



MENS PENNANT GOLF

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY | 2019

1. RULES OF COMPETITION

- 1.1 The Golf South East Pennant competition is conducted under the direction of the Golf South East Men's Match Committee whose decision is final.
- 1.2 The competition is conducted under the match play Rules of Golf as set down by the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, and as adopted by Golf Australia.

2. FORMAT

- 2.1 Each player shall play against one direct opponent.
- 2.2 Unless otherwise agreed between team captains prior to the commencement of play, players shall comply with the match play rules set out in the Rules of Golf.
- 2.3 Upon the conclusion of their match play match, players may complete all 18 holes of their round.
- 2.4 All play will be in groups of 4 with shotgun start at 9.30
- 2.5 If all teams can be at venues by 9.00 as it is shotgun start allowing time to get to tees.
2. International Match Index will be used in matches.(Match Index included all players to receive a copy Rule 5-A

3. GRADES OF COMPETITION

- 3.1 The competition will consist of one:-
 - 3.1.1 A1 Division (Kevin Young Trophy);
 - 3.1.2 A2 Division; and
 - 3.1.3 B Handicap
- 3.2 Each Club shall be permitted to submit a maximum of two teams per club per grade in any division. The winner of the A2 division, may seek promotion to the A1 division upon application to the Men's Match Committee.

4. HANDICAP PARAMETERS & ORDER OF PLAY

- 4.1 There shall be no maximum or minimum handicap limits in the A1 and A2 or Handicap divisions.
- 4.2 A1 and A2 may play in any order.
- 4.3 In B Handicap division, players must play in Handicap order with lowest named first.
- 4.4 All players participating in B Handicap:
 - 4.4.1 Shall have a GA handicap greater than 6.
 - 4.4.2 Must play in handicap order.
 - 4.4.3 Any player that represents their club in B Handicap Pennants will be eligible to play in that grade for the remainder of the Pennants season in irrespective of any decrease in handicap.

5. FINALS

- 5.1 There will be no semi-final in A1, A2 or B Handicap.
- 5.2 The top 2 teams at the end of the season will play in the final.
- 5.3 The Grand Final shall be played at a course to be designated by the Golf SE Men's Match Committee and where possible at a centrally located club who is not competing in a final and at the sole discretion of the Golf SE Men's match Committee. This may require more than one Club hosting the Grand Final and an inability for all finalists to compete at the same Club.
- 5.4 The Grand Final will be scheduled on July 21st

6. SCORING

- 6.1 A1 and A2 shall be match play against one direct opponent and without adjustment for handicap.
- 6.2 In B Handicap match play:
 - 6.2.1 matches shall be played off the players' daily handicap as adjusted using the handicap calculator available at the Host Club.
 - 6.2.2 The Match Index (displayed below) shall be used to determine where strokes may be received or given. In any differential in Handicaps the difference shall apply to those holes numbered in **index (eg if Player 1 handicap 10 Player 2 Handicap 18 8 shots given using the Match index not stroke index on card as we are using shot gun start so the hole you start on is number 1 and so on)**

- 6.3 Any match which is all square through 18 holes shall continue to extra holes until a result is achieved.
- 6.4 Points will be awarded as follows:
 - 6.4.1 No points for an individual game lost.
 - 6.4.2 One point for an individual game won
 - 6.4.3 Three points for a team win
- 6.5 A countback of holes won and lost will decide the winner in the case of a tie.

7. ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1 Open to all members of the Golf South East provided their Club is financially affiliated for that year.
- 7.2 A player is eligible to play Golf South East Men's Pennant Golf providing:-
 - 7.2.1 He is a male bone-fide financial member of the Club with full playing and voting rights for that year.
 - 7.2.2 If he is a member of more than one club and fulfils requirement (a), he must nominate his home Golf SE club he represents. A player may only represent one Club.
 - 7.2.3 A player is deemed qualified for the final if he has been a financial member of the club he is representing for at least 6 months prior to the date scheduled for the final.

Exception: Should a new player join the Club within the 6 month period. Permission to play may be granted by the Golf South East Men's Match Committee upon application with full details to be presented. A Transfer from one Club to another in the Association may not be recognised. There is no requirement to have played in a pennant match in that season leading up to a final or semi-final match.
 - 7.2.4 Players who have played more than 2 games in a higher grade may only play in a lower grade if the higher grade is also in the semi-final or final and they have not been selected in that higher grade for the semi-final or final.
 - 7.2.5 When a Club has entered two teams in any division, a player who plays three or more games in one team shall not be eligible to play in the other, and vice versa.

8. TEAM CAPTAINS

- 8.1 Each team shall appoint a Team Captain.

8.2 The Team Captain has the following roles and responsibilities:

- 8.2.1 Fill out score sheets in order of play and hand it to the opposing Captain and Starter/Referee at least 15 minutes prior to the listed starting time for the first match.
- 8.2.2 Conduct a toss to determine honour in the presence of the Starter/Referee at least 15 minutes prior to the listed starting time.
- 8.2.3 Ensure each player is ready to commence play when required to do so.
- 8.2.4 Sign the score sheet in the presence of the opposing Captain within 30 minutes of the conclusion of play.
- 8.2.5 Bring to the notice of the opposing Captain and the Starter/Referee any points of dispute (including protests) at the earliest possible time.
- 8.2.6 Make sure that team members are correctly attired and comply with the hosting clubs dress requirements. Clubs are encouraged to present teams in Club uniforms.
- 8.2.7 Make sure that players observe the highest standard of etiquette at all times.
- 8.2.8 Make sure that all players pay the Host Club and entry fee for competing in the Host Club's Open Event.
- 8.2.9 Take a photo of score sheet and send to Graeme Armstrong via text on 0417 872 144 at the conclusion of play.

9. HOST CLUBS

9.1 The Host Club shall provide a Starter/Referee who shall:

- 9.1.1 Ensure that the duties of the Host Club have been carried out.
- 9.1.2 Collect score sheet from Captains and supervise the toss for honour.
- 9.1.3 Advise visiting Captains of any "Local Rules" that are in force, and also which tee markers are to be used if there are multiple tee markers.
- 9.1.4 Ensure that first pair of players are both ready to tee off 15 minutes before the designated tee time.
- 9.1.5 Adjudicate on any points of dispute in accordance with the rules of golf or local rules that are in force at that time.
- 9.1.6 Make sure that both Captains sign the score sheet, and see that it is sent to the Golf SE Men's Match Committee.

9.1.7 Decide on any abandonment of a match or matches should the course become unsafe for play.

9.1.8 Report to the Golf SE Men's Match Committee any breaches of dress code, Rules of Golf or disputes that are raised.

9.2 The Host Club shall ensure that the course is in proper condition for the competition.

9.3 The Host Club shall arrange food for afternoon tea for players at the conclusion of play.

10. ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

Should a match be abandoned by the Starter/Referee or Match Committee of the Host Club, the result will be deemed a tie. However, should one team have already established a winning position then the result will stand, and any remaining matches abandoned will be equally shared.

11. TRANSFERRING OF MATCHES

11.1 Should a course become unfit for play, the Golf SE Men's Match Committee shall decide if those matches are to be cancelled, or moved to a different course. Clubs affected are to be notified as soon as possible of any changes.

12. USE OF A MOTORISED CART & LEGAL MEASURING DEVICES

12.1 Golf Carts or motorbikes are allowable providing – "That the user has obtained permission from their respective club, and also has an appropriate Medical Certificate".

12.2 A GPS for measuring distances only is permitted.

13. PROTESTS

The Golf SE Men's Match Committee must be advised at the earliest convenience of any intention to protest on any point. Protests must be lodged in writing with the Chairperson no later than 6.00pm on the Tuesday following the match. All protests are to be considered by the Match Committee whose decision will be final.

14. PENALTIES

14.1 Ineligible player – Loss of individual match 10/8

14.2 Match played out of order (unless agreed too) – Loss of individual match 10/8

- 14.2 Handicap Violation – As per penalty rule 3-2c. Playing off a handicap higher than listed on the teams score sheet, and playing the team in incorrect order, both constitute a handicap violation.
- 14.3 Failure to be ready to play at the scheduled (Refer R&A Rule 5.3 . A failure to hand over the team score sheets and to decide the honour by the scheduled starting time constitutes failure to be ready to play.
- 14.4 Any violation of the rules as decided by the Golf SE Men's Match Committee.
- 14.5 Forfeit – If a team forfeits in any grade the Golf SE Men's Match Committee will determine if any fine may be applicable.
- 14.6 A team forfeit will result in the following penalties:-
- 14.6.1 Loss of all points accumulated prior to the forfeited match.
 - 14.6.2 \$100 fine to be paid directly to the Host Club for the cost of catering and course preparation.

RULES UPDATED FEBRUARY 2019

COURSE MANAGEMENT, MARKING THE COURSE, & COURSE SET-UP PROCEDURES – Golf Australia Recommendations (version 2 October 2016) Many aspects of this document have been reproduced from The R&A’s “Guidance on Running a Competition”. The information is provided to assist Committees in setting up their own courses. PART I – Course Management a) Match Play Index The Committee must publish a table indicating the order of holes at which handicap strokes are to be given or received (Rule 33-4). This order should be printed on the club’s score card. The following is provided by Golf Australia as an option for clubs. This method provides for a fairly even distribution throughout the round. It also disregards hole difficulties (acknowledging that a 30-marker receives 5 strokes from a 25-marker, which is also what a 5-marker receives from a scratch marker, but that there can be clear differences in the holes a 5-marker and scratch marker will find the most challenging). It is fair to players on all handicap levels, and it has proved satisfactory in use. It avoids allocating low-numbered strokes to the last two holes so players receiving few strokes will have the opportunity to use these before a match is decided. It also avoids allocating low-numbered strokes to the first three holes in case a match goes to extra holes. (Note: When using the match play index in match play competitions, the index should be adapted when a match commences at any other hole on the course other than the 1st. Hole 1 in the recommendation should apply to the first hole to be played, Hole 2 to the second hole to be played, etc.)

Hole	Match Index	Hole	Match Index
1	18	10	5
2	8	11	11
3	12	12	2
4	3	13	15
5	14	14	7
6	6	15	13
7	10	16	4
8	1	17	17
9	16	18	9