

## **Background**

Swan Vale Golf Club Inc is affiliated with GolfWA. The aim of the club is to promote the game of golf, according to the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, to encourage friendship, goodwill and fellowship among members and to promote junior development within the Club.

The home course is Hillview Public Golf Course at 350 Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale. The Hillview clubhouse reception center is used for game registration, administration, presentation of awards and socializing.

## **Club Competition**

The club plays weekly competitions on Saturday mornings commencing around 7.00am all year round, and at least three away games each year. Players are required to sign in at least 30 minutes prior to the start of play, but no later than the first group tee off. Club members also organize social games themselves at various times during the week and while these games can be handicapped, they do not attract competition points. Our competition season runs from February to November inclusive, with a less formal Summer Cup competition over December and January.

Members are required to pay green fees and competition fees as determined by the Management Committee. Our membership year is from December to November.

## **New Members**

New members are welcome, subject to successful nomination. They are required to play a minimum of 3 rounds of 18 holes of golf on weekend fixtures as a visitor before nomination is considered. This gives both the nominee and the club time to assess compatibility. For membership information, contact any committee member listed in this Fixtures Book.

To be eligible for Club Championship trophies, a minimum of 6 club games must be played in the current competition year prior to entering this competition.

## **Local Rules**

The Club's local rules are displayed on the Club's noticeboard. These should be read in conjunction with the local rules of the course being played, as advertised on the scorecard or on notice boards displayed on course.

Club Handicap Grades Based on GA Handicaps - A Grade 0-17.9 B Grade 18-24.9 C Grade 25-over ( can be changed if required to even out the grade sizes )

## **2025 Awards and Trophies**

### **Event Awards**

- Summer Cup - The person who accumulates the most points awarded for all games played over December and January. Points are given as follows: Winner of the day = 4 pts, Runner up = 3 pts, 3rd = 2 pts. Attendance = 1
- Monthly Medals - Lowest individual nett scores from monthly stroke events. A, B & C grade winners.
- Medal of Medallists – Winner of Stroke event played between all Monthly Medal Winners.
- Matchplay Champion – Winner of Matchplay knockout competition held over several rounds.
- Club Champion – Lowest aggregate gross score from the best 3 of 4 competition rounds of the Club Championship. Winner and Runner Up trophies awarded.
- Grade Nett Champion - Lowest aggregate nett score from the best 3 of 4 competition rounds of the Club Championship. Winner and Runner Up trophies awarded in A, B & C Grades.
- John O'Neill Trophy - Best nett on Founders Cup (Stableford event)
- Digger's Cup – Best nett on Anzac Day (Stableford Event)
- President's Cup – Best nett on the day (Stableford Event)
- Captain's Cup – Best nett on the day (Stableford Event)
- Traveller's Cup - Best nett on the day (Away Game - Stableford Event)
- Committee Cup - Best nett on the day (Away Game - Stableford Event)
- AGM Cup – Best nett on the day. Team Ambrose (3 Ball or 4 Ball).
- Player's Cup – Best nett on the day (Away Game - Stableford Event)
- Champion of Champions— Stroke competition played between the Club Champion, 'A' 'B' & 'C' Grade Net Champions, Matchplay Champion, Stableford Champion, Par Champion, Par Plus Champion and Weekly Individual Winners from the previous season

## 2025 Awards and Trophies

### Competition Season Awards

- Best Club Person – Awarded by the Management Committee in recognition of a member's outstanding dedication, commitment and contribution on or off the course in the year, for the greater benefit of the club.
- Golfer of the Year - (Stroke, Stableford and Par events) The person who accumulates most points throughout the year. Points are given as follows: Winner of the day = 7 pts, Runner up = 6 pts, 3rd = 5 pts, 4th = 4 pts, 5th = 3 pts, 6th = 2pts, attendance = 1 point. Non-Handicap event = 1 point for attendance. Matchplay event winners receive 2 points per pairing.
- Eclectic – Best aggregate nett score (Taken from Home Handicapped events)
- Par Champion – Highest aggregate score from the 3 best Par rounds.
- Par Plus Champion - Highest aggregate score from the 3 best Par Plus rounds.
- Stableford Champion – Highest aggregate score achieved from the 5 best Stableford rounds.
- Best Nett – Lowest individual nett score from Stroke events.
- Putting Champion – Lowest aggregate putting scores from the best 4 Monthly Medal rounds.
- Most Improved - Greatest reduction in handicap over the competition season. Calculated as the difference in the GA handicap between the first recorded handicap of the season and that at the Season Finale. (Members must have accumulated 8 'flag' rounds in their Golf Link record)
- Best Teammate - Player who accumulates most points in 4 x 2 player team events.  
Points are given as follows: Winners of the day = 5 pts, Runners up = 4 pts, 3rd = 3 pts, 4th = 2 pts, attendance = 1 point.
- Anchor Award - Player who has won the weekly Anchor Award the greatest number of times. The "Anchor" is awarded weekly to the player recording the greatest negative difference in score between the first nine and the second nine.
- Oh! What A Feeling Award - Player who has won the weekly Oh! What A Feeling Award the greatest number of times. This is awarded weekly to the player recording the greatest positive difference in score between the first nine and the second nine.
- Donders Award - Player who has accumulated the greatest number of "Donders". Donders are tee shots that fail to pass the Ladies Tee marker. The award is named after Life Member - Jerome Donders.
  - Dead Duck Award - Dead Duck nominations are made for players who have performed unusual, humorous or just plain stupid acts during the year. Any member may nominate any other member for this award. The "Dead Duck" is awarded by a consensus vote of those present at the presentation dinner.

## Management Committee 2025

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The Match Committee is composed of the **Captain, Vice-Captain, Handicapper and Ladies Rep**. Any queries regarding local rules, club competitions, conditions of play or the course are to be directed to the Match Committee on competition day

# CLUB RULES

SVGC follows the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and Hillview Golf Course Local Rules. SVGC has 3 other rules to make playing faster, fairer and more enjoyable to all members:

## 1.

Preferred Lie for Abnormal Bunker Condition (Rule 16)

If a ball lies in a footprint, animal digging or run-off damage in a bunker, relief may be taken without penalty in accordance with Rule 16-1c. Relief must be taken by placing the ball within 1 scorecard length of the original ball position, not nearer the hole and within the bunker, as outlined in Rule 16-1c. Rule 16-1c allows for relief to be taken outside the bunker under the penalty of one (1) stroke.

## 2.

Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds (Rule 18)

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed under the Stroke and Distance Local Rule for a penalty of two (2) strokes, rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. This Local Rule is not available if a provisional ball has been played. See Model Local Rule E-5 for full details of the Local Rule.

## GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, effective January 1, 2019.

**BALL OUT OF BOUNDS**

**LOST BALL**

2 club-lengths

Out of bounds

2 club-lengths

2 club-lengths

2 club-lengths

If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

**A** DETERMINE SPOT where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

**B** FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE no closer to the hole.

**C** DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

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## 3.

Hillview's scorecard includes the local rule "6"- "Entry into a water hazard is Prohibited". The rules of golf have moved along and the term "hazard" is no longer used and the term "penalty area" is now in place.

It is recognised that R&A Rule 17.1b states, a player may play a ball as it lies or take a penalty relief. Notwithstanding the R&A rules, at Hillview we are playing to Hillview's local rules as per their scorecard.

Therefore the following shall apply.

**A PLAYER SHALL NOT PLAY A BALL FROM A RED STAKED AREA AND SHALL TAKE PENALTY RELIEF**