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2021 GPV PENNANT TERMS OF COMPETITION

(Men's Women's & Juniors)

1. Definitions

- I. **Event Committee** is the Committee appointed under Term 5.1 below.
- II. **Code of Conduct** means the Golf Australia Code of Conduct as adopted by GPV and affiliated Associations.
- III. **Contest** is the competition between two Clubs' teams.
- IV. The contest between two individual players from each team is known as a Match. In Men's and Women's Pennant, a contest consists of seven matches between each club's individual players. In Junior Pennant, a contest consists of five matches between each club's individual players.
- V. **Decided Contest** for Men's Pennant is when all matches have been completed or one club has won a minimum of four individual matches. For Women's Pennant and Junior Pennant, a Decided Contest is when all matches have been completed or one club has won a majority of matches. See Term 4.4.
- VI. **Division** where the number of competing clubs in any GPV Pennant competition exceeds a minimum number, as determined by the Match Committee, the competition will be divided into Divisions in accordance with Terms 2.2 and 6.5 below.
- VII. **Golf Australia (GA)** is the peak body for golf clubs and amateur golf in Victoria
- VIII. **Golf Peninsula Victoria (GPV)** is the governing body for Member Clubs within the GPV District.
- IX. **International Golfer** is a non-permanent resident of Australia who holds a R and A World Ranking of less than 1,000 as at 1 January of the year of the competition.
- X. **Interstate Golfer** is one that has represented, or has been selected to represent, another state in the current or prior year at the Men's; Women's; Boy's or Girl's Australian Interstate Teams Matches.
- XI. **Member Club** means a Member Club as defined in the GPV Inc. Constitution.
- XII. **Match Committee** Pennant competition is under the control of the GPV Match Committee.
- XIII. **Out of Position** the first match of a contest will be considered to be out of position if at any point in the round the match is taking more than an average of 12 and a half minutes per hole to play. Any following match will be considered out of position if it falls a clear hole behind the preceding match; and is taking more than an average of 12 and a half minutes per hole to play.
- XIV. **Professional Golfer** is one who is not an amateur golfer. Professional Golfers include members of a professional golfers association and players who have made application to regain amateur status.
- XV. **Round** the contests grouped together in the draw generally played at the same venue on the same day is a 'round'.
- XVI. **Team Manager** is appointed according to Term 4.9 below and is the "Advice Giver" as defined in Rule 24.4 in Rules of Golf.

2. Format

2.1. General

- (i) Pennant is a club teams scratch match play competition played between Member Clubs of Golf Peninsula Victoria. The respective Men's, Women's and Junior Pennant competitions are separated into divisions, in accordance with finishing positions of the preceding season and the provisions of Term 6.5 of these Terms of Competition.
- (ii) A pennant season consists of 'round robin' rounds of contests between clubs in each division. At the conclusion of the round robin contests, in regard to Pennant, the leading two teams will qualify to compete in Division Final, on a day, time and at a venue to be determined by the GPV Match Committee. Depending on the number of teams in a division, the Final may be preceded by Semi-finals. (See Term 6.4(iv))
- (iii) Women's Pennant shall be played on Thursday or Friday. Host Clubs to nominate the day.
- (iv) All competitions shall be played under the current R&A Rules of Golf, these Terms and any local rules/temporary local rules determined by the host club, Match Committee and/or Event Committee.

2.2 Divisions

When it is determined that a Pennant competition requires separate divisions, the Match Committee will allocate clubs to those divisions according to the following principles.

- (i) Wherever possible, 7 teams will play in each division. 2021 Division 1 (8 Teams)
- (ii) Allocation of teams to each division is according to the promotion and relegation procedures, as specified in Term 6.5 If required
- (iii) Where the total number of teams in any of the competitions does not allow the participation of 7 teams in every division, the Match Committee will determine the most equitable and practical solution.
- (iv) Newly affiliated Clubs, or Joint teams participating for the first time, or Clubs returning after an absence are allocated to the lowest available division for their inaugural season.

GPV Match Committee reserves the right to modify 2.2(iv) if any anomaly occurs between handicap ranges.

2.3. Draw

- (i) The draw for each competition will be determined by the Match Committee and will be available on the website www.gpv.net.au.
- (ii) Unless determined otherwise by the Match Committee or the Event Committee, each contest will be played at the venue and at times and from the tees specified in the draw. Clubs with more than one course must indicate to the Match Committee what course will be used and, where possible, this will be published in the draw.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Clubs

Each Club participating in any Pennant competition must be financial in accordance with the GPV Constitution and By-Laws prior to the first round of the season. Any club that does not satisfy this requirement may be precluded from participating in that season's competition(s) or forfeit contests played during the period it was not financial.

- (i) **In regards to Women's Pennant:** Each eligible club may enter a maximum of 1 team.
- (ii) **In regards to Men's Pennant:** Each eligible club may enter a maximum of two teams with one team only in any one division.

Exception: Upon application to the Match Committee, a joint team fielded by two or more clubs may be permitted to compete in Pennant competitions. Any participation so granted will be reviewed at the conclusion of each season.

3.2 Players

- (i) Players are eligible if they are financial members with playing rights of the club they are representing as at January 1st of the year of competition.
The membership must be an annual or longer-term membership. The membership must not be in a social, non-playing, temporary, substantially restricted or similar category.
Prima facie, the requirement to pay green fees in order to exercise their playing right is evidence the membership is of such a category.
- (ii) Players must comply with the Golf Australia Gender Policy which is located on the Golf Australia Website.
A player is eligible for Men's Pennant if he is a male golfer.
A player is eligible for Women's Pennant if she is a female golfer.
A player is eligible for junior pennant if the player is under 19 years of age at the commencement of the season.

- Notes:
- 1) Standard 6-day, 5 day, and junior members are eligible to play pennant.
 - 2) Clubs may submit to GPV a copy of the relevant clauses of their constitution or by-laws setting out the rights and obligations of any doubtful class of membership for determination of the eligibility for pennant of members of that class.
 - 3) Honorary members are eligible to play pennant where GPV considers that member to be a long-standing member of the Club concerned.
- (iii) To be eligible to represent their nominated club in GPV District Pennant, players must have played a minimum of 5 competition rounds, at either the affiliated country club they are representing or designated District events, within the previous twelve months as at 1st of January of the current season.

Exception: Upon application, the Match Committee will consider an exemption being granted to a player returning from injury or a new member to the Club

- i. Interstate, Overseas and Professional golfers are not permitted to participate in GPV Pennant.
 - a. An Interstate Golfer is one who has represented, or has been selected to represent, another state in the current or prior year at the Men's; Women's; Boy's or Girl's Australian Interstate Teams Matches;
 - b. An International Golfer is a non-permanent resident of Australia who holds a R and A World Ranking of less than 1,000 as at 1 January of the year of the competition.
- ii. No player may represent more than one Club in any one season of Pennant.
- iii. The penalty for an ineligible player competing in a pennant match is loss of the specific individual match.
- iv. To be eligible for a Final or Play-off, a player must have played a minimum of three matches for their team during the season, or two matches in the case of those divisions having less than 7 teams.
- (iv) **With regard to Women's Pennant:** A player may not represent the same club in the same round of GPV Women's Pennant in a Thursday and Friday match in the same week. Junior Pennant players may play in Junior Pennant and Women's Pennant on a Thursday or Friday of the same week.
- (v) Should an ineligible player in breach of this Term be included in a team she will be disqualified from both matches contested and match points awarded to her respective opponents.
- (vi) When a Club has two teams entered, any player who has played 3 matches in their club's higher team may not then play in the lower team for the remainder of the season.

4. Terms of the Competition

4.1 Team Registration

- (i) Clubs must register all eligible players on the Team Registration Form supplied by GPV Match Committee.
- (ii) Additional players can be added to the list during the course of the season but are ineligible to play until all relevant player details are lodged with the GPV Match Committee.

4.2 Team lists

- (i) Team Managers must submit, via Golfbox, the Team lists no later than 7.00am on the day of the contest. Players are entered into Golfbox by using their Golfink number.
- (ii) The Host Club's Team Manager is responsible for printing off official team lists for each Club for starting duties.
- (iii) Team lists may be amended up to the time specified by the Terms governing the relevant competition. Clubs are encouraged to submit their team lists to the host club the day before a Pennant round.
- (iv) **In regard to Men's Pennant:** NO LATER THAN 15 MINUTES prior to 1st scheduled hit off time each team's representative must hand their TEAM SHEET into the host club's starter listing their players in numerical order No 1 player to No 7 player, plus named emergency, who must be in attendance, and Team Manager. Should a club's team have a sick, injured or absent player on the day of the contest, the team sheet may be amended in any manner **prior** to 15 minutes before the hit-off time for the first match of the team's contest. See also Term 4.3
- (v) **In regard to Women's Pennant:** Team Managers may alter the team list prior to 7.00am on Match day, or after that time by contacting the GPV Match Committee representative and notifying the Host Club Team Manager.
- (vi) Order of play on the Team List must be in GA handicap order number 1 (best) to 7. A tolerance of 1 full shot either higher or lower will be given. Team Manager or Captain must be named.
- (vii) **The penalties for late or no submission of a team LIST/ SHEET in Pennant are as follows:**

WOMEN'S PENNANT

Team list not submitted:	Penalty:
By 7.00am via Golfbox on Match day	The team's No. 7 player will lose the 1st hole of the match. Match will commence from the 2nd hole.
By the scheduled hit off time.	The team will lose the contest.

Note: Any breach of Term 4.2(i) must be reported to the host club starters as soon as possible.

MEN'S PENNANT

TEAM LIST not submitted:	Penalty:
By 7.00am via Golfbox on Match day	The team's No. 7 player will lose the 1st hole of the match. Match will commence from the 2nd hole.
TEAM SHEET: NOT SUBMITTED	
By 15 minutes prior to scheduled hit-off time	The team's No. 7 player will lose the match.
By 5 minutes prior to scheduled hit-off time	The team's No 6 player will lose the first hole.
By the scheduled hit off time.	The team will lose the contest.

Note: Any breach of Term 4.2(iv) must be reported to the host club starters as soon as possible.

4.3 Starting tees, late arrival, player substitution and walkovers

- (i) Contests will commence from the designated starting tees at the times and in the order listed on the draw unless otherwise advised by the Match Committee or the Event Committee.
- (ii) It is a Term of the Competition that players will be at the starting tee, ready to play at their starting time. The starting time for the No 7 Player is the time listed in the draw, unless there has been a suspension of play, in which case the starting time is when play is resumed. The starting time for subsequent players is when the starter calls them to the tee. The penalty **for breach of this Term is as specified in Rule of Golf 5-3a**. If a player arrives at the starting tee, ready to play, within 5 minutes after the starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the 1st hole and play will commence from the 2nd hole.

- (iii) If both players arrive at the starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after the starting time, play will commence from the 2nd hole with the match all square.
- (iv) If a nominated player is not in attendance or is otherwise unable to play when required to do so, the emergency (if named), or a substitute player, may be immediately substituted for the nominated player, but only in that player's listed team position. An emergency player can only be substituted up to and including the hit-off time of the listed player who has failed to appear. If not required, emergencies must not play on the day of the contest.
- (v) If a team consists of fewer than the number of players listed, walkovers will be given from the lowest number listed position. If a club intends to give a walkover in an individual match or a contest, the captain or manager of the opposing team and the host club should be notified prior to the match or contest; if possible, on the day prior to the contest. If a walkover has been given, the opposing player or team need not be present on the day of the match or contest.

4.4 Honour, match duration and hit-off order

- (i) Players from the first-named team on the draw have the honour on the designated starting tee in all matches.
- (ii) All matches will be played over eighteen holes match play from the tee markers as directed by the host club.
- (iii) **In Men's**, if a match is square after the completion of eighteen holes, the match will continue until one player secures the advantage.
- (iv) **In Junior/Women's Pennant**, if a match is square after the completion of eighteen holes, the match is halved.
- (v) In a Final and Play-off, if a match is square after the completion of 18 holes, play will continue until one player secures the advantage.
- (vi) However, in a Pennant Final, Semi-final or Play-off, the captains of both teams may agree that a match may terminate without a winner if the contest is decided. In this case, the match is halved.
- (vii) Individual matches will be played in order beginning with the No. 7 players or No 5 where applicable and concluding with the No. 1 players.
- (viii) Once play has commenced in any match, the penalty for any player playing in the incorrect team position is disqualification (loss of match).

Exception: If an emergency player is substituting for a listed player.

4.5 Pace of play

- (i) All matches are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum time of 3 hours and 45 minutes (12½ minutes per hole). In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather/playing conditions), the Event Committee has the authority to modify this time requirement.
- (ii) The first match of a contest will be considered to be out of position if at any point in the round the match is taking more than an average of 12½ minutes per hole to play.
- (iii) Any following match will be considered out of position if it
 - (a) falls a clear hole behind the preceding match; and
 - (b) is taking more than an average of 12½ minutes per hole to play.
- (iv) If a match is out of position, loss of hole penalties may be issued by either the members of the Event Committee or appointed Referees to an individual who, by their pace of play is responsible for such delay. Officials are not required to issue warnings prior to imposing penalties.

Note: As part of implementing this Term and in the absence of mitigating circumstances, any match may be timed if it is out of position in accordance with Rules of Golf Pace of Play guidelines.

- (v) If both players in a match are equally contributing to an unacceptable pace of play, they may be 'walked until they are in position. If this occurs, both players may be required to appear before the GPV member(s) of the Event Committee at the end of play and may be subject to suspension from further Pennant matches in the current season.
- (vi) Repeated infringements of the Pennant pace of play requirements in the current season may be referred to the Match Committee and may see a player subject to further action in accordance with the Golf Australia Code of Conduct.

4.6 Suspension of Play and Abandonment of Contests

- (i) **In regard to Men's Pennant:** in the event of heavy rain, lightning, fog, extreme heat, unplayable course conditions extreme wind making play dangerous or for any other reason, the Event Committee, will be responsible for deciding whether to suspend or resume play. The signal for suspending play will be three short siren blasts. The procedure when play is suspended is outlined under Rule of Golf 5.7b.
- (ii) When the course is ready for play, players will be advised to return to their various locations. The signal for the resumption of play will be one long siren blast. Every effort should be made to complete all contests on the scheduled day.
- (iii) If the Event Committee determines that completion of Pennant is not possible on the scheduled day and less than half the contests have been decided, the round will be abandoned.
- (iv) If resumption of play is not possible on the determined day or days, the Executive Committee will determine the result as follows:
 - 1. For those matches that had been completed - they should stand as finished matches.
 - 2. For those matches that were not completed but went past the 12th hole, the result should stand as at the hole where the match was stopped, i.e. the player who had an advantage at that point would be given the win and if matches were square at that point that match should be declared square.
 - 3. If matches did not get to the 12th hole the match should be given as a squared result.
 - 4. Other contests completed in that division played on the day or at other venues will stand.
- (v) **In regards to Men's/Women's Pennant and Junior Pennant:** The Host Club is responsible for making any decision regarding Suspension of Play or Abandonment of Rounds. See Committee Procedure 4 (2)B. This procedure can be accessed from the host club golf operations team.
- (vi) If a course will obviously be unplayable prior to the scheduled date, competing clubs and the relevant GPV Co-ordinator MUST be notified the day before.
- (vii) If, for any reason, a course is declared unplayable after matches have started, the Host Club must suspend play immediately. If the course remains unplayable for more than one hour, the Host Club must decide if the round is to be abandoned.
- (viii) If play cannot commence there shall be a waiting time of one hour after the first scheduled hit-off time for a decision to be made if a course is unplayable.
- (ix) If play is abandoned either prior to or after the commencement of a round, regardless of any matches completed, in equity and consideration of health and safety, the round for the division/s affected will be deemed null and void and ½ points awarded to all playing clubs.

Note: In the event of extreme heat, the Event Committee will act in accordance with the GA Heat Policy, as stated on the GPV website, www.gpv.net.au.

4.7 Practice

- (i) Players are not permitted to practice on the course on the day of competition prior to the commencement of their matches except on the designated practice areas of the host club and in accordance with the Rule of Golf 5.2. Breach of this Term will be disqualification of the player or players involved.
- (ii) Following the commencement of their matches, players may practice in accordance with Rule of Golf 5.5b. However, players should note that penalties may be applied in accordance with Rule of Golf 5.6a to any player who delays play by such actions.

4.8 Motorised Transport

- (i) **In regard to Women's Pennant:** Players who have a permanent disability or are recovering from serious illness or injury and are unable to play without the use of a motorised cart must carry a current Medical Certificate at all times and it must be sighted by the Official Starter prior to play. This Certificate must be dated and relevant to the dates of competition.
- (ii) Players aged 70 and over may use a motorised cart.

- (iii) **In regard to Men's Pennant:** players are not permitted to ride in or on any form of mechanical transport during the play of a hole.
- (iv) In accordance with the GPV Transportation Policy, an exemption from Term 4.8 (iii) may be granted by Match Committee for a player who suffers a permanent disability, or who is recovering from serious illness or injury that does not permit them to reasonably walk the golf course.

The following must be produced to gain exemption:

- (a) A current certificate or letter from a Medical Practitioner specifying:
 - (i) the dates for which the injury/disability necessitates the use of motorised transport;
 - (ii) the disability by which the player is affected;
 - (iii) the medical practitioner's opinion that the disability necessitates the player requiring the use of motorised transport in order to participate in the competition;
- (b) In the case of a permanent disability a letter from the Secretary/General Manager of the Club, confirming that the player does not participate in any games of golf at that Club except with the assistance of motorised transport.
- (v) GPV accepts no responsibility for the availability of motorised transport at Host Clubs, or whether clubs allow motorised transport. Carts must be returned at the completion of each match and must not be used for the physical support or transport of other team members who have not completed their matches. This practice will be deemed an unauthorised form of transportation.
- (vi) The penalty for breach of either Term 4.8 (i) or 4.8 (iii) by a player is: At the conclusion of the hole where the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes. If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

Exceptions

- (a) To assist the pace of play, Referees and/or Event Committee members may use motorised carts to transport a player without penalty.
- (b) Where a player is granted permission to use a motorised cart during the season, the player's caddy is permitted to ride with the player without separate permission being required.

4.9 Team Manager (authorised Advice Giver)

- (i) **In regard to Men's Pennant** each team may appoint a Team Manager. The Team Manager must be a member of the team's club and must be identified on the team list submitted prior to the start of the contest.
- (ii) **In regard to Women's Pennant** each team MUST appoint a team manager. The team manager must be a member of the team's club. The team manager must be identified prior to the start of the season.
- (iii) A Team Manager is considered part of a contest and as such, in accordance with Rule of Golf 24.4 is authorised to give advice to members of their team. However if the Team Manager is also a player they are not permitted to supply advice that may have been obtained whilst playing their match.
- (iv) A Team Manager is not part of an individual match and is considered to be an outside agency. Clubs appointing team managers ineligible under Clause 4.8(i) will be subject to penalty as determined by GPV Match Committee.

Note: It is requested that the Team Manager is clearly identifiable whilst performing their role.

- (v) In accordance with the Rule of Golf 24.4, Team Managers are authorised to give advice to members of their team. Team managers are not part of a match and are considered to be outside agencies. Clubs appointing Team Managers ineligible under Term 4.8 (i) will be subject to penalty as determined by GPV Match Committee.
- (vi) Players accepting advice from persons other than the Team Manager or their caddy will be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule of Golf 10.2.

4.10 Distance Measuring Devices

In accordance with Rule 4.3a(1), a player may obtain distance and direction information by use of a distance-measuring device. The provisions of Rule 4.3a apply in relation to Use of Equipment.

4.11 Dress, footwear and course requirements

- (i) Players and caddies are required to adhere to the host club dress code. Penalties will be applied.
- (ii) Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure that their supporters are attired in accordance with the host club's dress standard.

5. Adjudication

5.1 Event Committee and Rules Officials

In regard to Men's Pennant -

- (i) Each Pennant venue will have an Event Committee. The Event Committee is responsible for administering the competition at the venue, monitoring slow play (and issuing penalties if required) and determining any Rules of Golf dispute which may arise or is referred to it.
- (ii) The Event Committee will comprise representative/s from GPV, and no more than two representatives or nominated rules official, (normally President, Captain or members of the club's Match Committee, or equivalent) of the host club. The members of this Committee MUST be determined and published by the host club, prior to the commencement of play at the venue.
- (iii) In the absence of the full Event Committee, in the first instance a minimum quorum of two such members as may be present at any time may give a decision, and any decision will be deemed the decision of the full Event Committee.
- (iv) Should any dispute arise at a Pennant venue, prior to determining any such dispute, the Event Committee is required to ascertain relevant details from a representative of each club or clubs involved and any other relevant party. Following consideration of the matters of the dispute, the Committee decision must be conveyed to each representative from the club or clubs involved.
- (v) Unless otherwise indicated the Event Committee does not have the authority to alter or vary any Pennant Term.
- (vi) At each Pennant venue, Rules of Golf or pace of play matters will be considered by the Event Committee only on the direct referral by a Referee or the member of the Event Committee who has directly adjudicated on such a rules/pace of play matter. Any rules or pace of play decision made by an appointed Referee or individual Event Committee member is final unless such official refers the matter to the Event Committee for consideration.

In regard to Women's Pennant -

- (vii) Rules Officials must be appointed by the Host Club to adjudicate on rules queries between players and pace of play issues as they may arise (including issuing of penalties if required).

Note: There is no right of appeal against any decision given by a Referee.

- (viii) Should a Team Manager consider any Terms have been breached a written report must be received by the Co-ordinator for consideration by the GPV Match Committee within three (3) days of the alleged breach. Penalties shall be retrospective. Email: mc@gpv.net.au

6. Results

6.1 General

- (i) It is the responsibility of each Team Manager to advise and confirm the individual match results for the respective contest to the host club;
- (ii) The host club and/or team manager must submit results for all contests (including individual match results) to Golfbox as soon as possible after the completion of each contest.
- (iii) Results are deemed to be officially announced upon entry into Golfbox.
- (iv) A Team Manager may dispute either a contest result and/or individual match result up until 5pm on the first working day following the day of the contest. All contests and individual match results are deemed to then be final.

6.2 Round Results

Round results will carry the following points:

In regard to Junior Pennant

- a) An individual match that is square at the 18th hole shall be scored as half ($\frac{1}{2}$) point each;
- b) An individual win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) match point;
- c) A draw between two teams (i.e. $3\frac{1}{2}$ match points each) will result in each team being awarded half ($\frac{1}{2}$) a contest point;
- d) A team win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) contest point;
- e) Teams with a bye match will not be awarded points for that round.

In regard to Men's/Women's Pennant

- a) An individual win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) match point;
- b) A team win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) contest point;
- c) Teams with a bye match will not be awarded points for that round.

6.3 Ladders

- (i) Golfbox determines the Division ladders as follows:
 - (a) Teams are positioned on their ladder in descending order of contests won;
 - (b) Teams tied on contests won are ordered by numbers of matches won;
 - (c) Teams still tied are ordered by the result of the most recent contest in the current season between the two teams.
- (ii) Results and ladders will be published on the GPV website, www.gpv.net.au as soon as practicable after each round.

6.4 Finals and divisional winners

- (i) At the conclusion of the round robin contests, the leading team in divisions in which there are no finals shall be declared the division winner.
- (ii) In the event of a tie the winner will be decided on a count-back of 6.3 (b) of individual matches won by each team. If a tie still remains, teams will be ordered by 6.3 (c) the result of the most recent contest of the two teams. If a tie still remains Golfbox will further order teams by the number of matches won by the player or players who played in the number 1 position during the current season, if a tie persists, teams will then be ordered by the number of matches won by the player or players who played in the number 2 position during the current season, and so on until a finishing order is achieved.
- (iii) **In regard to Men's/Women's Pennant:** At the conclusion of the round robin contests the leading two teams in divisions in which there are Finals but no Semi-finals will qualify to compete in divisional Finals. In divisions in which there are Semi- finals the leading four teams will play two Semi-finals: Team 1 will play Team 4 and Team 2 will play Team 3. The winners of the two Semi-finals will play in the Final. In the event that in either or both the Semi-finals there is no decision, the higher-placed team/s on the ladder at the conclusion of the round robin contests will play in the Final.
- (iv) All Finals and Semi-finals will be played on neutral courses.
- (v) The winner of each division will be the team winning the Final.
- (vi) If in a Final or Semi-final the contest is not decided and play is suspended, and is unable to be resumed on that day, play will be resumed on a day and at a time to be determined by Match Committee in consultation with the host club. In the event of the Final not being decided and not being able to be resumed, the higher-placed team on the ladder at the conclusion of the round robin contests will be declared the winner.
- (vii) To be eligible for a Final or Play-off all players must have played a minimum of half of the contests of the current season for that team.
- (viii) Divisional winning teams will be presented with pennants in recognition of this achievement. Each member of the winning teams will be presented with mementos in recognition of their achievement.

6.5 Promotion and relegation

In regard to Men's Pennant:

- (i) In all but the highest Division, (excluding any Reserve Division), the team winning the Final will be promoted to the next highest Division for the following season's competition.
- (ii) Promotion and Relegation will only apply to Division One and Division Two. Division Three (Reserve Division) is for 2nd sides only.
- (iii) In all but the lowest Division, (excluding any Reserve Division) the lowest placed team will be relegated to the next lowest Division for the following season's competition.

In regard to Women's Pennant:

- (iv) In all but the highest division, the top team on the ladder will be promoted to the next highest division for the following season's competition.
- (v) In all but the lowest division, the lowest placed team will be relegated to the next lowest division for the following season's competition.

In the case of a change in the number of the clubs participating in a succeeding season, the GPV Match Committee reserves the right to modify this Term in accordance with Clause 2.2.

6.6 Undefeated players

Players who have played all, or missed no more than one of their round-robin contests and who are undefeated MAY be awarded a memento in recognition of this achievement.

**GPV Match Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms as required.
Any changes made to the Terms of Competition will be communicated to all District clubs.**

7. Code of Conduct

- (i) All players, caddies and club officials are required to abide by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct as adopted by GPV.
- (ii) In the event a person is reported for a possible breach of the GA Code of Conduct, such report will be considered by the GPV Match Committee.
- (iii) The GA Code of Conduct can be found on the Golf Australia Website.



PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

It is the recommendation of GPV that practice opportunities are to be made available with a minimum requirement that practice opportunities are to be provided to teams playing the host club in the forthcoming round. Practice rounds are to be restricted to team members.

Covid-19 Process

The R&A announced a series of temporary measures to combat the hygiene complications associated with Covid-19 whilst golfing. The GPV understands the commitment associated with these requirements. But the GPV believes awareness to the cause is paramount.

The GPV recommend that manager/player must:

- Each week when submitting the team, your responsibility is to confirm that if selected the players do not have the following symptoms:
 - Notify any new or persistent cough,
 - Shortness of breath or any difficulty breathing, or a fever.
- that no-one in the team has been in contact with anyone in the last 14 days who has since tested positive for Covid-19.
- It is therefore essential that if any person experiencing any of those symptoms, or have been in contact with anyone who has, that you notify your club immediately.
- Additionally, all players, caddies and supporters must maintain good hygiene and maintain social distancing. All caddies and supporters are asked to register their attendance at each venue.

Caddies

- Caddies are permitted however GA recommends the sharing of equipment is limited. Their suggestion is that the players handle the clubs and the caddies pull the buggies only.
- **Bunkers:** Refer to the host club local rules. If there is no reference players may take a preferred lie within one club length (not nearer the hole). Breach of local rule: general penalty.
- **Flagsticks:** Refer to the host club local rules. Otherwise, the flag must remain in the hole. If the flag is removed deliberately, first offence is a warning, second is one stroke penalty, third is disqualification.



GUIDELINES FOR STARTERS

MATCH TIMES, TEES AND STARTERS

- Matches will commence as per the Pennant draw.
- The Host Club is responsible for providing starters on both tees.

- Starters should arrive **15** minutes before play is due to commence.
- All Tee markers should be on the plates.
- Ascertain from the draw which club has the honor (first named club).
- Teams hit off Number 7/5 player first

Starters should:

- Introduce players and hand out any local or temporary local rules, making sure both players understand them.
- Witness Medical Certificates prior to play.
- Ask players to identify their golf balls (suggest an identifiable mark).
- Ask players to check that they have no more than 14 clubs in their bag.
- Ask players and caddies to turn off mobile phones.
- Call the players to the tee and allow them to commence their match when the fairway ahead is clear.
- Players **MUST** adhere to host club course requirements eg using sand buckets, wide tyres on buggies, etc
- Matches are played in the order appearing on the draw. The team listed first on the draw has the honour.
- Pennant - Play is in pairs. Mens Masters Pennant play is in 4's
- Play is from tee markers as directed by the host club. Men's pennant may be played from different tee markers.
- No 7/5 players play first, followed by no 6/4 players etc.
- Players **MUST** play in the position listed on the team lists. A loss of match penalty applies if a player plays out of position.
- Exception – an emergency player may be substituted only in the position of the player they are replacing.
- If a player arrives at his/her starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after his/her starting time, in the absence of exceptional circumstances preventing the player starting on time, the penalty is loss of the first hole in the match. Play will commence from the second hole.

SLOW PLAY

Prompt Pace of Play: Rules of Golf 2019 Rule: 5.6b

- ALL PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AWARE OF THEIR PACE OF PLAY.
- Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it.
- Any match that falls a clear hole behind it's preceding match will be considered out of position.
- As a general rule the expected playing time is approximately 12½ minutes per hole. The first nine holes in each match is expected to be completed in a maximum time of 1 hour 55 minutes.
- In extreme weather or playing conditions this time limit may be extended.



PENNANT RESULTS

PLAYED AT _____ ON _____

_____ VS _____

PLAYER	H/C	RESULT		PLAYER	H/C	RESULT
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
CAPTAIN _____				CAPTAIN _____		

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