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METROPOLITAN MIXED PENNANT 2016

1) EVENT

Mixed Four-ball Handicap Match Play, Played against PAR, Round Robin played on Sundays in Home and Away format where possible (pending number of competing teams.)

2) CLUBS

Open to Metropolitan Clubs affiliated with Golf NSW.

3) PLAYERS

Eligibility

Financial playing members of affiliated Metropolitan Clubs - men and women, over the age of 21 as at 1/1/2016, that are permitted to participate in their Club Competitions. Players must be financial on the day of play.

Handicaps

GA Handicap

GA Handicap is GA's assessment of the relative golfing ability of a player on a course with a neutral Slope Rating. It is expressed as a number taken to one decimal place and is determined in accordance with the GA Handicap System

Daily Handicap

A Daily Handicap is the number of strokes a player receives for play at the course being played. The Daily Handicap is expressed as a whole number. The Daily Handicap is the handicap to be used in the 2015 Metropolitan Mixed Pennants

The formula for determination of a = GA Handicap x (Slope Rating ÷ 113)

Provisional Handicap

A handicap will lose its full status in the event that a player should accrue in their most recent 20 Actual Scores five or more entries with a status of 'No Score – Not Approved' (note: full status is automatically regained upon the number of 'No Score – Not Approved' entries in the player's most recent 20 Actual Scores decreasing to four or less). Such a handicap will be known as a "Provisional GA Handicap".

Players with Provisional GA Handicaps will not be eligible to participate on the day of play.

Handicap Limits

GA Handicap. Men: 27 Women: 35

Squad Size

Five (5) pairs (plus reserve pair) to form a team.

Reserve Pair

Reserves to play as nominated pair.

Cost

\$90 (GST not applicable) per team to cover administration and Pennant costs.

4) COMPETITION STYLE

Method of Play

Players are to use the **Daily Handicap** applicable on the course/day of play.

The lowest marker of the four to play from scratch and the other players to play from $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap difference with a maximum eighteen (18) strokes given.

In the event one or more players have a resulting Daily Handicap of "Plus" X the highest "Plus" marker will move to scratch, the others will have that + figure added to their handicap at which point the $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap difference will be applied.

EG Player A +3, B 10, C 15, D 22

Result: A = Scratch, B $(10+3) \times \frac{3}{4} = 9 \frac{3}{4}$ (10) C $(15+3) \times \frac{3}{4} = 13.5$ (14) D $(22+3) \times \frac{3}{4} = 18 \frac{3}{4}$ (18) (maximum 18 strokes given)

Order of Play

Pairs to be rated from 1 to 5 in order of aggregate (GA) handicap, the lowest handicap pair being pair 1 through to pair 5. Pairs to play in reverse order, from 5 to 1, then reserves.

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The Fully Balanced Match Play Index to apply on all courses. Matches can commence from any tee. However, the first hole of play is the first hole of the match and shall be the nineteenth hole for that match (where applicable in finals matches).

5) COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- i. Nominated pairs must be provided on a Team Nomination Sheet to a member of the Host Club Committee a minimum of twenty five (25) minutes before the scheduled first hit off time.

Penalty for failure to provide team sheets 25 minutes prior to hit off times is loss of first hole by all pairs of the defaulting team. Teams and pairings cannot be changed after this time.
- ii. Should a nominated pair fail to turn up by hit off time the nominated reserve pair will play in the stead of the nominated pair (irrespective of handicap).
- iii. The result of the reserve matches will be used in the event of a tie. See Condition 6 – Winners below for an outline of the count back procedures.
- iv. All Matches to end at the eighteenth during the Round Robin phase of the competition. In the event of a halved match in the finals series only, the last stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won When additional holes are required to determine the winner, strokes are awarded on the same holes as in the original round.
 - i) Reserve pairs do not play in the final series.
 - ii) In the final series, once the Contest result is achieved, all play ceases.
- v. If play on the day is delayed or interrupted, no changes may be made to the team.
- vi. If play on the day is abandoned, the result of all unfinished matches will be declared as halved. However, a Contest win by the team (and subsequent points) will only be awarded if the team has at least three completed matches with a winning result. Finals matches may be **continued** on a later date or otherwise, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- vii. In the case of a Divisional, Semi Final or Final play off, only those players (or reserves) that have played during the Round Robin series are eligible to play.
- viii. No buffer time and no practice time needs to be provided by the Host club.
- ix. Golf carts and caddies are permitted as per the Rules of Golf and any Host Club regulations.
- x. Disputes to be decided by the venue Match Committee. Any subsequent protest must be lodged to the Organising Committee in writing by 5pm the day following the Contest.

- xi. A player may play in one team only (including reserves) in any one season*
- xii. Team Managers to be nominated before hit off. Advice may be provided by the Team Manager in accordance with the Note under Rule 8, with the condition in Appendix I, Part C-6 being adopted. The Team Manager may not provide advice if they are also a team member.*
- xiii. Tee markers are as specified by the Host Club.*
- xiv. A common green is to be used by both Males and Females on all holes in the Competition.*
- xv. The use of mobile or portable phones is NOT permissible. The use of mobile phones a distraction to other players and mobile phones should be turned off during play. If the phone rings and this is deemed to be in use, the Committee may take action against the offending player in accordance with Section 1, Etiquette on the Rules of Golf. Committees should also refer to Decision 14-3/16.*
- xvi. In the event of slow play by any group, the Match Committee of the Host Club may act in accordance with the Appendix 1 below.*
- xvii. During this competition (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, wind speed, 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.*

The use of a mobile phone is prohibited by Condition 5-xv. 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 off.

6) WINNERS AND COUNTBACK PROCEDURES

- i. Winning teams to receive two (2) points for each Contest win. In the event of a tie in a Contest teams receive one (1) point each. The team with the most Contest points at the conclusion of the Round Robin wins the Division.*
- ii. In the event of a points tie on Contest Points within a Division the Individual Matches won and lost will determine the result. If still tied, the Reserve games won and lost will decide. (Squared Reserve matches receive half a point.) If still tied, a blind draw will determine the winners*
- iii. A Seeded draw will determine the opponents during the final series. Seeding is determined from Divisional Results.*

DETERMINATION OF CANCELLED OR UNFINISHED GAMES DURING PLAY-OFFS IN THE FINALS SERIES – CONDITION 8c

When a game cannot be played, or completed on the scheduled day, or within the next 6 days, the following system will apply:

All completed matches will stand.

All incomplete matches will be halved, and the Team with the highest number of match wins will be declared the winner.

If the match wins are tied, then the Team with the highest seeding after Divisional play will be declared the winner. If the seedings are equal, the winner will be decided by lot.

*When a game is not played at all on the scheduled day, and cannot be programmed **with both team's approval**, before the next round, the Team with the highest seeding after Divisional play, will be declared the winner.*

It is important that all Teams are aware of the format beforehand, to ensure that there is no misunderstanding if it is necessary to implement same, and hopefully they can take the appropriate measures beforehand to avoid this action.

This procedure is necessary so that the progressing teams are determined prior to the next round, as the dates of play and venues cannot be changed, and The Competition must proceed without interruption to The Final.

APPENDIX 1 - PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES

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 offence – loss of hole

2nd offence – loss of hole

subsequent offence – 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.