



GOLF SA INC PENNANT COMPETITION CONDITIONS 2014

References:

- A. The Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status 2012-2015
- B. Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2014-2015
- C. Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status, effective 1 January 2012
- D. Competition Administration & Competitions Conditions - Golf Australia Recommendations - 2013
- E. Conditions of Competition & Local Rules for Golf Australia Amateur Championships - 2012
- F. Golf SA Policies

COMPETITION FORMAT

I. Competition format

A. Golf SA Pennant will be conducted as four (4) competitions - Women's Pennant, Men's A Pennant, Men's B Pennant, Junior Pennant.

1. Women's Pennant: Women's Pennant will comprise five (5) grades:

- a) Grade 1 Pennant (6 teams)
- b) Grade 2 Pennant (8 teams)
- c) Grade 3 Pennant (6 teams)

The winning club in each grade will hold the SA Ladies Golf Union Shield or Salver for one year.

- d) Cleek 1 (8 teams)
- e) Cleek 2 (6 teams)

2. Men's A Pennant: A Pennant will comprise two (2) grades: A Pennant and A2 Pennant, with eight (8) teams in each grade. The Simpson Cup trophy will be awarded to the winner of the A Pennant competition.

3. Men's B Pennant: B Pennant will comprise two (2) grades: B Pennant and B2 Pennant, with eight (8) teams in each grade. The Bonnar Cup trophy will be awarded to the winner of the B Pennant competition.

4. Junior Pennant: Junior Pennant will comprise two (2) grades:

- a) Sharp Cup (6 teams)
- b) Division 2 (6 teams)

The Sharp Cup trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Sharp Cup Competition.

5. Number of Teams: Clubs will have only one team in any one competition.

II. Pennant match

A. The competition between club **teams** is known as a **match**. A match comprises seven (7) individual games in Men's A & B Pennant and five (5) individual games in Junior Pennant and Women's Pennant.

B. Matches are to be played on the course named by the 2014 Golf SA Pennant Club Schedule.

C. The honour for each match is to be decided by the toss of a coin by either the team managers or captains.

D. All matches are to be played 'off the stick' except in Cleek and Junior Division 2 where all games are Handicap Match Play playing off a players Daily Handicap.

E. In Cleek 1 & 2 only, there is a Handicap range. The Handicap range is Golf Australia (GA) Handicap 16.0 to 25.4. If a player breaks her GA handicap such that she would be ineligible to play in that division, but has played at least 3 matches in that division, she may remain in that division, playing off her Daily Handicap. If a player falls outside the GA Handicap limit for a

division, she may play in that division, on a Daily Handicap calculated on the maximum GA Handicap limit for that division.

F. In Junior Pennant Division 2, teams must play in daily handicap order, ie: player with highest handicap to be number 5 and player with lowest handicap to be number 1.

G. In Junior Pennant a player with the lowest score on the hole wins irrespective of gender. Boys to play off designated men's tees, girls to play off designated women's tees. The index to be used in Junior Division 2 is the gender specific match-play index for that course. For example; in the event that a boy has to give strokes to a girl, the strokes will be given according to the girl's index. In the event that a girl has to give strokes to a boy, the strokes will be given according to the boy's index.

III. Team composition and player eligibility

A. Women's Pennant teams: Each Women's Pennant team is to consist of five (5) players. A reserve player may be nominated.

B. Men's A & B Pennant teams: Each Men's A & B Pennant team is to consist of seven (7) players. A reserve player may be nominated.

C. Junior Pennant teams: Each Junior Pennant team is to consist of five (5) players (either male or female) who are under the age of eighteen (18) years as at the 1st June 2014. A reserve player may be nominated.

Note to clubs who have a team in both Sharp Cup and Junior Division 2: A player is not eligible to play Junior Division 2 if that player has played two (2) matches in Sharp Cup. There is no restriction for players moving up from Junior Division 2 to Sharp Cup.

D. Player eligibility: To be eligible to compete in a pennant match, a player must be a bona-fide member of the club he/she represents and be an amateur golfer (in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status). A bona-fide member is a person who is entitled to participate in the Club Championship.

1. Represents Only One Club: A player can represent only one club in any one pennant season with the exception of the Golf SA Fringe Team.

2. Player Changes Club: If a player represented a club in either Men's, Women's or Junior Pennant during the immediately preceding season, the player is ineligible to represent a different club in the current season until he/she has been an eligible member of that club for a minimum period of 12 months, as at the date of the contest for which he/she is selected. **Exception:**

(a) A club may appeal on behalf of a player directly to the Match Committee for an exemption from this condition. An exemption may be granted if there are justifiable personal circumstances.

(b) A player may compete for a club of which he/she has previously been a member with playing rights for a minimum period of 12 months even though the period of membership has not been continuous.

E. Clubs to submit a player list: Each club is required to submit a player list to Golf SA of players likely to represent that club for the season no later than Wednesday 30th April 2014.

1. The list is to contain the following information:

- a) player's full name
- b) player's Golf Link number
- c) player's DOB (if a junior)
- d) club joining date

***Each club must provide the name, phone number & email address of the Manager of each of its sides**

2. Adding player/s to the list: Clubs may add a player/s to their list throughout the season by notifying Golf SA prior to that player participating in a match.

F. Player not eligible to play Women's A1 if played Women's A2 or A3 prior to A1 season commencing: A player is not eligible to play A1 for the first two (2) weeks of the season if they have previously played Women's A2 or A3 prior to the A1 season commencing.



G. Player not eligible to play Women's Grade 2 or 3 Pennant or Cleek 1 & 2: A player is not eligible to play in a lower grade if she has played on more than two (2) occasions in a higher pennant grade during that current pennant season. A player who plays in the Grade 1 pennant match on Sunday is ineligible to play in Grade 2 or Grade 3 or Cleek 1 & 2 on the following Monday.

H. Player not eligible to play Men's B Pennant if played A Pennant: A player is not eligible to play "B" Pennant if that player has played four (4) matches in "A" Pennant. **Exception:** If circumstances arise where the players club is participating in "A" & "B" finals the club can submit a permit request to Golf SA by Tuesday 12:00 noon of the finals week to consider allowing the player to play in the "B" Final.'

I. Player not eligible to play Sharp Cup/Junior Division 2 Pennant: A junior player who has played one (1) game in "A" Pennant or three (3) games in Men's "B" Pennant or Women's A2 Pennant is ineligible to play Junior Pennant in that year.

J. Qualification for Pennant Finals: A player must have played at least one (1) match in that competition to be eligible to play in Finals. A player who qualifies to play Finals may play in any team above that in which he/she has qualified.

K. Playing an ineligible player: A team in breach of condition III A – III J (above), will result in the team being disqualified. The scores shall be recorded as 10 & 8 for all games of the match.

CONDUCT of MATCHES

IV. Match Officials

A. Match Committee: The Match Committee at each pennant venue shall comprise a Golf SA official appointed by Golf SA (Chair) and two (2) members appointed by the host club. The Match Committee shall be responsible for the management of the pennant competition at each venue.

1. Clubs to Advise Match Officials: Clubs are to advise Golf SA of their Club Match Officials by Wednesday 30th April 2014.

B. Rules officials: In consultation with Golf SA, each host club will ensure that sufficient Rules Officials are appointed to control each match.

1. Clubs to Advise Rules Officials: Clubs are to advise Golf SA of their Rules Officials by Wednesday 30th April 2014.

*On Match Day if the Match Committee or a Rules Official requires an immediate ruling they can contact Bob Crosby (Golf SA - Rules Committee) Mobile: 0402 012 259

C. Host club to advise: Team Managers are to be advised by the host club of these appointments prior to the match commencing.

V. Matches

A. Match times: Matches will commence from the designated tees, at the appointed times and in the order listed in the Golf SA Pennant draw unless otherwise advised by Golf SA.

B. Course set-up: The course will be set up by the host club to provide a fair yet challenging basis for competition. Play will generally be from the back markers on each hole unless, for an appropriate competitive or some other reason, the host club decides otherwise. In Junior Pennant, boys to play off designated men's tees, girls to play off designated women's tees. The index to be used in Junior Division 2 is the gender specific match-play index for that course. For example; in the event that a boy has to give strokes to a girl, the strokes will be given according to the girl's index. In the event that a girl has to give strokes to a boy, the strokes will be given according to the boy's index.

C. Tee closure: Host clubs are to ensure that tees are closed at the appropriate time prior to the commencement of the first match.

D. Team lists: Teams are to be listed on the form provided in order one (1) to seven (7) together with a reserve, if applicable for Men's A and B Pennant and one (1) to five (5) together with reserve, if applicable, for Junior Pennant and Women's Pennant.

1. Manager to hand in team list: At least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start of a match the appointed team manager/captain is to hand the team list to the Professional Shop or Authorised Official of the host club.



Penalty: If team list is not submitted by 30 minutes prior to the scheduled hit-off time, the team's No.7 player (for 7 person team) or No.5 player (for 5 person team) will lose the 1st hole of their match. Play will commence from the 2nd hole.

E. Reserve player: The nominated reserve player may be substituted for a player who does not arrive on time. The reserve is to play in the same position as the missing player.

F. Reporting to starter: The first player from each team (player 7 for Men's A and B Pennant and player 5 for Women's & Junior Pennant) must report to the starter at least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled hit-off time. Subsequent players are to report to the starter immediately after the preceding game leaves the tee.

G. Order of play: Players will hit-off in the reverse order of the team list, ie: No. 7 player first in Men's A and B Pennant and No. 5 player first in Women's & Junior Pennant, through to No. 1 player last.

H. Player arrives late: (Rule 6.3a) If a player arrives late at his/her starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after his/her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rules 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played. Penalty for lateness beyond five (5) minutes is disqualification.

1. **Penalty:** Loss of first hole. Play to start from the next tee.

2. **Penalty:** Lateness beyond five (5) minutes - disqualification.

Game is all-square after 18 Holes: Where a game is '...all-square...' after 18 holes, a square will be recorded for the game result.

I. Player withdraws: Where a player withdraws from a game for any reason after it has commenced, the remaining holes will be forfeited to the point where a result is achieved.

J. Practice: A player is not permitted to practice on any part of the course except for the designated practice areas for the day of a pennant match, as determined by the host club.

1. **Penalty:** Disqualification

Note: The host club is to advise the manager/captain (in writing) of all competing teams of the designated practice areas and conditions.

K. Match abandoned: If a match is abandoned by the decision of the Match Committee, the result will be a tie with the score recorded as three and a half (3 ½) games to each team in A and B Pennant and two and a half (2 ½) games to each team in Junior Pennant and Women's Pennant.

Except that: Should a team have established a winning position when the match is abandoned, ie: a minimum of four (4) games won in A and B Pennant or three (3) games won in Junior Pennant or Women's Pennant, that result will stand with any remaining games being halved.

L. Protests: The Manager of a team lodging a protest must inform the Manager of the opposing team and the Match Committee of any such protest within fifteen (15) minutes of the completion of the final game.

I. Full details of any protest must be lodged in writing to the Golf SA office before 5.00 pm on the Tuesday following the match.

II. The Golf SA Match Committee will hear all protests and the decision will be communicated to the clubs involved. The decision of the Match Committee is final.

CONDUCT and CONSEQUENCE of FINALS

VI. Finals

A. Finals to be played in all grades (excluding Junior Division 2): Finals will be played in all grades (A & A2, B & B2, Sharp Cup and Women's Grade 1, 2 & 3 and Cleek 1&2) between the first and second placed teams following the completion of the minor round of matches. All finals matches shall be played out to a result.

B. A Pennant (Simpson Cup): The winner of the A Pennant final will be awarded the Simpson Cup perpetual trophy to hold for 12 months.



1. **A Pennant - relegation:** The team finishing last at the completion of the minor round matches will be relegated to A2 Pennant for the next season.
2. **A2 Pennant – promotion:** The team that wins the A2 Pennant final will be promoted to A Pennant for the next season.

C. B Pennant (Bonnar Cup): The winner of the B Pennant final will be awarded the Bonnar Cup perpetual trophy to hold for 12 months.

1. **B Pennant - relegation:** The team finishing last at the completion of the minor round of matches will be relegated to B2 Pennant for the next season.
2. **B2 Pennant – promotion:** The team that wins the B2 Pennant final will be promoted to B Pennant for the next season.

D. Junior Pennant (Sharp Cup): The winner of the Sharp Cup final will be awarded the Sharp Cup perpetual trophy to hold for 12 months. There is no final for Junior Pennant Division 2 with the winner being decided on final standings after Round 5. There is no promotion or relegation within Junior Pennant.

E. Women's Pennant: The winner of the Grade 1 final will be awarded the SA Ladies Golf Union Shield to hold for 12 months.

1. **Women's Pennant Grade 2 – relegation:** the team finishing last at the completion of the minor round matches will be relegated to Grade 3 for the next season.
2. **Women's Pennant Grade 3 – promotion:** The team that wins the Grade 3 Pennant final will be promoted to Grade 2 for the next season.
3. **Women's Cleek 1 – relegation:** the team finishing last at the completion of the minor round matches will be relegated to Cleek 2 for the next season.
4. **Women's Cleek 2 – promotion:** The team that wins the Cleek 2 final will be promoted to Cleek 1 for the next season.

F. Day of the Final: When a team has established a winning position, ie: a minimum of four (4) games won in A and B Pennant or three (3) games won in Sharp Cup or Women's Pennant, the match is considered finished and any remaining games will be halved.

G. Abandoned finals: In the event that a final is abandoned for any reason the match will be played on the following week on the same course or at a venue as directed by Golf SA.

THE RULES OF GOLF & GOLF ETIQUETTE

VII. Rules & Etiquette

A. Advice: Other than a players caddy, the Team Manager or Non-Playing Captain, who is appointed prior to the start of the match is the only person who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of the team.

1. **Penalty:** Loss of hole

B. Transportation: A competitor is not permitted to ride on any form of transportation during a match unless authorised by the Match Committee.

1. **Penalty:** Loss of the hole at which the breach occurs - maximum penalty two (2) holes. **Except that:** A player affected by a disability that precludes him/her from competing without the assistance of automotive locomotion may be granted an exemption on application to Golf SA Match Committee. Applications must be received by Golf SA no later than Tuesday prior to that rounds match.

C. Caddies:

1. There are no restrictions as to who may act as a caddie.
2. A player who had been nominated to play in a particular **match** may, whilst that **match** is in progress and after their own **game** has been decided, act as caddie for another member of their Team playing in the same **match**.
3. Caddies are not allowed to use carts. **Except that:** A caddie affected by a disability that precludes him/her from caddying without the assistance of automotive locomotion may be granted an exemption on application to Golf SA Match Committee. Applications must be received by Golf SA no later than Tuesday prior to that rounds match.

D. Mobile telephones: The use of mobile telephones by a player or a caddy during a game is prohibited.

1. Mobile phones must be turned off when on the golf course and may only be used in an emergency (refer Section 1 Etiquette; Behaviour on the Course - Consideration



for other Players and Rule 33.7 in the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status book).

2. Penalty: Refer Golf SA Code of Conduct

E. Alcohol: The consumption of alcohol by a player or a caddy during a game is strictly prohibited.

1. Penalty: Refer Golf SA Code of Conduct

F. Smoking: Players and caddies are NOT permitted to smoke cigarettes or the like during the stipulated round of a pennant match.

1. Penalty: Refer Golf SA Code of Conduct

G. Measuring Devices: The use of a personal measuring device (this does not include applications for mobile phones) by a competitor or caddy is permitted under the following condition:

1. The device must measure **DISTANCE ONLY**; it must not measure other conditions such as wind speed or direction, the slope of the ground or the temperature.

2. Penalty: Disqualification

H. Conforming Driver Heads: Any driver the player carries must have a club head identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A www.randa.org **Exception:** A driver with a club head that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.

1. Penalty: Refer R&A Rules of Golf – 2012-2015 Rule 33-1 under Appendix 1 p137-138 (Part C – Conditions of the Competition)

I. Conforming Balls: The ball the player plays with must be named on the current List of Conforming Balls issued by the R&A www.randa.org

1. Penalty: Disqualification

J. Code of Conduct: The Golf SA Code of Conduct applies to players, caddies, managers, and other club officials at the pennant venue.

RESULTS

VIII. Results

A. Responsibility for results: Results are to be distributed as follows by each venue club on whose course a pennant match has been played:

1. Official match result form: Team results forms as provided by GOLF SA, signed by both team managers and/or captains are to be sent to the GOLF SA office by 12 Noon on the Monday (or first working day) following the match by post, e-mail, fax or hand delivery.

Fax: 8267 1437

E-mail: admin@golfsa.com.au

Mail: PO Box 423 NORTH ADELAIDE SA 5006

Delivery: North Adelaide Golf Course, Strangways Terrace, NORTH ADELAIDE

The Advertiser: Results are to be provided **by the host club** to *The Advertiser* newspaper as soon as possible following the conclusion of the matches.

E-mail: editservices@adv.newsltd.com.au

Fax: 02 8719 2770

Additional Media contacts: The following media contacts for results of events may prove useful:

The Advertiser: Junior Results

E-mail: tisersport@adv.newsltd.com.au

Sunday Mail:

E-mail: results.sundaymail@aap.com.au

Messenger Newspaper:

E-mail: sport@mng.newsltd.com.au



ATTACHMENT 1

GOLF SA INC Notes for All Team Managers and Host Club Officials

SPIRIT OF THE GAME

These NOTES are to be read in conjunction with the Pennant – Competition Conditions.

Pennant – Competition Conditions take precedence and should be made available to players.

The Golf SA Match Committee does not wish to regulate how managers order their teams (with the exception of Junior Pennant Division 2), however Golf SA urges Clubs/Team Managers to position their players in order of their ability.

Teams who try to gain a favorable result by not placing players in order of their ability will be deemed as not acting within the spirit of the game.

1 Dress Regulations

All players, caddies and officials are required to observe the dress standards set down by host clubs. At all venues neat golfing attire, including non-golf shoes, would be accepted at after match functions in clubrooms.

2 Course Regulations and Care

It is the responsibility of all players to observe their obligations as guests when playing away from their own club and to inform their caddies of any such obligations.

3 Practice

There is no '...free...' practice round prior to a pennant day including any Finals. However, this does not preclude the normal member/visitor relationship adopted by clubs on payment of green fees.

4 Slow Play

Slow players will receive warnings and penalties if warranted.

5 Match Times and Starters

Players are to be made aware of the times as per the draw sheet including:

- Starting tee for their match
- Different time arrangements that may apply at some clubs.

It is most important that clubs advise their players to allow sufficient time to reach starting tees and ensure that they are ready to play on time.

6 Host Clubs to Provide Starters

Host clubs are responsible for providing a starter for each tee as per the Scheduled Draw or other approved times and advise starters of starting tee number plus provide them with team lists (1 to 7) and local rules sheets if applicable.

Team Managers must hand team lists to the Professional Shop, or Authorised Official thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled starting time (See Pennant Condition V.D.1)

7 Honour

The honour for each match including finals is to be decided by toss of a coin by either managers or team captains.

8 Rules Officials

At least one GOLF SA official and two host club officials will attend to queries and their names should be made known to team managers on the day.



9 Host Clubs

- A Spectators:**
With the anticipation of members from participating clubs following their teams, host clubs may wish to provide suitable locations on course for sale of food/drinks and this is left to club discretion.
- B Results Boards:**
It would be appropriate for the results of matches to be placed on a notice board adjacent the Professional Shop.
- C Local Rules:**
A sheet of local rules should be prepared by the host club and provided to each Tee Starter for handing to players/officials prior to the start of each match.
- D Motorised Carts Managers/Rules Officials**
At the discretion of the host club and availability, carts should be provided for sharing by team managers and rules officials.
- E Envelopes:** Host clubs are to have 'Envelopes' available from either the Pro Shop or the Authorised Official to be collected by visiting club Managers. Envelopes are to contain information such as Local Rules, Results Sheets, Daily Look-Up Chart (for handicap match play competitions) & Catering Vouchers.

Post Match Entertainment – Host Clubs

- A. Catering**
- The Match Committee of the Golf SA recommends that the host clubs provide food and beverages (soft drinks, tea or coffee) for players, caddies and team officials and that numbers from participating clubs be strictly limited. The type of food and format for players is at the host clubs discretion. Please note it is not expected that a hot meal be provided.
- Host club catering is not required for Junior Pennant with individuals to purchase their own food and beverage.
- B. Participants**
- Men's Pennant:** Each club may be represented by a maximum of 7 players, 7 caddies and 4 club/team officials (total 18 persons). The number of guests is to be controlled by the official in charge of the visiting club team.
- Women's Pennant:** Each club may be represented by a maximum of 5 players, 5 caddies and 4 club/team officials (total 14 persons). The number of guests is to be controlled by the official in charge of the visiting club team.
- Arrangements made by the host club (such as vouchers for meals or drinks) are to be observed strictly by the visiting club.
- C. Costs – Minor Rounds**
Any costs for post Metro Pennants functions are to be the responsibility of the host club.
- D. Costs - Finals**
Function costs for Metro Pennant Finals will be paid for by Golf SA as agreed between the host club and Golf SA.



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2014 PENNANTS TEAM/RESULTS SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS – HOST CLUB:

1. **Results Notification to GOLF SA:** Complete & Return results sheet to Golf SA Office NLT Monday **Noon** (Sunday Events) or Tuesday **Noon** (Monday Events) by:
 - **Fax:** 8267 1437
 - **E-mail:** admin@golfsa.com.au

2. **Media Notification:** Results are to be sent to *The Advertiser* **immediately** after the completion of the match:
 - **E-mail:** editservices@adv.newsltd.com.au
 - **Fax:** 02 8719 2770

Date _____ **GOLF SA RESULTS SHEET**

Tick Appropriate Grade

Men's Pennant: A (Simpson Cup) Men's A2 B (Bonnar Cup) Men's B2

Women's Pennant: Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Cleek 1 Cleek 2

Junior Pennant: Sharp Cup Division 2

_____ **Mgrs Name** V _____ **Mgrs Name**

_____ **Club** V _____ **Club**

Note: Please show results in column of winning player

Player	Result	Player	Result
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* Not applicable for Women's or Junior Competition
Both Teams to complete and hand to Host Club Official

WON BY **MATCHES TO**

_____ Club Official Name

_____ Club Official Name

_____ Club Official Signature

_____ Club Official Signature

