

Texas Scrambles & Massey O'Brien

Formats of Play & Terms of the Competitions

"It is the responsibility of each player to know and follow the Terms of the Competition".

The competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and Local Rules approved by the Committee.

1. **NON-QUALIFYING COMPETITION** - Handicap Indexes are not affected.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:**
3. **PLAYERS** – Each team player must be a member of Thorney Lakes Golf Club.
4. **HANDICAP INDEX** - Players must have a Handicap Index.
 - **NOTE** – Members who have not completed the 54 holes required for their initial Handicap Index allocation are NOT eligible to play in this competition.
5. **HOW TO ENTER & ENTRANCE FEES:**
 - Teams are organised and entered by the players themselves.
 - Players can enter by either using the terminal in the Pro Shop or via the HDID App. Tees will be available to book 3 weeks prior to the day of the competition and are booked on a first come first served basis.
 - Entrance Fees must be paid on the day in the Pro Shop. Teams must also collect the specially prepared scorecard before proceeding to their designated starting hole on the day of the competition.
6. **TERMS OF THE COMPETITIONS:**
 - **TEAMS (Texas Scramble)** - Teams will consist of a maximum of four players.
 - **TEAMS (Massey O'Brien)** - Teams will consist of a maximum of two players.
7. **COURSE TEES:**
 - **(Men Only)** – Teams will play from the White Tees. Players with a Handicap Index allocated from the Red Course must play from the Red Tees.
 - **(Mixed Gender)** – Men will play from the White Tees. Players with a Handicap Index allocated from the Red Course must play from the Red Tees.
8. **HANDICAP ALLOWANCES:**
 - **Texas Scramble** – Each team member will be allocated 25%, 20%, 15%, 10% (lowest to highest) of their course handicap. If a team member is unable to play on the day of the competition, their handicap allowance remains in place as part of the team's overall stroke allowance.
 - **Note** - Competitions covered in these terms for a 3 & 4 person Texas Scramble will be subject to Handicap limits. **Men – Course Handicap 18 (Handicap Index 17.8); Ladies – Course Handicap 24 (Handicap Index 24.4)**
 - **Note** – if Captains' Drive In is Texas Scramble format, these limits will NOT be applied.
 - **Massey O'Brien** - 35% lowest handicap 15% highest handicap (% of their course handicap).

9. FORMAT OF PLAY:

- A variation of Strokeplay played in a team format to achieve the lowest gross score on each hole. The team with the lowest nett score on the day will be declared the competition winners.

10. TEE SHOT ALLOCATION:

- **Teams of Four** - Each member of the team must have their tee shot selected a minimum of four times during the round. The two remaining tee shots (spares) can be selected from any of the team members.
- **Teams of Three** - Each member of the team must have their tee shot selected a minimum of five times during the round. The three remaining tee shots (spares) can be selected from any of the team members.
- **Teams of Two – Massey O’Brien** - Each member of the team must have their tee shot selected a minimum of six times during the round. The six remaining tee shots (spares) can be selected from any of the team members.

11. ORDER OF PLAY:

- The team selects its tee shot. The ball must be marked using a suitable marker i.e., tee peg within six inches of where the ball lies, but no nearer the hole. The team members tee shot that has been selected must be recorded against that player on the team’s scorecard.
- The team members tee shot that has been selected, must make the next stroke, and play the ball “as it lies” unless preferred lies are in place. The remaining team members (in any order) then play their next strokes. The team continues to play the hole in this format until they reach the green of the hole being played.
- **NOTE** - The remaining team members may place their ball within six inches of the marker, no nearer the hole providing the ball lies on a closely mown area.
- **DEFINITION OF A CLOSELY MOWN AREA** – An area of the course that is cut to fairway height or less and includes paths cut through the rough and the fringe/apron around the green.
- **NOTE** - Selected shots that lie in either the rough, penalty areas or bunkers, must be dropped in accordance with Rule 14.3b “ball must be dropped in the right way”. The ball must come to rest within 18 inches of the marker and no nearer the hole.

12. ON THE GREEN:

- The selected ball must be marked. Players may move the marker either left or right, but no nearer the hole by a putter head length, so each team player is able to putt from the same spot. The team continue in any order until the ball is holed.
- **NOTE** - If a player putts and misses, but then inadvertently putts the ball in the hole, then that score will count regardless of any other team members who have not yet made their strokes.
- **NOTE** - Player’s attention is drawn to Rule 10.2b (4) of the Rules of Golf. Player’s must not deliberately stand in a location on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball for any reason. Players are also reminded that the line of play does not extend beyond the hole.

- **13. SCORECARD RESPONSIBILITIES, PLAYERS & MARKERS** – Before submitting a scorecard, players’ attention is drawn to Rule 3.3b of the Rules of Golf which gives specific guidance on scorecard responsibilities in stroke-play. Any breach of this rule is disqualification.

- **14. Note - When the Result of the Competition is Final** – The result of the competition is FINAL when the competition has been closed by either the Competition Secretary or the Pro-Shop.