



2013 METROPOLITAN MAJOR PENNANT CONDITIONS

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1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

“**GOLF NSW Match Committee**” means the Men’s Match Committee of GOLF NSW established by the Board of GOLF NSW.

“**Host Club**” means the Club nominated in the Draw to host the Contest, whether at that Club or another venue.

“**Rules of Golf**”, “**Rules**” and “**Rule**” means the Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status (current at the time of the event) 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 Metropolitan Major Pennant is governed by the Golf NSW Match Committee.

2.2. The Match Committee of the Host Club(s) shall represent the Golf NSW Match Committee and provide decisions on the Conditions of the Major Pennant or the Rules of Golf during play of preliminary rounds. Please see Appendix 1 for guidance in regard to a Referee.

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 a caddie or Team Manager shall make or take part in making such decision.

2.5. The playing of all finals will be under the control of Golf NSW Match Committee representative(s) together with any nominee(s) of the Host Club as necessary.

2.6. The Golf NSW 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. Usually conducted annually from early February until the middle of April, The Major Pennant Competition is open to all Sydney metropolitan golf clubs who are members of Golf NSW, where positions in the draw are available.

3.2. The Major Pennant competition is for male amateur members of Metropolitan golf clubs which are members of Golf NSW.

3.3. Clubs will be included in the following year’s Metropolitan Major Pennant unless they advise the Golf NSW Match Committee otherwise prior to the final draw being circulated (generally 1st June each year).

3.4. Inclusion in the Draw will confirm that the Club agrees with and will comply with the Conditions laid down by the Golf NSW Match Committee.

4. ADVICE

4.1. Permission to appoint a person as provided under the Note to ‘Rule 8 – Nomination of Teams’, 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 Manager 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 permitted to provide advice on the line of putt (see note to Rule 8-2b).

4.3. The penalty for a breach is a loss of hole.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

5.1 A player is eligible for Men's Major Pennant 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 their Club Championship.

5.2 If a player represented a Sydney Metropolitan Club in Men's Major Pennant in the 2012 Metropolitan Major Pennant season, he is eligible to represent a different Metropolitan Club in the current season (2013) if he was also an eligible member of this different Club pursuant to Clause 5.1 from 1 November 2012.

(Note for the 2014 Major Pennant this date will be from 1 March 2013).

Exceptions - A player may appeal directly to the Men's Match Committee for an exemption from this condition. An exemption may be granted if the Club he represented in the previous season agrees to the transfer or there are justifiable personal circumstances.

5.3 A player may play Eric Apperly Shield or Junior Pennant for one Club in 2012, and then play Major Pennant in 2013 for a different Club, provided the player was an eligible member (as outlined in 5.1) of both Clubs as at 1 November, 2012.

5.4 A player may not play in the Metropolitan Major Pennant for more than one Club in any one season.

5.5 Any player who has his golf playing membership or handicap at the date of the Contest suspended by Golf NSW, any Club who is a member of Golf NSW, or a District Golf Association, is not eligible to participate.

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.

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 Major Pennant is governed by the Golf NSW Match Committee.

6.3. Major Pennant is a Contest between the two Clubs consisting of seven (7) Individual Matches played over 18 holes of match play without the benefit of handicap.

Exception: If an Individual Match is square after 18 holes, the Individual Match shall be declared halved, except in all finals where play shall continue until one player wins a hole. However, if the result in a final / relegation has been decided Individual Matches shall terminate without further play and be declared square.

6.4. The Clubs participating in the Major Pennant are divided into five (5) Divisions with four (4) Sections in each Division. The maximum number of Clubs allocated to each Section will be four (4), with the final number depending on the final nominations.

6.5. Depending on the number of nominations the Major Pennant competition consists of four or generally six preliminary rounds, played on a home and away basis. After the completion of the home and away preliminary rounds the Club that secures the greatest number of Contest points in each Section will be the Section winner. If two or more Clubs are tied on Contest points then the Countback Procedures outlined in Condition 15 will apply.

6.6. The Section winners will play in the semi finals and then a final will determine the winner of each of the five (5) Divisional Major Pennants.

6.7. The last placed teams in each of the four (4) Sections will play relegation matches in Division 1,2,3 and 4. If two or more Clubs are tied on Contest points then the Countback Procedures outlined in Condition 15 will apply.

- 6.8. The two (2) finalists in Divisions 2,3,4, and 5 will be promoted to the division immediately above in the following season. The two (2) losing teams in Divisions 1,2,3 and 4 in the relegation matches will be relegated to the division immediately below.
- 6.9. The preliminary rounds Contests are played as “Home and Away” unless otherwise agreed to by the Golf NSW Match Committee to accommodate special circumstances (e.g. major course renovations).
- 6.10. The finals and relegation matches are played at neutral venues determined by the Golf NSW Match Committee.
- 6.11. Where a penalty for a breach of a Condition is not stated, the penalty shall be determined by the Golf NSW Match Committee.
- 6.12. Individual Matches must be played as one match per time slot.
- 6.13. Individual Matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the Host Club, but should be in Medal positions where possible.

7. DATES AND TIMES OF PLAY

- 7.1. Contests must be played on the dates and times fixed by the Golf NSW Match Committee, however,
 - (a) the Golf NSW Match Committee may alter the date of a preliminary round or final 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 Golf NSW Match Committee or its nominee.
- 7.2. Any Club failing to play on the date and at the time fixed by the Golf NSW Match Committee will forfeit the Contest to the Club drawn against it by 7 - 0. The Reserve Match will also be considered forfeited for the purposes of countback.

Dates of Play

- 7.3. The dates for Major Metropolitan Pennant in 2012 will be set out when the Final Draw is published.
- 7.4. Contests will be played on Sundays unless prior permission has been granted by the Golf NSW Match Committee to play on a Saturday. Clubs granted permission to play on Saturdays will be noted as such in the draw.

Times of Play

- 7.5. The Starting Times for each Contest shall be between 7.00am to 12 noon on Saturday or Sunday.
- 7.6. 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 7 minute intervals thereafter.
- 7.7. Any Host Club failing to commence play within 15 minutes of the time fixed in the draw will forfeit the Reserve match at this time. An additional Individual Match (in order No. 7,6,5,4,3,2,1) will be lost for each additional 7 minutes that the first hit off time is later than the published time.

8. WITHDRAWAL OF CLUB AFTER DRAW COMPLETED

- 8.1. A Club must not withdraw, or fail to field a team, from the Major Metropolitan Pennant after the draw has been compiled and circulated.
- 8.2. 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 will be disregarded. The Golf NSW Match Committee will determine the appropriate Countback Procedure should this situation arise.
- 8.3. 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 Golf NSW Match Committee.

9. NOMINATION OF TEAMS TO OPPOSITION AND HOST CLUB

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. 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).
- 9.3. If a Club fails to provide the Team Nomination Sheet within ten (10) minutes the penalty shall be the loss of Individual Match No 7.
- 9.4. 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.
- 9.5. Reserve Matches are not played in the semi-finals, relegation finals or finals.

10. ABSENCE OF PLAYER(S) AND RESERVES

- 10.1. If after the names of Teams have been handed in a player fails to appear or is unfit or otherwise unable to play, the 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.
- 10.2. A player will be considered absent, if he is not ready to start at the time that his Individual Match is due to hit-off, Rule 6.3 applies
- 10.3. Should the Reserve player in the 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 5 minutes of the appointed time then the penalty is the loss of the Individual Match.

11. ORDER OF PLAY

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. Teams will hit-off in order beginning with the No.7 players and concluding with the No.1 players hitting off last.
- 11.3. The reserve players may hit-off first by mutual agreement between Team Captains / Managers, however, must still be able to substitute at the required time should their presence in the team be required as per Condition 10.3. If the Reserve player is not ready to play as a substitute player at the appointed time then the penalty is as per Rule 6.3 applies. (refer clause 10.2).
- 11.4. Once play has commenced, the penalty for any player playing in an incorrect team position will be disqualification of the Individual Match. *Exception:* Reserve player substituting for a listed player.

12. WINNER OF THE CONTEST

- 12.1. 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).

13. CONTEST POINTS AND INDIVIDUAL MATCH POINTS

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

Contest Points

- 13.2. The Club that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest.
- 13.3. Contest Points are awarded for each Contest as follows:
 - (a) Two (2) 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

- 13.4. 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.
- 13.5 The result of the Reserve match, where applicable, is not part of the Contest. However, for the purposes of a count-back to determine the team standings in a Section, Condition 13.4 and 16.2 applies.
- 13.6 Refer Condition 19 in the event of suspension of play.

14. SECTION WINNERS AND LAST PLACE

- 14.1. At the conclusion of the preliminary rounds the Club which secures the greatest number of Contest Points will be the winner of its Section.
- 14.2. At the conclusion of the preliminary rounds the Club which secures the least number of Contest Points will be the last place in its Section.
- 14.3. In the event of two or more Clubs having an equal number of Contest Points then the Countback Procedures outlined in Condition 15 will apply to determine the higher, or lowest, placed Club.

15. COUNTBACK PROCEDURES

- 15.1. The following Countback Procedures apply in determining the order of places on the Pennant table, the winner and last place of the Section.
- 15.2. The leading Club in each Section will be the Club which has the greatest number of Contest Points.
- 15.3. The last place Club in each Section will be the Club with the least number of Contest Points.
- 15.4. 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.
- 15.5. 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 13.3 and 13.4 above. The Club with the highest points accumulated by their Reserve matches will determine the higher place.
- 15.6. In the event that two 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 as outlined in 13.3 and 13.4 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).
- 15.7. 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.

16. FINALS AND RELEGATION MATCHES

- 16.1 For Player Eligibility refer Condition 5
- 16.2 At the completion of the preliminary rounds, the Section winners and Last Placed (Relegation team) in each Division will be seeded as follows for the semi finals or relegation Contests:
seed 1 vs seed 4 and seed 2 vs seed 3

The seeding from 1 to 4 is determined as follows, with the higher seeding determined by:

1. Number of Contest Points - highest to lowest - should there be a tie, then
2. Number of Individual Match Points - highest to lowest - should there still be a tie, then
3. Number of Individual Match Points achieved by the Reserve - highest to lowest - should there still be a tie, then

4. the position will be determined by lot.

NOTE

Where a Section winner or Relegation team is in a Draw which consisted of 3 Clubs at the commencement of the season (i.e. the Draw only provides for a possible 4 Contests) their Contest Points and Individual Match Points will be multiplied by 1.5 to determine their respective seeding for the relevant Semi Final or Relegation Contest.

Where a Division was reduced to less than 3 Clubs after the commencement of the season due to the withdrawal of Clubs, the matter shall be referred to the Match Committee for a decision.

16.3 The winner of each Divisional Pennant Final will be presented with the Divisional Pennant Flag at the completion of play. The winner of Division 1 will also be presented with the Hunters Hill Challenge Cup.

Once a Contest has been determined (ie a club secures 4 matches) the other matches are declared square.

16.4 Undefeated Player - To be eligible to receive an undefeated player award a player must have competed in the minimum number of preliminary rounds outlined below and have won or squared all of the respective Individual Matches and/or matches at Reserve.

- Six (6) preliminary rounds where the player's Club is in a Draw with 4 Clubs in its Section; or
- Four (4) preliminary rounds where the player's Club is in a Draw with 3 Clubs or less in its Section.

17. PRACTICE

17.1. Visiting or home 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.

Note; A Club may have specific areas on the course where practice is not permitted prior to a match. This should be advised to the visiting Club in advance of the Contest.

17.2. Following the commencement of their Individual Matches, players may practise in accordance with Rule 7-2. However players should note that penalties may still be applied in accordance with Rule 6-7 to any player who unduly delays play by such actions.

18. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

18.1. During Pennant Competitions (irrespective of any Local Rule that may or may not be in effect at the Host Club), a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during an Individual Match, 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, compass etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the **penalty is disqualification**, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

18.2. The use of a mobile phone is prohibited by Condition 22. However, a Mobile Phone may be used as a Distance Measuring Device if it conforms to this Condition AND the 'Phone communication' facility of the Mobile Phone is turned off.

19. SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY

- 19.1. **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 must 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) for Preliminary Rounds. The Host Club should confer with a Golf NSW Match Committee member. The decision rests with the Golf NSW Match Committee member(s) or their nominees during any Finals.
- 19.2. 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. Refer to Appendix 3 for guidelines.
- 19.3. If resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the matter will be referred to the Golf NSW Match Committee that will determine the action to be taken. The Golf NSW Match Committee may find an alternate date with play recommencing in accordance with the Rules of Golf (i.e. 33-2d and 6.8b).
- 19.4. If the Contest did not start refer to Condition 19.5.
- 19.5. If it is not possible for a Contest to resume as per Condition 19.3 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. two Contest Points for the winner of the Contest
 - ii. for completed matches - Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective 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 Contest Point to each Club
 - ii. for completed matches - 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 Golf NSW 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.

Finals and Relegation Contests

- 19.6. For Finals and Relegation Contests not started or where resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the Golf NSW Match Committee will determine the action to be taken.

20. TRANSPORTATION

- 20.1. Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Golf NSW Match Committee or based upon the provision outlined in condition 20.2.
- 20.2. The following must be produced to gain exemption:
- (a) A certificate or letter from a Medical Practitioner specifying:
 - i. the disability by which the player is affected;
 - ii. the medical practitioner's opinion that the disability necessitates the player requiring the use of automotive locomotion in order to participate in the Major Pennant;
 - (b) in the case of a permanent disability a letter from the General Manager or equivalent 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

- (c) 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.
- 20.3. The Golf NSW Match Committee accepts no responsibility for the availability of transportation at venue Clubs, or as to whether or not permission is granted to use transportation.
- 20.4. The Golf NSW Match Committee authorises caddies to use transportation provided that, during the stipulated round:
- (a) The player does not accept a ride at any time, unless authorised as in condition 20.1.
 - (b) The player does not accept advice from any other person travelling with the caddie, unless they comply with Clause 4.
 - (c) The driver of the motorised transport is deemed to be carrying the players clubs (see Decision 6-4/2.5)
- 20.5. **Penalty for breach of this Condition:** See penalty statement in the current Rules of Golf for breach of Transportation Condition.

21. PACE OF PLAY (SEE APPENDIX 2)

22. MOBILE PHONES

- 22.1. If a Mobile Phone has a Distance Measuring Device it may be used in line with Condition 18, however the 'Phone communication' facility of the Mobile Phone should be turned off. The Opponent should be informed if this facility on the Phone is to be used.
- 22.2. The Penalty for a breach of this Condition is:
- (a) Accidental ringing of phone – warning for 1st offence. For a second offence – suspension of player for next Contest.
 - (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.

Note: The relevant Match Committee should refer to Decision 33-7/8 “Meaning of Serious Breach of Etiquette” on page 516 of the R&A Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2012-2013 for further guidance in determining whether any penalty of disqualification should be applied under 22.2 (b) above.

23. DRUG TESTING

- 23.1. 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.
- 23.2. The penalty for use of banned substance(s) will be at the discretion of Golf NSW Match Committee.

24. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

- 24.1. The consumption of alcohol by players, caddies and team managers **during a match** or **on the course during their Contest** is strictly prohibited. The penalty for a breach of this Condition is:
- (a) Breach by Player or Caddie - 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.

Note: The relevant Match Committee should refer to Decision 33-7/8 “Meaning of Serious Breach of Etiquette” on page 516 of the R&A Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2012-2013 for further guidance in determining whether any penalty of disqualification should be applied under 24.2 (b) above.

25. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 25.1. The current Golf NSW Code of Conduct applies to all players participating in Major Pennant.
- 25.2. Breaches of the Golf NSW' Code of Conduct reported during Major Pennant shall be subject to action by Golf NSW Match Committee under its disciplinary procedures contained in the Code of Conduct. The Golf NSW Code of Conduct and disciplinary process is available from the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org

26. PROTESTS

- 26.1. Within two (2) days after each match (i.e. by C.O.B. two days after the Contest was to be held), the protesting Club must notify the Golf NSW Match Committee **in writing** 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.
- 26.2. 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 the Golf NSW Match Committee.
- 26.3. The Golf NSW 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 Golf NSW Match Committee at its discretion. The Golf NSW Match Committee may take further evidence as required.
- 26.4. A decision given by the Golf NSW Match Committee or its appointed delegate(s) on any protest by any competing Club will be considered final and binding on all competing Clubs.

27. BY-LAWS, CLUB RULES AND DRESS REGULATIONS

- 27.1. The By-laws, Club rules and dress regulations of the Host Club shall apply.
- 27.2. It is the responsibility of visiting Team Managers and/or Captain to ensure their players, caddies and officials adhere to this Condition.
- 27.3. 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).
- 27.4. 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.
- 27.5. 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.

28. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Results and Ladders

- 28.1 All Pennant results, ladders and feature articles on Major Pennant can be found on the Golf NSW Website at www.golfnsw.org

Equipment

- 28.2 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

28.3. 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)

Reciprocal Arrangements for Club Members

28.4 Clubs in each Division/Section are requested to invite some members of the Host Club in their Division/Section to play on their course on the day of the Major Pennant and, if possible, compete in Club competition. Clubs are particularly asked to assist one another if possible in order to overcome congestion experienced on the days inter-club competition is hosted.

29. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

When hosting a pennant competition, the preferred time is early Sunday morning. If there is member or social play ahead of the Pennant Contest, Clubs should program the member's competition on the day to be a Par or Stableford event to promote minimal round times.

Buffer Zones

It is a Condition that the Host Club provides a minimum buffer zone of 40 minutes.

Penalty: As determined by the Golf NSW Match Committee.

Course presentation

It is expected that each Club involved in the Major Pennant will present its course in a condition of the high standard that the Major 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 Major 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 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, caddie 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:

- Notify AAP (ph: 9322 8000) of the results.
- Fax (fax: 9505 9199) or email (jon.shineberg@golfnsw.org) the result sheet to Golf NSW immediately after the completion of all Contests.

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, however it would not be appropriate to charge a fee.

Entertainment

All visiting competitors should be honorary members of the Host Club for the day.

Any entertainment during the playing of matches is to be kept to a minimum, and such entertainment is to be agreed upon by negotiation of the Clubs in each Section prior to the day of play. It is strongly suggested the Club Captain or General Manager contact the other Clubs (Teams) in their Division and agree on the level of entertainment prior to each season.

Hosting of Finals

Clubs participating in the Major Pennant are required to provide their course, when requested by the Golf NSW Match Committee, for Semi Finals, Finals or Relegation matches and allow a 40 minute buffer zone. Host Clubs will be advised nine months prior to the event to assist with programming. Note: the Host Clubs should ensure that greens renovations and any other issues that would mean the course is not presentable for the Finals are programmed after the event. Golf NSW Match Committee will consider allowing Clubs to Host the first three Preliminary Rounds and hold greens renovations early if that is the preferred option. If a Club that has been programmed to host a final withdraws, or their course is not in suitable condition (eg recent greens renovations), the Golf NSW Match Committee will impose a penalty applicable to the following year's Major Pennant.

The course should be set up as per 'Course Preparation' above.

For semi finals and relegation matches, food and beverage on the day is to be discussed by the participating clubs and the host club and the cost is to be borne by the participating clubs. For the five Divisional Finals, Golf NSW will arrange drinks and savouries for the Presentation.

Clubs requested to host a finals Contest must allow a practice round (at no charge) for the competing teams (maximum of eight players in each team).

APPENDIX 1 - REFEREES

When referees are watching play through having been assigned to a particular place on the course, their duties are different from those of a referee assigned to accompany a match. In match play, the players in a particular match are there to protect their own interests. A referee who is not assigned to accompany a match has no authority to intervene in a match other than in relation to Rule 1-3 (Agreement to Waive Rules), 6-7 (Undue Delay; Slow Play) or 33-7 (Disqualification Penalty; Committee Discretion). The referee's presence on the course is solely to assist players in the event of a claim – see Rule 2-5. 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 - PACE OF PLAY

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	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 (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 2013 season will be referred to the Golf NSW 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.

APPENDIX 3 – COURSE CONDITIONS

As per Clause 19 it is imperative matches be completed and a result obtained on the day. The following are guidelines in deciding if the course is playable.

- Provided a minimum of 9 holes are available for play, in accordance with the Rules of Golf, then play should proceed. The matches are still to be played over 18 holes, however a hole or holes can be played more than once.
- It is acceptable that a composite course be used.
- Preferred lies can be in place, even through the green.
- Bunkers can be out of play, refer to R&A Decision on the Rules of Golf 33- 8/7 on page 525



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- a. Please complete this form with all relevant information, and ensure it is signed by the Captains of both teams.
- b. Please fax (9505 9199) or email (jon.shineberg@golfnsw.org) immediately.
- c. Please advise results to AAP by phoning 9322 8000.

Division:		Section:		Date:	
Venue:			Actual starting time:		

Club		
Position	Player <small>(First Name / Last Name)</small>	Win/Res
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Reserve		

VS

Club		
Position	Player <small>(First Name / Last Name)</small>	Win/Res
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	Golf Club defeated		Golf Club		matches to	
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Signature of Team Captain:

Signature of Team Captain:



2013 METROPOLITAN MAJOR PENNANT TEAM NOMINATION SHEET

Club	
Venue	
Opponent	
Date of Play	

Team Order

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Reserve: _____

Team Manager: _____