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Central Coast District Golf Association Inc

2021 JUNIOR PENNANT

Conditions of Play

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1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. In these Conditions, unless the context indicates otherwise:

“**Club**” means a club competing in the Junior Pennant.

“**Composite team**” means a team comprising players from two or more CCDGA clubs.

“**Contest**” means the competition between teams from two Clubs consisting of Individual Matches.

“**Match**” means the competition between two players who are members of a Club/Composite team.

“**CCDGA Pennant Match Committee**” means the Pennant Match Committee of Central Coast District Golf Association Inc. comprising Mr. Steve Fallon, Mr. Peter Sliwinski and Mr. Graham Chee. Mr. John Witten will act as substitute should any one of the nominated Committee be unavailable.

“**Host Club**” means the Club nominated in the Draw to host the Contest.

“**Rules of Golf**” and “**Rules**” means the Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status and related Decisions published and approved by the R&A Rules Limited current at the time of the event.

2. THE COMMITTEE

2.1 The Junior Pennant is governed by the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee.

2.2 The Host Club’s Match Committee shall represent the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee and provide decisions on the Conditions of the Junior Pennant or the Rules of Golf during play.

2.3 Any decision on Rules, required during play of the preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

2.4 No member of the Host Club who is playing or acting as Team Manager shall make or take part in making such decision.

2.5 The playing of all matches and contests will be under the control of CCDGA Pennant Match Committee representative(s) together with any nominee(s) of the Host Club as necessary.

2.6 The CCDGA Pennant Match Committee reserves the right to alter or vary these Conditions at any time

<p>Note: There is no right of appeal/protest against any decision by a Rules Official or Individual Member of the relevant Match Committee.</p>
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3. ENTRY

3.1 The Junior Pennant is for male and female members of CCDGA affiliated golf clubs who are under 18 years of age as at the date of the first round of the competition.

3.2 Clubs are permitted to enter more than one team. Two or more Clubs may enter a “composite” team should they not have the numbers to enter a team in their own right.

3.3 Inclusion in the Draw will confirm that the Club agrees with and will comply with the Conditions laid down by CCDGA.

4. ADVICE

4.1 Permission to appoint a person as provided under Rule 24.4 is given.

The appointed person is to be identified to the relevant Match Committee in charge of the venue prior to the commencement of the Contest. A nomination of a “Team Advisor” on the Team nomination form is sufficient notice for this purpose.

- 4.2. This person must not be a participant in any Individual Match. This person is not permitted to provide advice on the line of putt nor walk on the green when the ball of a team player lies on the putting green.. The penalty for a breach is a loss of hole.
- 4.3. Caddies are not permitted.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 5.1. Players must be under 18 years of age as at the date of the first round of competition.
- 5.2. Players must be amateur golfers who are current financial members of the Club (or in the case of composite teams one of the clubs comprising that team) they are to represent as at 1 January, 2020 and on the date of play and are in a category of membership which allows them to compete in their Club's Open or Junior Championship.
- 5.3. Handicap Limits (maximum) – Boys – 27, Girls – 36 (Players may play if their handicap is higher but must play with the maximum handicap on the day). There is no lower limit.
- 5.4. A player may play Junior Pennant for one Club, and then in the same season play Major Pennant for a different Club, provided the player was a member of both Clubs as at the time of the competition.
- 5.5. A player may not play in the Junior Pennant for more than one Club in any one season.
- 5.6. Any player who has their golf playing membership or handicap at the date of the Contest suspended by Golf NSW, any Club which is a member of Golf NSW, or a District Golf Association, is not eligible to participate.

Penalty – ineligible player

- 5.7. The penalty for an ineligible player competing in a Contest is a forfeit of the specific Individual Match to the opposing Club. In addition, all subsequent individual matches whose team position is affected by the play of the ineligible player will be forfeited to the opposing Club. For example, should a team field an ineligible player at position No. 3, the individual matches at 3,4,5 and 6 will be forfeited to the opposing Club.
- 5.8. Players with Provisional Handicaps are ineligible to play while their handicap is in the Provisional status (Note – Under GA handicap system a Provisional handicap is applied when a player has 5 or more “No Score – Not approved” rounds in the last 20 rounds)
- 5.9. Clubs must supply a list of all selected players together with their Golfink number and date of birth 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.

6. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 6.1. All Contests and Individual Matches will be played under the Rules of Golf, the Local Rules in operation at the Host Club and in accordance with these Conditions.
- 6.2. The Junior Pennant is governed by the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee.
- 6.3. The Junior Pennant is a Contest between the two Clubs consisting of Six (6) Individual Matches played over 18 holes of match play. No. 1 & 2 playing without the benefit of handicap, and No. 3,4,5 & 6 playing handicap match play. (Refer to App. 3 – CCDGA Match Play Index). Matches square after 18 holes shall be declared halved.
- 6.4. Where a penalty for a breach of a Condition is not stated, the penalty shall be determined by the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee.
- 6.5. Individual Matches can be played as either one or two matches per time slot. This decision is at the discretion of the Host Club.
- 6.6. Individual Matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the Host Club, and should be in Members tee positions in competition of the day. Boys play from Men's tees and girls play from Women's tees.

6.7 The result of each hole shall be determined by each player's score in relation to par.

- 6.7(i) When a boy plays against a girl in position No.1 & 2 and the par for the hole is different, the outcome is determined by the score in relation to par.
- (ii) When a boy plays against a girl in position No.3,4,5 & 6 and the par for the hole is different, the outcome is determined by the net score in relation to par.
- (iii) If the result of the contest is 3 all then each team will nominate a player for a sudden death playoff. The Team Managers will liaise to decide whether the play off will be with or without handicap and then nominate their player accordingly.

7. DATES AND TIMES OF PLAY

- 7.1. Contests must be played on the dates and times fixed by the CCDGA Match Committee, however,
- (a) The CCDGA Pennant Match Committee may alter the date of a round at its sole and absolute discretion.
 - (b) Any proposed changes by a Host Club to the date or times shown in the Draw must have the prior approval of the CCDGA Inc.
- 7.2. Any Club failing to play on the date and at the time fixed by the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee will forfeit the Contest to the Club drawn against it by 6 – 0.

Dates of Play

- 7.3. The dates for 2021 event will be set out when the Final Draw is published.
- 7.4. Contests will be played on Saturdays unless prior permission has been granted by CCDGA Match Committee to play on a Sunday. Clubs granted permission to play on Sundays will be noted as such in the draw.

Times of Play

- 7.5. The Starting Times for each Contest shall be nominated by the host Club and reflected in the confirmed draw.
- 7.6. Starting times of games must be strictly adhered to. All games are to start at the published time.

8. NOMINATION OF TEAMS TO OPPOSITION AND HOST CLUB

- 8.1. The Captain and/or Manager of each Club shall advise the official representative of the Host Club the names of the players in playing order at least ten (10) minutes before the nominated starting time. The Team Nomination Sheet must also name the Team Manager.
- 8.2. If a Club fails to provide the Team Nomination Sheet within ten (10) minutes the penalty shall be the loss of Individual Match No 6.
- 8.3. 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 last place, and any other places, not represented.

9. ABSENCE OF PLAYER(S)

- 9.1. If, after the names of Teams have been handed in, a player fails to appear or is unfit or otherwise unable to play, the match is forfeited.
- 9.2. A player will be considered absent, if he/she is not ready to start at the time that his/her Individual Match is due to hit-off.

10. ORDER OF PLAY

- 10.1. The playing position of each player shall be in the order of whole number GA handicaps, with No. 6 player having the highest handicap and No. 1 player the lowest. The player's handicap will be the Golfink handicap, adjusted to the slope of the course, as at the morning of the days play.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. If Individual Matches are played in fours teams will hit-off in order beginning with the No. 6 and the No.5 players, followed by the No. 4 players and the No. 3 players and concluding with the No. 2 and No.1 players hitting off last.

If Individual Matches are played in twos, teams will hit-off in order with No. 6 players hitting off first, then the No. 5 players, etc.

Penalty – incorrect team order

- 10.4. Once play has commenced, the penalty for any player playing in an incorrect team position will be as follows:

The player/s competing out of order in a Contest will forfeit the specific Individual Match to the opposing Club. In addition, all subsequent individual Matches whose team position is affected by the player being in an incorrect team position will be forfeited to the opposing Club. For example, should a team field a player at position No. 3 out of position then the individual matches at 3,4,5 and 6 will be forfeited to the opposing Club.

11. WINNER OF THE CONTEST

- 11.1. 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).

12. CONTEST POINTS AND INDIVIDUAL MATCH POINTS

- 12.1. The following allocation of Contest Points and Individual Match Points will apply for all rounds:

Contest Points

- 12.2. The Club that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest.
- 12.3. Contest Points are awarded for each Contest as follows:

- (a) Three (3) Contest Points are awarded to the winner of the Contest.
- (b) One (1) Contest Point is awarded to each Club for a drawn Contest.

Individual Match Points

- 12.4. 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.
 - (b) One half (½) Individual Match Point is awarded to each Club for each drawn Individual Match.
- 12.5. Refer Condition 19 in the event of suspension of play.

13. COUNTBACK PROCEDURES

- 13.1. In the event that two or more Clubs have an equal number of Contest Points, the higher placed Club will be the Club with more Individual Match Points per Contest.
- 13.2. In the event that two or more Clubs have an equal number of Contest Points and an equal number of Individual Match Points as outlined in 12.3 and 12.4 above, the decision shall be reached by countback based on the overall result of the Contest(s) between the tied Clubs in the preliminary round(s).

14. PRACTICE

- 14.1. Teams may practice on the course on the day of the match prior to the nominated starting time, **only by invitation of the Host Club**. This does not preclude use of the practice areas. By arrangement with the Host Club, the Team may practice on a day prior to the day of the Contest. Team Managers are requested to emphasise this rule to members of the Team.
- 14.2. Following the commencement of their Individual Matches, players may practice in accordance with Rule 5.5b. However, players should note that penalties may still be applied in accordance with Rule 5.6 to any player who unduly delays play by such actions.

15. 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/her play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4-3. The use of such devices must not affect the pace of play.

16. SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY

- 16.1. 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 that day. The decision on this matter rests with the responsible designated Match Committee of the Host Club(s).
- 16.2. Course conditions, remaining time available and of course player safety should all be taken into account when considering whether to continue, suspend or cancel play for the day.
- 16.3. If resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the matter will be referred to the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee which will determine the action to be taken. The CCDGA Pennant Match Committee may find an alternate date with play recommencing in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- 16.4. If the Contest did not start refer to Condition 16.5.
- 16.5. If it is not possible for a Contest to resume as per Condition 16.3 or if the Contest did not start, the result of the Contest and allocation of Contest Points and Individual Match Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - (a) If a Club has secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Contest then the following points will be awarded:
 - i. three (3) Contest Points for the winner of the Contest
 - ii. for completed matches – one (1) Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective the match.
 - iii. for incomplete matches - Individual Match Points will be divided between the Clubs.
 - (b) If a Club has not secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Contest then the following points will be awarded:
 - i. one (1) Contest Point to each Club

- ii. for completed matches – (1) Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective match
 - iii. for incomplete matches - Individual Match Points will be divided between the Clubs.
- (c) The CCDGA Pennant Match Committee reserves the right to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete one or more Contests in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

17. TRANSPORTATION

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee.

Exception: If, for any reason, a player is required to return to the place from which he/she last played and a cart or other form of transport is available, in the interest of fast play such player(s) may be transported to and from the position he/she last played by such available transport.

17.1.

The following must be produced to gain exemption:

- (a) certificate or letter from a Medical Practitioner specifying that in the medical practitioner's opinion that the disability necessitates the player requiring the use of automotive locomotion in order to participate in the Junior Pennant; or
- (b) in the case of a permanent disability a letter from the Secretary of the Club, confirming that the player does not participate in any games of golf at that Club except with the assistance of automotive locomotion; or
- © in the case of a temporary disability a letter from the Secretary of the Club confirming that the player does not presently participate in any games of golf at the Club except with the assistance of automotive locomotion and nominating the period for which permission to use automotive locomotion is granted.

17.2

CCDGA Inc. accepts no responsibility for the availability of transportation at venue Clubs, or as to whether or not permission is granted to use transportation.

18. MOBILE PHONES

18.1

Mobile Phones must be turned off during the match. The Penalty for a breach of this Condition is:

- (a) Accidental ringing of phone – warning for 1st offence. For a second offence – Loss of hole. For further offences – loss of match .
- (b) Deliberate act causing distraction – suspension of player for next Contest and deduction of an Individual Match Point from the Team's accumulated season total.

19. DRUG TESTING

All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, will be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 1800 020 506, or from www.asada.gov.au.

The penalty for use of banned substance(s) will be at the discretion of CCDGA Pennant Match Committee.

20. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

- 20.1 The consumption of alcohol by players and team managers on the course during their Contest is strictly prohibited.
- 20.2 The penalty for a breach of this Condition is:
- (a) Breach by Player - Suspension of Player from next Contest and a deduction of an Individual Match Point from the Team's accumulated season total.
 - (b) Breach by Team Manager - Suspension of Team Manager from next Contest and a deduction of an Individual Match Point from the Team's accumulated season total.

21. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 21.1 The current CCDGA Code of Conduct applies to all players participating in Junior Pennant.
- 21.2 Breaches of the Code of Conduct reported during Junior Pennant shall be subject to action by CCDGA Inc. under its disciplinary procedures contained in the Code of Conduct.

22. PROTESTS

- 22.1.1 Within two (2) days after each match, the protesting Club must notify CCDGA Pennant Match Committee, **in writing** (Captain, CCDGA Shop 5 20 Karalta Rd Erina NSW 2250) or via email to erinaembroidery@hotmail.com of any protest or matter which is considered in breach of the Conditions. Such written notification will be deemed to be a protest and must be made by the Club Captain or his authorised representative.
- 22.2 The Club lodging the protest **MUST** also provide a copy of the protest to the Host Club where the Contest was played and to the opposing Team's Club Captain on the same day it is lodged with CCDGA.
- 22.3 CCDGA Pennant Match Committee may contact the Club(s) concerned seeking a statement of facts to be supplied by a fixed date. The matter will then be considered and dealt with by the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee at its discretion. The CCDGA Pennant Match Committee may take further evidence as required.
- 22.4 A decision given by the CCDGA Pennant Match Committee or its appointed delegate(s) on any protest by any competing Club will be considered final and binding on all competing Clubs.

23. BY-LAWS, CLUB RULES AND DRESS REGULATIONS

- 23.1 The By-laws, Club rules and dress regulations of the Host Club shall apply.
- 23.2 It is the responsibility of visiting Team Managers and/or Captain to ensure their players and officials adhere to this Condition.
- 23.3 To ensure this Condition is complied with, clubs must advise their players, caddies and supporters accordingly (i.e. Spikes, dress regulations, wide wheel buggies, smoking restrictions).
- 23.4 Host club officials constituting the Match Committee of the day should not permit any player attired in a manner which breaches the Club dress regulations to commence play.
- 23.5 Any player not meeting Host Club dress regulations will be considered absent, and the Individual Match awarded to the opposition in accordance with the Absence of Players conditions.

24. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Results and Ladders

- 24.1 All Pennant results, ladders and feature articles on Junior Pennant can be found on CCDGA website www.golfcentralcoast.org.au

Equipment

- 24.2 It is recommended that Team Managers check with host Clubs prior to the Contest and enquire whether a condition requiring buggies to be equipped with wide wheels or a restriction relating to metal spikes in golf shoes applies.

Sponsor's Logos

- 24.3 A Sponsor's Logo is acceptable provided it appears only once on each piece of the player's clothing. The logo must not exceed a perimeter measurement of 220 mm (this does not include the Club logo)

25. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

When hosting a pennant competition, Clubs should program the member's competition on the day to be a Par or Stableford event to promote minimal round times.

Buffer Zones

For play in fours there will be no requirement for a buffer zone. For play in twos Clubs are required to provide a 30 minute buffer zone. Clubs are requested to ensure that Contests hit off on time and are not held up by the groups in front and thus an extended buffer zone may be employed to ensure that this occurs, depending upon the type of event being played in front of the Contests.

Penalty: As determined by the CCDGA Match Committee.

Course presentation

It is expected that each Club involved in the Junior Pennant will present its course in a condition of the high standard that the Junior Pennant deserves.

The course set-up should be no harder than that used for club medal day competition.

The Golf Australia guidelines regarding hole positions should be strongly adhered to for all Junior Pennant contests, particularly on days of inclement weather. The guidelines provide the following advice:

- The hole should be positioned at least four metres from any edge of the green. If a bunker is close to the edge, or if the ground slopes away from the edge, the distance should be greater.
- An area of two or three feet around the hole should be as level as possible. Effort should be made to ensure holes are not positioned within three metres of a very severe slope or ridge or of a recently cut hole.
- Consider the condition of nearby turf, especially taking care to avoid old plug holes.
- Ensure there is a balanced selection of holes for the entire course with respect to left, right, central, front and back positions.

Match Committee

It is the responsibility of the Host Club(s) to see that at least one, or preferably two members of their Committee (constituting the Match Committee for the day unless otherwise stated) are available during play, to ensure that the Conditions are adhered to, and to adjudicate on any queries that may be raised. A participant (player, or manager) cannot be a member of this Match Committee.

The Match Committee is responsible for:

- Ensuring that matches commence on time and remain on time
- Monitoring pace of play (and issuing penalties as required)
- Adjudicating on any Rule of Golf or these Conditions, where delegated to do so.

The Match Committee should ensure that they have a copy of these Conditions with them.

Any decision on Rules required during play of preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club, and any decision so given will be final.

Results

It is the responsibility of the Host Club to email the result sheet to CCDGA immediately after the completion of all Contests. (erinaembroidery@hotmail.com.)

Practice rounds

The availability of Practice Rounds for visiting Clubs prior to a Contest and the setting of any associated green fees are at the discretion of the Host Club.

APPENDIX 1

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

When Committee Members are watching play, either by chance or through having been assigned to a particular place on the course, their duties are different from those of a referee.

In match play, the players in a particular match are there to protect their own interests and there is no reason for a Committee member to take any notice of a breach of the Rules that he may observe, unless he is satisfied that the opponent is not in a position to observe the breach. If the opponent was not in a position to observe the breach, the Committee member should bring the player's breach to the attention of the opponent. It is then a matter for the opponent to decide if he wishes to make a claim.

Otherwise, the Committee member's presence on the course is solely to assist players in the event of a claim.

His handling of the situation will depend on whether the Committee has granted individual members unlimited authority to represent the Committee and make final decisions. This is an issue that the Committee should clarify in advance. However, deferring a decision should be resorted to only in exceptional circumstances since it is a principle of match play that each side is entitled to know the state of the match at all times.

APPENDIX 2 – GUIDELINES FOR PLAYING INDIVIDUAL MATCHES IN FOURS

From the tee:

At the first tee the No. 6 and No. 5 Match will complete the first group of four.

The No. 6 match is to play first, followed by the No. 5 Match. This order may change at subsequent tees, with the first match to have putt out being expected to move to the next tee if the tee is clear and play is possible. This order should be maintained if it does not detrimentally affect pace of play.

On the green:

The player whose ball is furthest from the hole shall putt first and his match shall putt out before the other match (unless this is not possible because a player will be standing on another's line of putt). As noted above, once one match has putt out it should move to the next tee and prepare to play (if possible).

APPENDIX 4 – PACE OF PLAY – INDIVIDUAL MATCHES IN FOURS

Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it and maintain the time requirement specified on the Pace of Play Time Chart issued to players at the course. If a time chart is not issued, the following time schedule for the completion of each hole applies:

Par 3 Holes	13 minutes
Par 4 Holes	15 minutes
Par 5 Holes	17 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 (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) 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. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

Pace of Play Penalties – Match Play

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

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a match being timed who takes more than the allotted time (see below) to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- 1st breach – warning
- 2nd breach – loss of hole
- 3rd breach – 2nd warning
- 4th breach – disqualification

Timing

When a match is being monitored and timed each player is expected to play any stroke within **40 seconds** after timing of the player's stroke begins.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments from his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Repeated infringements of the pace of play guidelines in the 2019 season will be referred to the JNJG Match Committee for further consideration and may see a player subject to further action including suspension from further representation of his Club for the season.

NOTE 1: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time” to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his match get back in position. An example of this would be a player who unduly delays play between shots.

NOTE 2: If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that stipulated round in the event that the match requires additional monitoring