



NSWVGA MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS PROGRAM AND TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 30 Nov 2025:

Registration at **Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club** with a **Meet & Greet, Registrations and BRIEFINGS at 4.00 pm**. Division allocation and Monday tee times will be notified. Light snack will be provided.

Monday 1 Dec 2025:

Round 1 at Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club. Two-tee start from 7.30 am.

Tuesday 2 Dec 2025:

Round 2 at Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club. Two-tee start from 7.30 am.

Wednesday 3 Dec 2025:

Free/Rest Day

Thursday 4 Dec 2025:

Round 3 at Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club. Two-tee start from 7.30 am.

Friday 5 Dec 2025:

Round 4 at Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club. Two-tee start from 7.30 am.
Presentation Dinner at **Shoalhaven Heads Bowling Club**, 6.30 for 7.00 pm

All enquiries to Tournament Director: Greg Collins – 0409 657 389 – theheadsmp@gmail.com

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

1. The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R.&A shall apply, together with any local rules drawn up by the host club. Please check on notice boards each day!
2. All players (male and female) must be members of NSWVGA and must be 55 years of age or over. All players must have a Golf Australia handicap.
3. The daily handicap limit for men is 36 and for women 45.
4. Play will be in divisions of 16 players based on handicap. It may be necessary to play some divisions in groups of 8 players. In such cases a modified format will be played over four days.
5. *Seedings will be done for each division by GA handicaps as at 9.00 am on Thursday 27 Nov. Division 1 for Men and Division 1 for Ladies will be played off scratch. All other divisions (Men & Ladies) will be played off daily handicaps.*
6. Play will be in groups of four, with two matches per group. In the event of a match being all square at the completion of 18 holes, the match will be decided by sudden death hole by hole, commencing at the original starting hole of the match, with the same pattern of handicap differences applying as for the original 18 holes. (MUST GET A WINNER!)
7. All players will play four rounds of Matchplay, and will be eligible to win a prize on the final day. There will be a prize voucher for each match won.

8. The tournament will be under the direction of the Match Committee which reserves the right to amend these tournament conditions. Protests or disputes must be written and in the hands of the match committee within twenty (20) minutes of the completion of any match.
9. Carts may be used on any of the days. See entry form for phone number for hire carts.
10. Refunds will be made at the discretion of the Committee. In the case of no play being possible due to weather conditions, refunds will be provided. **CANCELLATIONS AFTER YOUR REGISTRATION HAS BEEN PROCESSED** will incur a \$5.00 administration fee.
11. See below for Match Cancellation Policy.

NSWVGA MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS **MATCH CANCELLATION POLICY**

This policy is based on guidelines from the Rules of Golf, with specific amendments for this event. It ensures that the event can continue if any matches are unable to be completed due to weather cancellations.

1. Every effort will be made to play the matches on the scheduled days and times.
2. Course conditions, remaining time available, and player safety will all be taken into account when considering whether to continue, suspend or cancel play for the day. Such decisions will be made by the Match Committee.
3. If the Match Committee decides to suspend play at any time **ONE HORN BLAST** will be made. Players must mark the position of their ball at that point, with the observance of their opponent. They must then seek shelter or leave the course. If both players agree to complete the hole being played, they may do so, but at the completion of the hole they must proceed as above.
4. If the Match Committee decides that play may be resumed, **TWO HORN BLASTS** will signal the resumption of play.
5. A match will be deemed to have commenced after **three holes** have been completed in that match.
6. The opponents in a match may decide to cease play in a match, but only if one player concedes the match at that point. If the opponents in a match cannot agree on the playability of the course at that time, they must call for a ruling from the Match Committee.
7. Except in the final round, if a match is cancelled before it has commenced, the player with the higher seeding (i.e. the lowest handicap) will be deemed to be the winner. Both players will advance to the next round accordingly, but no winner's voucher will be awarded.
8. In the final round, if a match is cancelled before it has commenced, joint winners will be declared.
9. **RESOLVING RESULTS IN MATCHES THAT HAVE COMMENCED BUT ARE THEN CANCELLED.**
 - 9.1. If play is cancelled for the remainder of a round, the player who is ahead in the match when play is cancelled will be deemed to be the winner.
 - 9.2. If a match is all square when play is cancelled for the remainder of the round, the player who last won a hole will be deemed to be the winner.
 - 9.3. Except in the final round, if neither player has won a hole when play is cancelled, the player with the higher seeding (i.e. the lower handicap) will be deemed to be the winner.
 - 9.4. In the final round, if neither player has won a hole when play is cancelled, joint winners will be declared.

The Match Committee