

TYRO SHIELD CONDITIONS

Match Conditions

Teams – Teams consist of 4 players (preferably with at least one girl) Players may be swapped for different contests

Matches - Players should be ranked by approximate level of ability. The game is played in fours, with players 1 & 2 from each team in the first group, and players 3 & 4 in the second group

Each match is for 2 points (Winner – 2 pts, halved match – 1 pt each). All 9 holes are played. Many of the players will not understand match play so they will play out each hole to max. 10 shots and the managers will work out the match play result after the game

Supervisor - Each group must have adult supervision to assist with keeping scores, help with rulings and keep up the speed of play, rake bunkers etc.

Tyro Course – Each Club will design a course with hole lengths **3 x 100m par 3, 3 x 175m par 4, 3 x 250m par 5**

Catering after the Match – The host club should provide a soft drink and plate of chips (or similar) for the players at the completion of the contest

Entry Fees – No entry fees or green fees

Time and Day – It is up to the participating Clubs, but a suggestion is that these events are played during daylight saving on a Sunday afternoon at 3pm

Playing Conditions

Tees - All players use same tees.

Preferred lies – 1 club length through the green, no nearer the hole but clear of any trees etc. (for safety and fun)

Bunkers – 2 attempts then a throw out which counts as a stroke (they can throw it on to the green as close as possible to the hole) No Penalty for grounding club

Hazards – as per rules of golf for lateral hazards, drop just near where it went in – **plus 1 penalty stroke**

Lost ball – as for hazards, drop just near where it was lost – **plus 1 penalty stroke**

Out of Bounds – as for hazards, drop just near where it went OOB – **plus 1 penalty stroke**

Play – Maximum of **10** shot per hole, maximum of **4** putts per hole

Practice Swings - only **1** practice swing allowed with each shot (saves time and energy)

Handicaps

Initially, the event will be played without handicaps. It will be up to the team managers to approximate the ability levels so each match is as even as possible. This is not critical as the objective is for the players to gain on course experience and have fun. Winning is secondary at this level. As each group of clubs gets more involved and has their players play 9 holes on their Tyro Course, they will be able to give each player a local handicap (rolling average of scores over par) As each Tyro course is approximately the same, the handicaps will be roughly equivalent from course to course. This will eventually allow these matches to be played as handicap match play, a good preparation for Encourage Shield in the future.

**If your Club is interested in getting involved with the Tyro Shield contact:-
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Team Managers

Each club should appoint a Team Manager who will decide which players are in the Tyro Shield squad. The Team Manager is responsible liaising with the other managers to get the contest organised on the day of the contest. The Manager will ensure the Tyro Course is set up for the event on the day. The manager is also responsible for the conduct of the players and the parents and supporters. It is recommended that they discuss the guidelines for parents and supporters and explain the importance and the reasons for the guidelines.

Sample Tyro Course Card

Muirfield GC Tyro Course								
Event:-	9 hole Tyro course		Date:-	Sunday 5th February 2017				
Player:-			Player			Marker		
HOLE	METRES	PAR	Hits	Putts	Total	Hits	Putts	Total
1	250	5						
2	175	4						
3	100	3						
4	250	5						
5	100	3						
6	175	4						
7	250	5						
8	100	3						
9	175	4						
	1575	Total						
Player's Signature								
Marker's Signature								

Guidelines for Parents and Supporters

These guidelines are important to ensure that the players learn about golf for themselves and have to make their own decisions during a match. The parents and supporters should understand that the event is all about the players. It is their event and the main objective is to participate and learn. We all learn from our mistakes, so give them the chance to learn from theirs.

Parents and Supporters are very welcome and encouraged pull buggies, but are they not officially caddies and must not give advice about grip, swing, stance, aim, club selection, or shot selection. They should encourage and congratulate the players, and should not criticise any aspect of their play.

They can assist with raking bunkers, attending the flag, scoring cards and telling the players whose turn it is to play. They can act as spotters and help find balls, and make sure the players keep moving along. They are responsible for the Pace of Play for the group and must ensure that no time is wasted during play. When not assisting with any of the above, they must walk along the edge of the fairway or tree line (not in the centre of the fairway) to ensure they do not hold up the group behind.

Pace of Play

A very important aspect of teaching golf to young players is to get them to understand the basics of Pace of Play. Parents can play a significant role with pace of play. The guidelines following should be taught to both players and parents.

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