACA Administrative Officer prior to having a trophy engraved. Winners are responsible for ensuring that trophies are returned to the venue by the first day of that event next year.