

# **BLIND GOLF AUSTRALIA –CORE DOCUMENT 8**

## **COUNTBACK POLICY**

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### **STABLEFORD EVENTS**

- Where practical, the players tying for any event (or trophy) shall proceed to a designated hole or holes (to be announced before the competition begins) until one player has the best stableford score on a hole. In the case of more than 2 players, the player(s) the worst score(s) on the designated hole(s) are eliminated after playing that hole
- However this will not be practical in most if not all events played in Australia

### **18 hole events**

- Ties are to be decided by applying the countback system
- If 2 or more players tie for an event ( or trophy) with the same number of total stableford points, the tie will be decided by firstly determining the best stableford points score on the second nine as per the scorecard ( not in the order of play if the second 9 was played first) of the course being played . If scores are still equal the next step is to decide the best stableford point score on the last 6 holes then if scores are still tied, the best score on the last 3 holes. In the unusual event that scores are still tied, the countback shall proceed on a hole by hole basis from hole 18 backwards until a winner is found. If this doesn't produce a winner ( i.e. stableford points on each of the 18 holes are exactly the same), the event will awarded to the player with the lowest handicap

### **27 or more holes or more events played over more than one day**

- Ties are to be decided by applying the countback system
- If 2 or more players tie for an event (or trophy) with the same number of stableford points, the tie will be decided by firstly determining the best stableford points score on the second day. If the scores are still equal , the countback process will continue as per the 18 hole events above utilising the second days card i.e. best second 9 then best last 6 holes then best last 3 holes and if still tied on a hole by hole basis from hole 18 on the second day. If scores are still tied, the event will be awarded to the player with the lowest handicap.

## **Countback Policy Stroke Events**

- Assuming a playoff is not practical a countback system will be used to decide ties

### **18 Holes (Gross)**

- Ties will be decided by determining the best **gross** score on the second 9 holes then proceeding as per the stableford countback system of the best gross score for the last 6 holes then the last 3 holes and then on a hole by hole basis from hole 18 counting backwards. If the scores are still tied the event will be awarded to the player with the lowest handicap

### **18 Holes (Net)**

- If 2 or more players tie for an event the winner will be decided by taking the players' gross score on the second 9 holes less half of each players handicap including fractions of a handicap (e.g. a player with a 24 handicap would have 12 strokes deducted and a player with a 39 handicap would have 19.5 strokes deducted). If scores are still tied take the best score on the last 6 holes by deducting one third of a player's handicap including handicap fractions from the gross score and then the last 3 holes by deducting one sixth of a player's handicap. In the event that scores are still tied proceed on a hole by hole basis from hole 18 by deducting one eighteenth of the players' handicap including handicap fractions from the gross score on each hole (e.g. a player with a 24 handicap would have 1.33 strokes deducted from the gross score on each hole and a player on a 39 handicap would have 2.17 strokes deducted from the gross score on each hole)

### **27 or more holes gross events played over more than one day**

- Ties will be decided by determining the players gross score on the second day with the lowest score winning the event
- If scores are still tied then continue as per the stableford countback system taking the best gross score on the last 9 holes and then the last 6 holes and then the last 3 holes and then on a hole by hole basis from hole 18

### **27 or more holes net events played over more than one day**

- If 2 or more players tie for an event the winner will be decided by taking the players net scores on the second day with the lowest net score winning the event. In the event scores are still tied take the best net score on the last 9 holes on the second day by deducting half the players' handicaps from the gross score on the last 9 holes and then proceed as per 18 hole events described above.