

GOLF SA COUNTRY DISTRICT PENNANT COMPETITION

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References

The references listed including the most updated version/s are the basis of the Competition Conditions.

- a. The Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status – Effective January 2016
- b. Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2016-2017
- c. Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status – Effective January 2016
- d. Competition Administration & Competitions Conditions - Golf Australia Recommendations – 2014
- e. Course Management, Marking the Course & Course Set-up Procedures – Golf Australia Recommendations 2014
- f. Singles Competitions played from Multiple Tees & Mixed Gender Singles Competitions – Golf Australia 2013
- g. Conditions of Competition & Local Rules for Golf Australia Amateur Championships - 2016
- h. Golf SA Policies
 1. Golf Australia Member Protection Policy
 - i. Codes of Conduct
 - ii. Complaint Handling Procedure
 2. Golf SA Extreme Weather & Heat Policy

History

The inaugural Country District Pennant Competition was played in October 2014 at the Barmera Golf Club. The competition was established to provide an opportunity for both men's and women's teams from the eight Golf SA Country Districts to compete against each other.

DEFINITIONS

- a. **'Club'** means a golf club affiliated with a Country District (per Schedule 2 of the Golf SA Constitution)
- b. **'Contest'** means the competition between two Districts (Teams)
- c. **'District'** means the affiliated District (per Schedule 2 of the Golf SA Constitution) competing in the Country District Pennant Competition
- d. **'Golf SA Match Committee'** means the Match Committee of Golf SA established by the Board of Golf SA responsible for the conduct of the Competition
- e. **'Golf SA'** means the parent body governing amateur golf in South Australia
- f. **'Country District Pennant Match Committee'** means the Match Committee established by Golf SA and in charge of the District Pennant Competition
- g. **'Host Club'** means the Club nominated by Golf SA to host the event
- h. **'Match'** means the contest between individual players of opposing teams
- i. **'Rules of Golf'** means the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status (current at the time of the event)

COMPETITION

- 1.1 Competition Format:** The competition will comprise of the eight (8) Country Districts, as designated by Golf SA, drawn into two (2) Divisions (1 & 2).
- a. **Divisions:** District Teams will be placed in divisions as per clause 1 (b)
 - b. **Seeding:** The seeding of each District Team will be determined on their placing in the Combined Teams Total table from the previous year:
 - i. The top four (4) placed Districts will be seeded in Division 1
 - ii. The remaining (4) Districts will be seeded in Division 2
- 1.2 Match-Play:** The Competition will be match-play being:
- a. **Men:** 'Off the stick.'
 - b. **Women:** Handicap match play - with a player's **DAILY** handicap being applied as of the first day of the competition.

TEAM COMPOSITION

- 2.1 Teams:** Teams will comprise:
- a. **Men:** Five (5) nominated male players & one (1) nominated reserve. **Women:** Three (3) nominated female players & one (1) nominated reserve. A minimum number of four (4) male players and two (2) female players per District Team.
 - b. **Forfeit:** In the event that a District cannot field a Team of four (4) for a men's team and two (2) for a women's team the contested will be forfeited.
 - c. **Reserves:** A nominated reserve player may be interchanged throughout the competition prior to the next contest starting.

ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION

- 3.1 Player Eligibility:** A player is eligible to play in the Golf SA Country District Pennant Competition if he/she is an **Amateur Golfer** and whose **Home Club** is a country golf club affiliated to Golf SA in the District that he/she represents:
- a. Has maintained a Golf Link handicap at that golf club/country golf club for at least three (3) months prior to the first day of the competition
 - b. Who has playing rights allowing that player to compete in the club championship
- Except:** Juniors with dual financial memberships (Metropolitan & Country) may represent their District if they are a member of a club with playing rights within that District. The club within the District does not have to be their home club.
- 3.2 A District May Appeal on Behalf of a Player:** A District may appeal to the Country District Match Committee on behalf of a player in exceptional circumstances if that player falls outside the stated Player Eligibility criteria in 3.1.
- 3.3 Playing an Ineligible Player:** A District that plays an ineligible player in the Country District Pennant will result in that District being disqualified from the Competition.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 4.1 District to Register Player List:** Each District is required to register a list of eligible players at the time specified by Golf SA prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- 4.2 Player Audit:** From time-to-time Golf SA may conduct a player eligibility audit. Districts may be requested to furnish proof of eligibility in the form of a copy of relevant clauses of their constitution and by-laws and membership applications as substantiation.

CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

- 5.1 District Pennant Match Committee:** A District Pennant Match Committee of three (3) people will be appointed by Golf SA for the event. This Committee will also act in any protests and disputes. (See Condition 6)
- 5.2 Golf Course**
- a. **Course Set-Up:** The host club is requested to set up the course as per a championship event. Men to play off the designated Men's Tee and Women to play off the designated Women's Tee.
 - b. **Tees & Times:** Matches will commence from the designated tees and at the appointed times in the order listed in the Competition Draw unless otherwise advised by Golf SA.

- c. **Tee Closure:** The host club are requested to ensure that tees are closed at the appropriate time prior to the start of the first match.

5.3 Teams

- a. **Team Lists:** Team lists are to be provided to the Country District Match Committee representative on the prescribed Form at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first match.

Penalty: The penalty for late or non-submission of Team lists is:

Team List Not Submitted	Penalty
By 30 minutes prior to scheduled tee-off time.	No. 1 Player will lose the first hole of his/her match. Play to start on the 2nd hole.
By 15 minutes prior to scheduled tee-off time.	No. 1 Player will lose his/her match.
Prior to scheduled tee-off time.	District will lose the contest.

- b. **The Honour:** The honour on the tee will be decided by a toss of the coin between representatives of the competing Districts. The District that wins the toss will have the option of taking the honour at the starting tee for all matches in the Contest.
 - a. **Order of Play: Men:** Players will play in **ascending** order of Golf Australia Handicap with the lowest handicap player playing first & the highest handicap player playing last.
 - b. **Women:** Players will play in **ascending** order of **DAILY** Handicap with the lowest handicap player playing first & the highest handicap player playing last.
- c. **Reserve Player:** The nominated reserve player may be substituted for a player who does not arrive on time. The reserve player is to play in the same designated position on the Team List as the listed player.
- d. **Reporting to Starter:** The first player from each team (No. 1) 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 match leaves the tee.
- e. **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.
 - i. **Penalty:** Failure to start on time: Loss of first hole. Play to start from the next tee.
 - ii. **Penalty:** Lateness beyond five (5) minutes: Disqualification.
- f. **Player Withdraws During Match:** Where a player withdraws from a match for any reason after it has commenced, the remaining holes will be forfeited to the point where a result is achieved.
- g. **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.
 - i. **Penalty:** Disqualification

Note: The host club is to advise the manager of all competing Districts of the designated practice areas and conditions.

5.4 Scoring:

- a. **Contest Points:** Districts will be declared the winner on their respective contest points.
- b. **Match Points:** Match points will be used to determine the position of Districts tied on contest point.
- c. **Holes Won:** If contest points and match points are tied, holes are then used to determine the winner.
- d. **Result Tied:** In the event of a tie in contest, matches and holes won, the event will be decided in a 'sudden death' play-off between one player selected from each District.
- e. **Team Forfeit:** The holes awarded to the winning District would be 9 holes for every individual game lost i.e. 9 X 6 matches (minimum team numbers) = 54 holes.
- f. **Game All Square:** Where a match is '...all-square...' after 18 holes, a square will be recorded for the match result.
- g. **Match Abandoned:** If a match is abandoned by the decision of the Country District Pennant Match Committee, the result will be a tie with the score recorded as four (4) matches to each District. **Except:** If a Team has established a winning position when the match is abandoned, ie: a minimum of five (5) matches won out of eight (8), that result will stand with any remaining matches being halved.
- h. **Protests:** (See Condition 6).

5.5 Contest Points

- a. A District win will result in the winning District being awarded one (1) contest point.
- b. A draw between two Districts (ie four (4) match points each) will result in each District being awarded half (0.5) of a contest point.
- c. An individual win or walkover will result in the winning District being awarded one (1) match point.

- d. An individual match which is square at the 18th hole shall be scored as a draw (sq) and each District awarded half (0.5) of a game point.

5.6 Scoring: Holes are awarded per the following table:

	Finishing Hole	Winner Holes	Loser Holes
Square	18	0	0
1 up	18	1	-1
2 up	18	1	-1
2/1 or 3/1	17	2	-2
3/2 or 4/2	16	3	-3
4/3 or 5/3	15	4	-4
5/4 or 6/4	14	5	-5
6/5 or 7/5	13	6	-6
7/6 or 8/6	12	7	-7
8/7 or 9/7	11	8	-8
9/8 or 10/8	10	9	-9
Team Forfeit		54	-54

The concept of rewarding a District for the margin of their defeat of the opposing side was introduced to help decide count back situations whereby District may be tied on contest and individual matches won. However, to prevent the situation whereby a player may have already lost the match but needed to finish the hole to determine whether the match was lost say 2/1 or 3/1, it was determined, to maintain the ethics of the match, that for the purpose of determining count backs, that the hole on which the match finished, rather than the match result, would determine what has become known as the “holes”. Hence a match finishing on the 18th is awarded 1 hole, a match finishing on the 17th is awarded 2 holes etc so a match result of 10/8 is awarded 9 holes, 6/4 is awarded 5 holes.

5.7 The Draw: The draw will be standardised as follows:

- a. **Day One:** AM Saturday (1 vs 3, 2 vs 4) PM Saturday (1 vs 4, 2 vs 3)
 b. **Day Two:** AM Sunday (1 vs 2, 3 vs 4)

PROTESTS & DISPUTES

6.1 Lodgement: The Team Manager is responsible for lodging a protest with the Country District Pennant Match Committee and the opposing Team Manager within 15 minutes of the completion of the final match.

- a. Full details of any protest must be lodged in writing with the District Pennant Match Committee within one (1) hour of the completion of the final match by the protesting District.

6.2 Determination of Protest: The District Pennant Match Committee will determine a protest under the:

- a. Golf SA Country District Pennant Competition Conditions
 b. Rules of Golf & Amateur Status
 c. Golf SA Policies (as appropriate)
 d. Golf Australia Member Protection Policy (Codes of Conduct & Complaint Handling Procedures)
 e. Golf SA Constitution & Regulations.

6.3 Country District Match Committee May Refer: The Country District Match Committee may refer a matter that it considers beyond its delegation to the Golf SA Match Committee for determination.

6.4 Decision Final: A decision given by the Country District Match Committee or the Golf SA Match Committee or its appointed delegate/s on any protest by any competing District will be considered final and binding on all competing Districts.

ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Accommodation: Provide information on local accommodation including any sponsorship agreements with the host club to Golf SA at least eight weeks prior to the event.

7.2 Dinner: Host a dinner on the Saturday of the event (individuals to pay)

7.3 Results: Forward event results to Golf SA for publication on its website

RULES & GOLF ETIQUETTE

- 8.1 Advice:** Other than a player's 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.
Penalty: Loss of hole
- 8.2 Transportation:** A competitor is not permitted to ride on any form of transportation during a match unless authorised by the Country District Match Committee.
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. Applications must be received by Golf SA no later than Tuesday prior to the competition.
- 8.3 Caddies:**
- a. There are no restrictions as to who may act as a caddie.
 - b. A player who had been nominated to play in a particular **contest** may, whilst that **contest** is in progress and after their own **match** has been decided, act as caddie for another member of their Team playing in the same **contest**.
 - c. 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. Applications must be received by Golf SA no later than Tuesday prior to the competition.
- 8.4 Mobile telephones:** Except in case of emergency or to call for a ruling, mobile phones must not be used to make or receive calls or messages during a stipulated match.
Penalty: Refer Golf SA Code of Conduct
- 8.5 Alcohol:** The consumption of alcohol by a player or a caddy during a match is strictly prohibited.
Penalty: Refer Golf SA Code of Conduct
- 8.6 Smoking:** Players and caddies are NOT permitted to smoke cigarettes or the like during the stipulated round of a pennant match.
Penalty: Refer Golf SA Code of Conduct
- 8.7 Measuring Devices:** A player may obtain **distance** information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated match, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.
- 8.8 Conforming Golf Balls & Conforming Driver Heads:** The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards to Conforming Golf Balls and Conforming Driver Heads.
- 8.9 Code of Conduct:** The Golf Australia Code of Conduct (adopted by Golf SA) applies to players, caddies, managers, and other club officials at the pennant venue.
- 8.10** Golf SA and the Country District Match Committee has full power at any time to alter or vary any one of the Conditions in fairness to the competition.