



**Paterson Golf Club**  
**Member Championship Qualification Policy**  
**Effective Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**1. Purpose**

This policy establishes a clear and consistent framework for member qualification into Championship events at Paterson Golf Club. Its primary aim is to recognise and reward members who actively support and participate in the Club's competitions throughout the year, ensuring Championship titles and prizes reflect consistent engagement with the Club.

**2. Policy Statement**

To qualify for Championship events, members must have completed a minimum of 6 competition rounds at Paterson Golf Club during the current calendar year (1 January – 31 December).

This policy applies to renewing members only from the previous membership period (1 July to 30 June annually).

- New members or returning members who were not financial members during the previous membership period are exempt from these qualification requirements.

**3. Scope**

This qualification policy applies to the following major Championship events conducted by Paterson Golf Club:

- Male Club Championships (all grades)
- Men's Singles Match Play Championships
- 2-Person Ambrose Championships
- Bob Murphy Cup (2BBB Championships)
- Foursomes Championships
- Par 3 Championships

The policy does not apply to general weekly open or veteran's competitions, monthly medals unless specifically designated by the Committee as a Championship event.

**4. Eligibility Criteria**

- The 6 rounds must be official Paterson Golf Club competition rounds.
- Rounds must be played and completed within the member's current calendar year period.

**5. Participation Without Qualification**

Members who do not meet the qualification requirement may still enter and play in Championship events.

However, non-qualified members are not eligible to:

- Win any Championship titles
- Receive any Championship-related trophies or prizes



## **6. Variations & Exceptional Circumstances**

The Committee acknowledges that unforeseen events (e.g., extreme weather, course closures, medical issues, or other genuine personal circumstances) may prevent members from meeting qualification criteria.

To ensure fairness and transparency, the following process applies:

### **a. Application Process**

- Members seeking an exemption must submit a written request to the Committee a minimum of 14 days before the respective Championship event.
- The application must outline the reason(s) preventing qualification (e.g., illness, injury, extended absence, force majeure).
- Supporting evidence may be requested (e.g., medical certificate, travel documentation).

### **b. Committee Review**

- The Committee will review applications on a case-by-case basis.
- Decisions will consider both fairness to the individual and the integrity of the Championship.
- Approved exemptions will be communicated directly to the applicant and, where relevant, outlined to members before the Championship event.

### **c. Discretionary Authority**

- The Committee reserves the right to amend qualification requirements in response to exceptional events (e.g., significant weather disruptions affecting the majority of members).
- Any variations will be communicated to members in advance of the Championship.

## **7. Policy Objectives**

This policy seeks to:

- Encourage consistent participation in the Club's competitions.
- Ensure Championship results reflect commitment and involvement.
- Maintain fairness, integrity, and transparency.
- Deter the use of the Club as a low-cost membership option without contributing to the Club's ongoing competition schedule and culture.

## **8. Administration and Review**

- This policy will be reviewed annually or as required.
- Any amendments must be approved by the Committee and communicated to all members.