



# 2016 GOLF VICTORIA PENNANT CONDITIONS

(Men's, Women's and Colts)

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## 1. Definitions

- (i) **Championship Committee** is the Committee appointed under Condition 5 below.
- (ii) **Contest** The competition between two Member Clubs' teams is known as a 'contest'. In Men's and Women's Pennant, a contest consists of seven match play matches between each club's individual players. In Colts Pennant, a contest consists of five match play matches between each club's individual players.
- (iii) **Decided Contest** In Men's and Women's Pennant, a contest is 'decided' when all matches have been completed or one club has won a minimum of four individual matches. In Colts Pennant, a contest is 'decided' when all matches have been completed or one club has won a minimum of the equivalent of three individual matches.
- (iv) **Division** Where the number of competing clubs in any GV Pennant competition exceeds a minimum number, as determined by Match Committee, the competition will be divided into Divisions in accordance with Conditions 2.2 and 6.3 below.
- (v) **Golf Victoria (GV)** is the parent body for golf clubs and amateur golf in Victoria.
- (vi) **Member Club** means a Member Club as defined in the Golf Victoria Constitution.
- (vii) **Match Committee** This Pennant competition is under the control of the GV Match Committee.
- (viii) **Round** The contests grouped together in the draw generally played at the same venue on the same day is a 'round'.
- (ix) **Team Manager** may be appointed under condition 4.8 below
- (x) **Weekend** In the context of the different competitions conducted by GV, the term 'weekend' refers to the same consecutive three-day period: Friday to Sunday.
- (xi) **Friday Women's Pennant** is an interclub competition played under the auspices of GV on Fridays from March to May.

## 2. Format

### 2.1 General

- (i) Pennant is a club teams scratch match play competition played between Member Clubs of Golf Victoria. The respective Men's, Women's and Colts Pennant competitions are separated into up to six divisions, in accordance with finishing positions of the preceding season and the provisions of Clause 6 of these Conditions.

Golf Victoria Men's Pennant commenced in 1899; Women's Pennant was first played in 1910; and Colts Pennant was initiated in 1954.

- (ii) A pennant season consists of 'round robin' rounds of contests between clubs in each division, followed by a Final. Depending on the number of teams in a division (see Clause 2.2), the Final may be preceded by Semi-finals.
- (iii) Individual match play matches will be played under the current R&A Rules Ltd *Rules of Golf*, these Conditions and any local rules/temporary local rules determined by the host club, Match Committee and/or Championship Committee to be applicable.

### 2.2 Divisions

When it is determined that a Pennant competition requires separate divisions, the Match Committee will allocate clubs to those divisions according to the following principles.

- (i) Wherever possible, 8 teams will play in each division.
- (ii) Allocation of teams to each division is according to the promotion and relegation procedures, as specified in Clause 6.3. Newly affiliated Member Clubs participating in Pennant for the first time, or Member Clubs returning to Pennant after an absence, are allocated to the lowest division of the relevant competition (Men's, Women's or Colts) for their inaugural season.
- (iii) Where the total number of competing teams in any of the competitions do not allow the participation of 8 teams in every division, the Match Committee will determine the most equitable and practical solution.

### 2.3 Draw

- (i) The draw for each competition will be determined by the Match Committee.
- (ii) Unless determined otherwise by the Match Committee or the Championship Committee, each contest will be played at the venue and at times and from the tees specified in the draw. Clubs with more than one course must indicate to the Match Committee which course will be used and, where possible, this will be published in the draw.

## 3. Eligibility

### 3.1 Clubs

- (i) Each Member Club may enter one team in each of the Men's Pennant competition; Women's Pennant competition and the Colts Pennant competition.

Exception: Upon application to the Match Committee, a joint team fielded by two or more clubs may be permitted to compete in the Colts Pennant competition only. Any participation so granted will be reviewed at the conclusion of each season.

- (ii) Each Member Club participating in any Pennant competition must be financial in accordance with the Golf Victoria Constitution and By-Laws prior to the first round of the season. Any club that does not satisfy this requirement may be precluded from participating in that season's competition(s) or forfeit contests played during the period it was unfinancial.

### 3.2 Players

- (i) A player is eligible for Men's, Women's or Colts pennant if s/he is a financial member with playing rights of the club s/he represents as at January 1 of the year of the competition.

The membership must be an annual or longer term membership. The membership must not be in a social, non-playing, temporary, substantially restricted or similar category. Prima facie, the requirement to pay green fees in order to exercise their playing right is evidence the membership is of such a category.

Notes:

- 1) Standard 6 day, 5 day, country and junior members are eligible to play pennant.
- 2) Clubs may submit to Golf Victoria a copy of the relevant clauses of their constitution or by-laws setting out the rights and obligations of any doubtful class of membership for determination of the eligibility for pennant of members of that class.
- 3) GV will consider honorary members eligible under condition 3.2, where GV considers that member to be a long standing member of the Club concerned. The member is required to have been a fee paying club member for a minimum of 5 years prior to being granted Honorary Membership.  
GV will adjudicate on eligibility of individual members upon application from their Club.
- 4) The requirement to be a club member by January 1 of the year of the competition does not apply to any player that had not participated in the previous year's Men's; Women's or Colts Pennant season;

In addition,

- a player is eligible for Men's Pennant if he is a male golfer;
- a player is eligible for Women's Pennant if she is a female golfer;  
Note: A player is eligible to compete in Women's Pennant if she complies with Golf Australia's trans-gender policy.
- a player is eligible for Colts Pennant if he is a male golfer under the age of 24 years as at 1 January of the year of the competition.

- (ii) Each club competing in GV Pennant competitions is restricted to fielding a maximum of two players in each of its Men's and Women's teams and one player in its Colts team who are defined as being either from Interstate or Overseas or are Professional Golfers.

An interstate player is one that has represented, or has been selected to represent, another state in the current or prior year at the Men's; Women's; Boy's or Girl's Australian Interstate Teams Matches;

An international player is a non-permanent resident of Australia who holds an R&A World Ranking of less than 1,000 as at 1 January of the year of the competition.

A Professional Golfer is one who is not an amateur golfer. Professional Golfers include members of a professional golfers association and players who have made application to regain amateur status. A Professional Golfer must be a member of the Club they represent in accordance with Condition 3-2(i), and are not eligible solely by virtue of being an employee of that Golf Club. Professional Golfers must not be paid to represent their Club.

**Note:** In Colts Pennant, only players who are 'trainee professional members' of the PGA will be permitted to participate in Colts Pennant under the 'professional' classification;

**Exception:** Upon application, the Golf Victoria Match Committee will consider an exemption being granted to a club for this condition.

- (iii) No player may represent more than one Member Club in any one season of GV Pennant.
- (iv) Players eligible to play in both Men's Pennant and Colts Pennant are permitted to compete once only in a Pennant competition on any one weekend.

- (v) A player is ineligible to compete in Colts Pennant if he plays more than four matches in the current season's Men's Pennant competition.
- (vi) Players eligible to play in both Women's Pennant and Friday Women's Pennant are permitted to compete once only for the same club in either competition on any one weekend.

**Exception**

Where a player becomes unavailable to represent their club in Women's Pennant on a Sunday at short notice (e.g. within 48 hours of the designated starting time), the replacement may include a player that has participated in Friday Women's Pennant on the immediately preceding Friday (e.g. within the same 'weekend' as defined in the Pennant conditions).

However any player substituting as a replacement in such circumstances, is only permitted to do so once in the 2016 Pennant season.

**Note:** Any club making such substitution is required to advise Golf Victoria in writing (including email) by 5pm on the Monday immediately following the relevant Pennant round including the name(s) of the players involved and the reason for the substitution being made.

- (vii) The penalty for an ineligible player competing in a pennant match is loss of the specific individual match.

**4. Contest Conditions**

**4.1 Team lists**

- (i) A representative of each team must provide the host club office with the list of team members in numerical order from the No. 1 (best) player to the No. 7 player (No. 5 in Colts Pennant), plus emergency and team manager (if applicable), no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled hit-off time for the first match of the team's contest.

There are no restrictions on the order of players on the team list.

- (ii) Team lists may be amended up to 30 minutes before the scheduled hit-off time for the first match of the team's contest. Clubs are encouraged to submit their team lists to the host club the day before a Pennant round. Should a club's team have a sick, injured or absent player on the day of the contest, the team list may be amended in any manner prior to 30 minutes before the scheduled hit-off time for the first match of the team's contest. See also Clause 4.2.
- (iii) The penalties for late or no submission of a team list in Men's, Women's or Colts Pennant are as follows.

<b>Team list not submitted:</b>	<b>Penalty:</b>
by 30 minutes prior to scheduled hit-off time.	The team's No. 7 player (No. 5 in Colts) will lose the 1st hole of his/her match. Play will commence from the 2nd hole.
by 15 minutes prior to scheduled hit off time.	The team's No. 7 player (No. 5 in Colts) will lose his/her match.
prior to scheduled hit off time.	The team will lose the contest.

**4.2 Starting tees, late arrival, player substitution and walkovers**

- (i) Contests will commence from the designated starting tees at the times and in the order listed on the draw unless otherwise advised by the Match Committee or the Championship Committee.
- (ii) As specified by Rule of Golf 6-3a, if a player arrives at his/her starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after his/her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the 1st hole. Play will commence from the 2nd hole.
- (iii) If both players arrive at the starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after the starting time, play will commence from the 2nd hole with the match all square.

- (iv) If a nominated player is not in attendance or is otherwise unable to play when required to do so, the emergency (if named) may be immediately substituted for the nominated player, but only in that player's listed team position. An emergency player can only be substituted up to and including the hit-off time of the listed player who has failed to appear. If not required, emergencies must not play on the day of the contest.
- (v) If a Men's or Women's team consists of fewer than 7 players, walkovers will be given from the 7th position. If a Colts team consists of fewer than 5 players, walkovers will be given from the 5th position. If a club intends to give a walkover in an individual match or a contest, the captain or manager of the opposing team and the host club should be notified prior to the match or contest; if possible, on the day prior to the contest. If a walkover has been given, the opposing player or team need not be present on the day of the match or contest.

#### **4.3 Honour, match duration and hit-off order**

- (i) Players from the first-named team on the draw have the honour on the designated starting tee in all matches.
- (ii) All matches will be played over eighteen holes match play from the tee markers as directed by the host club. In Men's and Women's Pennant, if a match is square after the completion of eighteen holes, the match will continue until one player secures the advantage.

In Colts Pennant, other than in a Final or Semi-final, if a match is square after the completion of eighteen holes, the match is halved. In a Final or Semi-final, if a match is square after the completion of 18 holes, play will continue until one player secures the advantage.

However, in a Men's, Women's or Colts Final or Semi-final, the captains of both teams may agree that a match may terminate without a winner if the contest is decided. In this case, the match is halved.

- (iii) Individual matches will be played in order beginning with the No. 7 players (No. 5 in Colts) and concluding with the No. 1 (best) players.
- (iv) Once play has commenced in any match, the penalty for any player playing in the incorrect team position is disqualification (loss of match).

#### **Exception**

If an emergency player is substituting for a listed player.

#### **4.4 Pace of play**

- (i) All matches are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum time of 3 hours and 45 minutes (approximately 12 and a half minutes per hole). In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather/playing conditions), the Championship Committee has the authority to modify this time requirement.
- (ii) The first match of a contest will be considered to be out of position if at any point in the round the match is taking more than an average of 12 and a half minutes per hole to play.
- (iii) Any following match will be considered out of position if it
  - (a) falls a clear hole behind the preceding match; and
  - (b) is taking more than an average of 12 and a half minutes per hole to play.
- (iv) If a match is out of position, loss of hole penalties may be issued by either the members of the Championship Committee or appointed Referees to an individual who, by her pace of play is responsible for such delay. Officials are not required to issue warnings prior to imposing penalties. If this occurs, the player may be required to appear before the Championship Committee at the conclusion of play and may be subject to suspension from further match(es) in the current season.

#### **Note:**

As part of implementing this condition and in the absence of mitigating circumstances, a match may be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent matches, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt', or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play shot', they shall be deemed to have had a bad time. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the match in front.

#### **When Timing Commences:**

*Other than on the putting green*, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Reasonable time spent by the first player to play in determining their yardage will not count as time taken for the next stroke.

*On the putting green*, the timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace their ball, repair ball marks and remove loose impediments on their 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.

- (v) If both players in a match are equally contributing to an unacceptable pace of play, they may be 'walked' a hole(s) until they are considered to be in position. If this occurs, both players may be required to appear before the GV member(s) of the Championship Committee at the conclusion of play and may be subject to suspension from further Pennant match(es) in the current season.
- (vi) Repeated infringements of the Pennant pace of play requirements in the current season may be referred to the Match Committee and may see a player subject to further action in accordance with the GV Code of Conduct.

#### **4.5 Suspension of play and abandonment of contests**

- (i) In the event of heavy rain, lightning, fog, extreme heat, unplayable course conditions or for any other reason, the Championship Committee will be responsible for deciding whether to suspend or resume play. The signal for suspending play will be three short siren blasts. The procedure when play is suspended is outlined under Rule of Golf 6-8b.
- (ii) When the course is ready for play, players will be advised to return to their various locations. The signal for the resumption of play will be one long siren blast. Every effort should be made to complete all contests on the scheduled day.
- (iii) If the Championship Committee determines that completion of Men's or Women's Pennant is not possible on the scheduled day and less than half the contests have been decided, the round will be abandoned.

In relation to Colts Pennant, if the Championship Committee determines that completion is not possible on the scheduled day without undue delay to any following Men's or Women's Pennant contests, and less than half the contests have been decided, the round will be abandoned.

- (iv) If the Championship Committee determines that completion is not possible on the scheduled day and at least half the contests have been decided, play in all unfinished matches should be resumed on a day or days to be determined by the Match Committee in consultation with the host club (prior to the set date of the Pennant Finals, or Semi-finals if applicable, to the division/s with incomplete matches). Matches will resume from where they were discontinued (see Rules of Golf 33-2d and 6-8b). In exceptional circumstances, the Match Committee may appoint an alternative venue for the conclusion of unfinished matches. The result of any decided matches will stand in this instance.
- (v) If resumption of play is not possible on the determined day or days, the Match Committee will determine the action to be taken.

## Note

In the event of extreme heat, the Championship Committee will act in accordance with the GV Heat Policy, as stated on the GV website, [www.golfvic.org.au](http://www.golfvic.org.au) under *Club Support – Resources*.

### 4.6 Practice

- (i) Players are not permitted to practise on the course on the day of competition prior to the commencement of their matches. Breach of this condition will be disqualification of the player or players involved. Prior to the commencement of their matches, players may practise on the designated practice areas of the host club and in accordance with the exception to Rule of Golf 7-1.
- (ii) Following the commencement of their matches, players may practise in accordance with Rule of Golf 7-2. However, players should note that penalties may still be applied in accordance with Rule of Golf 6-7 to any player who delays play by such actions.

### 4.7 Locomotion

- (i) Players, caddies and team managers are not permitted to ride in or on any form of mechanical locomotion during the play of a hole.
- (ii) In accordance with the Golf Victoria Transportation Policy, an exemption from Clause 4.7 (i) may be granted by Match Committee for a player, caddie or team manager who suffers a permanent disability, or who is recovering from serious illness or injury that does not permit them to reasonably walk the golf course. An application form is attached.

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, caddie or team manager is affected;
  - (ii) the medical practitioner's opinion that the disability necessitates the player, caddie or team manager requiring the use of automotive locomotion in order to participate in the competition;
- (b) in the case of a permanent disability a letter from the Secretary/General Manager of the Club, confirming that the player, caddie or team manager 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/General Manager of the Club confirming that the player, caddie or team manager 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.

Golf Victoria accepts no responsibility for the availability of automotive locomotion at Host Clubs, or as to whether or not permission is granted to use automotive locomotion. When an exemption is granted, the use of such locomotion must solely serve the purpose of transportation — the use of mechanical locomotion must not provide the player or caddie with a benefit greater than a walking player or caddie may achieve.

- (iii) The penalty for breach of either Clause 4.7 (i) or 4.7 (ii) by a player or caddie is as follows: At the conclusion of the hole where the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes. If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

A breach of this condition by a team manager will be subject to penalty as determined by the Match Committee.

## Exceptions

- (a) To assist the pace of play, Referees and/or Championship Committee members may utilise mechanical locomotion to transport a player and/or caddie without penalty.
- (b) The Championship Committee is authorised to permit all team managers at a venue to use carts if there are sufficient carts available for all managers after satisfying the requirements of all Championship Committee members and Referees.
- (c) Where a player is granted permission to utilise motorised transport during the GV Pennant season, the player's caddie is permitted to ride with the player for any stipulated Pennant round without separate permission being required.

### 4.8 Team Manager

- (i) Each team may appoint a team manager. The team manager must be a member or employee of the team's club. An employee may include a club manager, professional or member of staff. The team manager must be identified on the team list submitted prior to the start of the contest.
- (ii) In accordance with the Note to Rule of Golf 8-1, team managers are authorised to give advice to members of his/her team. Team managers are not part of a match and are considered to be outside agencies. Clubs appointing team managers ineligible under Clause 4.8 (i) will be subject to penalty as determined by Match Committee.
- (iii) A player accepting advice from persons other than his/her team manager or his/her caddie will be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule of Golf 8-1.

### 4.9 Distance Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule of Golf 14-3, for which the penalty is loss of hole for the first breach and disqualification for any subsequent breach.

#### Note:

Where the device contains other applications or features (e.g. a camera, video camera or spirit level), provided these applications or features are not used during a round in such a way that could assist the player in his/her play (e.g. videoing swing to analyse fault or gauging slope or green contours), the distance-measuring application is permitted.

As the Internet is now available on most mobile phones and multi-functional devices, it is possible to access information through this route at any time. Provided the player, during a round, does not use the Internet to access information or find measurement tools which would, if used, be a breach of Rule 14-3, there is no breach of the Local Rule and the phone may be used as a distance-measuring device.

### 4.10 Dress, footwear and course requirements

- (i) Players and caddies are required to wear footwear in accordance with host club policy. Penalty for breach: Disqualification of player.
- (ii) Caddies must be attired in accordance with host club dress standards and any caddie not attired in this manner will be withdrawn.
- (iii) Players or caddies who fail to adhere to the host club's dress and course requirements (e.g. failure to carry/use sand buckets, slicks on buggies, returning buggies to the pro-shop; littering; leaving the car park in an untidy state etc) will be subject to sanction in accordance with the GV Code of Conduct.
- (iv) Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure that their supporters are attired in accordance with the host club's dress standard.



## 5. Adjudication

### 5.1 Championship Committee

- (i) Each Pennant venue will have a Championship Committee. The Championship Committee is responsible for administering the competition at the venue, monitoring slow play (and issuing penalties if required) and determining any Rules of Golf dispute which may arise or is referred to it.
- (ii) The Championship Committee will comprise representative/s from GV, and no more than two nominees (normally President, Captain or members of the club's Match Committee or equivalent) of the host club. The members of the Championship Committee should be determined, and should be published by the host club, prior to the commencement of play at the venue.
- (iii) In the absence of the full Championship Committee, a minimum quorum of two such members (including at least one GV representative) as may be present at any time may give a decision, and any decision will be deemed the decision of the full Championship Committee.
- (iv) Should any Pennant condition or competition administration dispute arise at a Pennant venue, prior to determining any such dispute, the Championship Committee is required to ascertain relevant details (either orally or in writing) from one representative of each club or clubs involved and any other relevant party. Following consideration of the matters of the dispute, the Committee decision must be conveyed to each representative from the club or clubs involved.
- (v) Unless otherwise indicated, the Championship Committee does not have the authority to alter or vary any Pennant condition.

### 5.2 Referees

- (i) Referees may be appointed by GV to each Pennant venue to adjudicate on rules queries between players and pace of play issues as they arise (including issuing of penalties if required) and, in some cases, may be invited by GV to act as a member of the Championship Committee. Rules queries and pace of play issues may also be directly determined by a member of the Championship Committee.

#### Note

There is no right of appeal against any decision given by a Referee or individual member of the Championship Committee.

- (ii) At each Pennant venue, Rules of Golf or pace of play matters will be considered by the Championship Committee only on the direct referral by a Referee or the member of the Championship Committee who has directly adjudicated on such a rules/pace of play matter. Any rules or pace of play decision made by an appointed Referee or individual Championship Committee member is final unless such official refers the matter to the Championship Committee for consideration.
- (iii) Prior to determining any Rules of Golf or pace of play matter, the Championship Committee is required to ascertain relevant details (either orally or in writing) from one representative of each club or clubs involved and any other relevant party. Following consideration of the matter, the Committee decision must be conveyed to each representative from the club or clubs involved.

## 6. Results

### 6.1 Ladders

- (i) Prior to the final round, Division ladders will be calculated as follows:

(a) teams are positioned on their ladder in descending order of contests won;

**Note:** Drawn contests count as a half a contest win in the determination of Colts Pennant ladders.

(b) teams tied on contests won are ordered by numbers of matches won;

- (c) teams still tied are ordered by the result of the most recent contest in the current season between the two teams;
  - (d) if the contest was undecided or the teams have not played each other in the current season, teams still tied are ordered alphabetically.
- (ii) At the conclusion of the last round of a season, teams still tied after (c) above and who are being considered for playing in a Final or Semi-final, or for relegation, will be ordered by the number of matches won by the player or players who played in the number 1 position during the current season. In the event of teams still being tied, teams will then be ordered by the number of matches won by the player or players who played in the number 2 position during the current season, and so on until a finishing order is achieved. If teams are still tied after completing this process, the matter will be referred to the Match Committee for decision.
  - (iii) Ladders will be published on the GV website, [www.golfvic.org.au](http://www.golfvic.org.au), as soon as practicable after each round.
  - (iv) No contest or match wins will be awarded to any team receiving a bye.

## **6.2 Finals and divisional winners**

- (i) At the conclusion of the round robin contests, the leading two teams in divisions in which there are no Semi-finals will qualify to compete in divisional Finals. In divisions in which there are Semi-finals, the leading four teams will play two Semi-finals: Team 1 will play Team 4 and Team 2 will play Team 3. The winners of the two Semi-finals will play in the Final. In the event that in either or both the Semi-finals there is no decision, the higher-placed team/s on the ladder at the conclusion of the round robin contests will play in the Final.
- (ii) All Finals and Semi-finals will be played on neutral courses.
- (iii) The winner of each division will be the team winning the Final, unless Clause 6.2 (iv) applies.
- (iv) If in a Final or Semi-final the contest is not decided and play is suspended, and is unable to be resumed on that day, play will be resumed on a day and at a time to be determined by Match Committee in consultation with the host club. In the event of the Final not being decided and not being able to be resumed, the higher-placed team on the ladder at the conclusion of the round robin contests will be declared the winner.
- (v) Divisional winning teams will be presented with flags in recognition of this achievement. Members of the winning teams will be presented with mementos in recognition of this achievement.

## **6.3 Promotion and relegation**

- (i) In all but the highest division, the two teams contesting the Final will be promoted to the next highest division for the following season's competition.
- (ii) In all but the lowest division, the two lowest placed teams will be relegated to the next lowest division for the following season's competition.
- (iii) In the case of a change in the number of clubs participating in a succeeding season, the Match Committee reserves the right to modify this condition, in accordance with Clause 2.2.

## **6.4 Undefeated players**

Players who have played all, or missed no more than one, of their round-robin contests and who are undefeated will be awarded a memento in recognition of this achievement.

## 7. Code of Conduct

- (i) All players, caddies and club officials are required to abide by GV's Code of Conduct.
- (ii) In the event that a person is reported for a possible breach of the GV Code of Conduct, such report will be considered by GV's Match Committee.
- (iii) The GV Code of Conduct can be found on the Golf Victoria website, [www.golfvic.org.au](http://www.golfvic.org.au), within *Rules & Handicapping – GA Code of Conduct*.