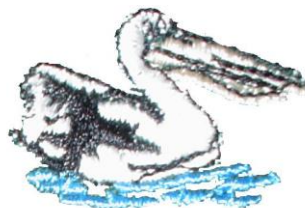


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**(CCDGA)**



**CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

**2018 PENNANT SERIES**

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NB. These conditions of play may be altered at any time at the discretion of CCDGA Inc.

These conditions of play do not apply to the Junior Pennant in respect of which specific conditions of play will be issued prior to commencement of the Junior series.

1. **The Committee**

- CCDGA Pennant Matches are governed by the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee (a sub-committee of the CCDGA Match Committee comprising the District Captain, District Vice Captain and Club Captains nominated by the CCDGA Match Committee.
- The 2018 Pennant Match Committee is Mr. Steve Fallon, Mr. Peter Sliwinski, Mr. Garry Crane, and Mr. Graham Chee. Mr. John Witten will act as substitute should any one of the nominated committee be unavailable.
- The Match Committee of the host club(s) shall represent the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee and provide decisions on the conditions of play or the Rules of Golf during the play of preliminary rounds.
- Any decision required during play of the preliminary rounds in respect of a Rule of Golf will be given by the Match Committee of the host club together with any member of the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee present.
- No member of the host club who is playing or acting as Team Manager shall make or take part in making such decision.
- Finals will be under the control of the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee together with any nominees of the host club as may be required.
- CCDGA reserves the right to alter or vary these Conditions of Play at any time.

**NOTE:**

- **There is no right of appeal / protest in respect of any decision on the Rules of Golf by a rules official or individual member of the relevant Match Committee.**
- **Clubs may appeal to the Pennant Match Committee in relation to the CCDGA Pennant conditions of play. The decision of the Pennant Match Committee shall be final.**

1. **Sterland Shield and Grade Shields**

**The Sterland Shield** is decided:

- By the number of team wins over the four (4) grades
- If clubs are tied on team wins the Sterland Shield will be decided by the number of individual wins over the four (4) grades. If still tied the clubs will be declared joint winners.
- Results in finals and playoffs are not included in these calculations.
- The Sterland Shield will be presented to the winning club at the CCDGA Presentation Night.

**Grade Shields** are:

- Won by the winners of the final.
- Will be presented to the winning club at the conclusion of the final and again at the CCDGA Presentation Night.

2. **Procedures for Pennant matches.**

Definitions – to assist in the interpretation of these conditions reference to:

- a match relates to a round in which one player plays against another player
- a contest relates to a round in which a team from one club plays against a team from another club.
- **Eligibility:**

The Pennant competition is for male amateur members of CCDGA golf clubs which are members of Golf NSW:

- A player is eligible for pennant matches if he is a male amateur golfer and a current financial member of the club he represents on the date of play. He must also be in a category of membership which allows him to compete in his club's Club Championship. "Scholarships" are not recognised within the CCDGA and the holders of such class of membership shall be deemed to be unfinancial even though the Articles of the member Club might recognise and provide for "Scholarships".
- A Junior may play in Juniors for one Club and in another grade for another Club provided all other requirements re eligibility are met.
- Any player who, at the time of the contest, has his golf playing membership or handicap suspended by Golf NSW or any club or DGA which is a member of Golf NSW is not eligible to participate.
- Any player with a provisional handicap fourteen (14) days before the first scheduled game of the series is not eligible to participate. Any player whose handicap becomes provisional throughout the competition is not eligible to compete while his GA handicap has this status.
- A player may play in a higher grade (i.e. from "B" grade to "A" grade or from "C" grade to "B" grade) but having done so is ineligible to return to the lower grade if the series of the previous grade has commenced. Juniors may play in both the Junior and Senior series in any grade.
- **"A" grade** – any eligible player who is a member of the participating club.

**"B" grade** – any eligible player who is a member of the participating club on a GA handicap of 12.5 or more fourteen (14) days before the first scheduled game of the series.

**"C" grade** – any eligible player who is a member of the participating club on a GA handicap of 18.5 or more fourteen (14) days before the first scheduled game of the series.

All Clubs MUST supply a list of all selected players in "B" & "C" grade together with their Golfink number to the District Captain or his representative in the week immediately prior to the commencement of the first round of the Pennant series. Failure to submit the required information will result in disqualification of the team.

**Penalty – ineligible player.**

The penalty for an ineligible player (or reserve player) competing in a contest is forfeit of the specific individual match to the opposing Club.

- **Format:**

The series will be conducted in three (3) sections, "A" grade, "B" grade and "C" grade. Play in each grade will be at such date and times as are determined by CCDGA.

Each grade will be played in two (2) divisions with the divisional winners playing in the final.

**Team Nominations:**

Each Club is eligible to nominate teams in each of the three (3) sections.

"A" grade teams shall consist of 7 players plus a reserve player.

"B" and "C" grade teams shall consist of 3 pairs of players.

Each club is required to nominate a rules official for each of the contests to be played at their Club. This person must be able to provide correct decisions on the Rules of Golf. They must be present on the day of the contest. Their name and contact details (email and phone number) must be forwarded to the District Captain when the team squads are forwarded to the Pennant Match Committee.

**"A" Grade Pennant:**

- Is a contest between two Clubs consisting of seven (7) individual matches plus a reserve match played over 18 holes of match play without the benefit of handicap. A match square after 18 holes shall be declared halved **EXCEPT** in all finals where play shall continue until one player wins a hole.
- Individual matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the Host Club but should be in Medal positions where possible.
- Usually conducted annually in the first six (6) months of the year.

Clubs participating in the "A" Grade Pennant shall be divided into two (2) Divisions. Each Division will be determined by placings in the three grades of the Senior pennant for the prior year. Divisions determined by such placings will be adjusted to ensure that no more than one (1) nine hole course is in each Division.

The "A" Grade Pennant shall consist of five (5) preliminary rounds played on a round robin basis. On completion of the preliminary rounds the Club that secures the greatest number of contest points in each Division will be the Divisional winner. If two (2) or more Clubs are tied on contest points a count back as outlined in (vi) shall be applied.

On completion of the preliminary rounds the Divisional winners will progress to the final to determine the winner of the "A" Pennant. If two (2) or more Clubs are tied on contest points a count back as outlined in (vi) shall be applied.

The final shall be played at a neutral venue as determined by the CCDGA Match Committee.

#### **“B” & “C” Grade Pennant:**

- Is a contest between two Clubs consisting of three (3) Four Ball Better Ball matches played over 18 holes of match play without the benefit of handicap. A match square after 18 holes shall be declared halved **EXCEPT** in all finals where play shall continue until one pair wins a hole however, if the result in a final has been decided individual matches shall terminate without further play and be declared square.
- Individual matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the Host Club but should be in members positions for the day where possible.

Clubs participating in the “B” & “C” Grade Pennant shall be divided into two (2) Divisions. Each Division will be determined by placings in the three grades of the Senior pennant for the prior year. Divisions determined by such placings will be adjusted to ensure that no more than one (1) nine hole course is in each Division.

The “B” & “C” Grade Pennant shall consist of five preliminary rounds played on a round robin basis. On completion of the home and away preliminary rounds the Club that secures the greatest number of contest points in each Division will be the Divisional winner. If two (2) or more Clubs are tied on contest points a count back as outlined in (vi) shall be applied.

On completion of the preliminary rounds the Divisional winners will progress to the final to determine the winner of the “B” and “C” grade Pennant.

The final shall be played at a neutral venue as determined by the CCDGA Match Committee.

#### **Dates and time of play:**

- Contests **MUST** be played on the dates and times fixed by CCDGA Match Committee however;
- the CCDGA Match Committee may alter the date of a preliminary or final round at its sole and absolute discretion.
- any proposed changes by a host Club to the dates or times shown in the draw must have the prior approval of the CCDGA Match Committee or its nominee.
- any Club failing to play on the date and at the time fixed by the CCDGA Match Committee will forfeit the contest to the Club drawn against it in “A” grade 7 ½ - 0, “B” & “C” grade 3-0.

#### **Dates of Play**

- The dates for Pennant matches will be set out when the final draw is published. The draw will be titled – **final draw and dated**.
- All contests will be played on Sundays unless prior permission has been granted by the CCDGA Match Committee to play on a Saturday. Clubs granted permission to play on Saturdays will be noted as such in the draw.

#### **Withdrawal of Club after draw completed.**

A Club must not withdraw, or fail to field a team, from/in the Pennant series after the draw has been compiled and circulated.

- In the event that a Club does not participate for the entire season all contest points and individual match points received in contests against that Club shall be disregarded. The CCDGA Match Committee shall determine an appropriate count back procedure should this situation arise.
- Any Club that withdraws from the major Pennant after the final draw has been compiled and circulated may be penalised at the discretion of the CCDGA Match Committee.

#### **Time of Play.**

- The starting times for each contest shall be **THE TIME PUBLISHED** in the final draw as nominated by each Club. This time should be before 12 noon.
- Starting times of individual matches must be strictly adhered to. All individual matches are to start at the published time with the first individual match to commence at the advertised starting time for the contest and each subsequent match to commence at seven (7) minute intervals thereafter.
- Failure to commence matches at the stipulated time for reasons unacceptable to CCDGA could render the host Club liable to such penalties as may be determined by CCDGA.
- Every effort should be made to play the contest on the scheduled day and time. If it is necessary to delay the commencement of play or suspend play because of weather conditions play should not be suspended for the day until such time as it would not be possible for the last match to be concluded on the day. The decision on this rests with the Match Committee of the Host Club.
- If for any reason contests are unable to commence the contest will be played on the specified lay day or such other date as shall be determined by the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee.
- For contests which have commenced but are unable to be completed the players should endeavour to complete the hole in play. On the lay day or such other date as determined by the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee, incomplete matches will be completed with play resuming from the place on the course the original match was abandoned. If this is not possible the incomplete matches will commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. The same players are required to contest the resumed match. The result of matches completed before play is abandoned shall stand and will be taken into account in determining the result of the contest.

#### **(iv) Order of Play.**

- Contests will be played in the order of "A" grade followed by "B" grade followed by "C" grade.

#### **Nomination of teams to opposition and Host Club.**

- The Captain or Manager of each Club shall advise the official representative of the Host Club the names of the players in playing order, plus the reserve, at least ten (10) minutes before the nominated starting time. The team nomination sheet must also name the Team Manager (if applicable).

- The home club team sheet must also name the match official for the day.
- The playing position of each player shall be determined by the Captain or Manager of each Club. (i.e. there is no requirement for players in the team to play in the order of current GA handicaps.)
- If a Club fails to provide the Team Nomination Sheet within ten (10) minutes of the nominated starting time the penalty shall be the loss of individual match No7 ("A" grade), No. 3 ("B" & "C" grades).
- If a Club is unable to submit a full team, the opposing Captain or Manager and the relevant Match Committee must be notified that the team shall consist of a certain number of players who must play in descending order. The team will forfeit the last position and any other places not represented.

**Absence of player(s) and/or reserves.**

- If, after the names of teams have been handed in a player fails to appear or is unfit or otherwise unable to play, the reserve player may take his place but he must play in the same team position of the player for whom he is substituting. If a reserve player is substituting for another player named in the team a notation must be made on the result sheet.
- A player will be considered absent if he is not ready to start at the time his individual match is due to hit off. Rule 6.3 applies.
- Should the reserve player in an individual match be required to take the place of an absent team member he must be ready and able to play at the time scheduled for the absent player's match. If the reserve player is not ready to play as a substitute player within five (5) minutes of the appointed time then the penalty is loss of the individual match.
- The honour on the tee shall be decided by the toss of a coin between representatives of the competing clubs. The Club that wins the toss shall have the honour at the starting tee for all individual matches in that contest.
- Teams will hit off in order as follows:

"A" grade – No 7 players concluding with the No 1 players hitting off last. Each group will consist of two (2) matches. (7 & 6, 5 & 4, 3 & 2, 1 & Res)

"B" & "C" grade – teams will hit off in order beginning with the No 3 pair and concluding with the No 1 pair. Each group will consist of one match. There are no reserve matches.

Once play has commenced the penalty for any player playing in an incorrect team position shall be disqualification of the individual match. Exception: reserve player substituting for a listed player.

**(v) Winner of the contest.**

- The Club that secures the greater number of individual match points is the winner of the contest. Refer to “Contest Points and Individual Match Points” below for further details).
- Completed result sheets are required to be faxed or emailed to the District Captain (Steve Fallon – fax 4367 2007 / [erinaembroidery@hotmail.com](mailto:erinaembroidery@hotmail.com)) immediately following conclusion of the days play or as soon as possible thereafter.

**Contest Points and Individual Match Points.**

The following allocation of contest points and individual match points will apply for all preliminary rounds.

Contest Points – The Club that secures the greater number of individual match points is the winner of the contest. Contest points are awarded for each contest as follows:

- (a) Two (2) contest points are awarded.
- (b) One (1) contest point is awarded to each Club for a drawn contest.

Individual Match Points – Individual match points are awarded for each individual match as follows:

- (a) One (1) individual match point is awarded to the Club for each individual match win. One half (1/2) match point is awarded for each individual reserve match win.
- (b) One half (½) individual match point is awarded to each Club for each drawn individual match.
- (c) The result of the reserve match is not part of the contest. However, for the purpose of a count back to determine team standings it will be used.

**(vi) Count Back procedures.**

The following count back procedures apply in determining the order of places on the Pennant table:

- The leading Club in each division will be the Club which has the greatest number of contest points.
- In the event that two (2) or more Clubs have an equal number of contest points the higher placed Club will be the Club with the highest average of contest points (i.e. total contest points divided by the number of contest played).
- In the event that two (2) or more Clubs have an equal number of contest points and an equal average the higher placed Club will be the Club with more individual match points per contest.
- In the event that two (2) or more Clubs have an equal number of contest points and an equal number of individual match points the Club with the highest points accumulated by their reserve matches divided by contests played will determine the higher place.



- In the event that two (2) or more Clubs have an equal number of contest points and an equal number of individual match points and an equal number of reserve points the decision shall be reached by count back based on the overall result of the contest(s) between the tied Clubs in the preliminary round(s)
- In the event the Clubs did not play against each other during the preliminary rounds or the Clubs are unable to be separated the places will be determined by lot.

### 3. **Other conditions of Play and Procedures.**

**(i)** Caddies (as defined in the Rules of Golf and including the driver of motorised transport) are permitted in any grade.

**(ii)** **Pace of Play. (Guide only. Match officials should use a common sense approach to administering the pace of play)**

Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it. The following time schedule for the completion of each hole applies:

Par 3 holes – 11 minutes

Par 4 holes – 13 minutes

Par 5 holes – 15 minutes

In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather/playing conditions) the Match Committee has the authority to extend this time requirement.

The first match to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the cumulative time prescribed by the above time schedule. Any following match will be considered out of position if it;

- Reaches the tee of a par 3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par 4 hole and the putting green is clear; or
- Reaches the tee of a par 5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.

#### **Pace of Play penalties – Match Play**

An out of position match may be monitored. Anytime a match is being monitored they will be notified of such monitoring by a Match Committee representative or a Rules Official.

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any match being monitored and out of position;

1<sup>st</sup> breach – warning

2<sup>nd</sup> breach – group must miss a hole and walk to the next tee. Holes not played considered halved.

3<sup>rd</sup> breach – 2<sup>nd</sup> warning

4<sup>th</sup> breach – disqualification

**All matches will stop after 4 hours 45 minutes.** Any match not completed will result in the match being squared. If circumstances exist where the delay in play is not the fault of the teams playing (e.g. the golfers playing ahead are slow) this time can be extended.

Any player considered to be purposely playing slowly to take advantage of this condition will be considered in breach of the District's code of conduct in relation to unsportsmanlike conduct and the matter referred to CCDGA for action.

All decisions in regard to pace of play must be made by the Club official or representative of the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee.

**(iii) Use of Distance Measuring Devices:**

Subject to the local rules of the host club in this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature etc) but does not utilise these additional functions the player is not in breach of Rule 14-3 and no penalty shall apply. However, if any function other than the measurement of distance is used the player is in breach of Rule 14 – 3 and subject to the designated penalties under that Rule.

**(iv) Use of Locomotion:**

**The use of motorised transport in all grades is permitted.**

**NB: The CCDGA Inc. accepts no responsibility for the availability of automotive locomotion at venue Clubs or as to whether permission is or is not granted for the use of such automotive locomotion.**

**(v) Mobile Phones**

- The use of a mobile or portable phone by a player, whilst on the golf course, is prohibited. The penalty for breach of this condition is loss of hole at which the breach occurs. If the breach occurs between holes then the penalty applies to the next hole. If the breach occurs at halfway then no penalty applies.
- If the player is in possession of a mobile or portable phone it MUST be turned off. If the phone rings this will be deemed to be in use and the penalty outlined above will apply.

**Exceptions:**

- A player, who due to his profession or “civic responsibilities is “on call”, may be granted permission to use such devices during the course of the matches. Such use is only permitted on the authority of the District Captain or his nominee and will only apply if the player is “on Call” during the conduct of the event.
- In the interest of fast play a mobile phone may be utilised to summon an official for the purpose of a ruling or to resolve a dispute.

**(vi) Code of Conduct:**

The CCDGA’s Code of Conduct shall apply to all Championships, major activities, events and competitions (including Pennants) conducted by the CCDGA, in addition to other requirements of players as specified by tournament conditions , local rules and the by-laws of Clubs hosting CCDGA events. On entering a CCDGA event, either as an individual or as a member of a team entered by his club, a player agrees to comply with the normal standards of behaviour and conduct and with the specific conditions of play hereinbefore stated.

Players are under an obligation to avoid acts that are unsportsmanlike and detrimental to the game of golf.

Violation of any of the following provisions is regarded as unacceptable conduct and may render a player subject to action as determined by the CCDGA Inc.

- a. CCDGA Inc. may in its absolute discretion, at any time and without assigning any reason therefore, refuse any entry or declare any entrant ineligible to compete.

- b. Any player who shall, during any CCDGA Championship, approved tournament or activity, within the precincts of the course, clubhouse or in the vicinity of the host venue engage in conduct in such a manner as will bring discredit to the CCDGA or the game of golf.
- c. Any player who shall use profane or abusive language, throw or break clubs, wilfully damage the course in any way, criticise the course, competition, the sponsors or other officials connected with the competition.
- d. Any player guilty of deliberately breaking the Rules of Golf.
- e. Any player who refuses to comply with the host club's dress regulations.

During Pennant competition the consumption of alcohol by a player on the golf course during the course of his match is prohibited. Nothing in these conditions prevents the consumption of alcohol at the break between each nine holes. Players found in breach of this condition will be subject to disqualification. Consumption of alcohol on the golf course by a Manager will result in the deduction of one (1) winning match from the team result.