



## 2017 -18 WOMEN'S PENNANT CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. A player must be a financial member of the club she is representing and must hold a current Golf Australia (GA) handicap. However, players who are members of a Golf NT affiliated club that is not in the competition may play for a club in the competition (only one club).
2. Teams shall consist of 6 players with a maximum of 2 Sports Minister Cup players<sup>1</sup> per team for all rounds of the competition plus finals. A Match is between two opponents, a Game is the team of 3 or more players in the team.
3. The competition is to be Handicap Match Play. Matches to be played off the total difference between a player and her opponent's GA Handicap (adjusted for the course slope rating). For example, Player A is off a daily handicap of 15 and Player B is off a daily handicap of 25. The difference is 10, therefore Player A must give Player B 10 shots.
4. Two points shall be awarded for a Game win, one point for a draw. One point shall be awarded for each match won, 0.5 point for each match drawn.
5. Players shall play in the following order:  
1 plays with 4  
2 plays with 5  
3 plays with 6  
**Note:** A home team will tee off in the first group to be able to prepare the lunch.
6. If a player plays off a handicap higher than her own she will be disqualified. If a player plays out of handicap order she will be disqualified.
7. Matches will finish on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.
8. In the event of a tie between teams at the conclusion of Round 10 a count-back system will be used. The games between the tied teams during the rounds will be considered, followed by matches won against the tied teams, then matches won throughout the season.
9. Groups to be played in fours (i.e. 2 matches).
10. All matches to be played under the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of the venue club. **ADDITIONAL LOCAL RULE:** When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.
11. Fifteen minutes before their designated starting time team captains shall simultaneously exchange team lists in handicap order from lowest to highest.
12. All players are to be at the tee ready to play at the designated starting time of the game. Rule 6.3a applies.
13. If, before lists are exchanged, a member of a team is unavailable and a match is to be forfeited, it is the highest handicapped player in the opposing team who received the walkover.

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<sup>1</sup> Sports Minister Cup player is a player who represented either City or Country in the SMC competition during July 2017.

14. A team will not forfeit the whole game if it is able to field three players.
15. Each team is to pay \$60 to Golf NT on the day of the game. Half of the money will be given to the host club to provide a light lunch. The rest will be used for trophies and prizes.
16. If an entire team forfeits, the \$60 fee shall still be paid before the team may participate in further games.
17. In the event of bad weather during Rounds 1 to 10, the team captains of the game may confer regarding the conditions of the course being unplayable and decide at which stage play should be abandoned. Points will be awarded for completed matches and games – incomplete matches will be treated as drawn (this may result in a game win for a team).
18. The captain of the home team is responsible for ensuring the full results of the match are given to Golf NT. The current contact person for the Women's Pennant competition is Rosemary Campbell (email [rdcampbell2011@gmail.com](mailto:rdcampbell2011@gmail.com), phone 89821406, mobile 0418 808709).
19. The use of a motorised cart is permissible. Players are responsible for arranging their own carts. As set out in Golf Australia Hard Card, players using motorised carts must not travel at a speed that exceeds the pace of walking players.
20. The use of mobile phones during play is prohibited. Penalties may apply in accordance with the Golf NT Code of Conduct (<http://www.golfnt.org.au/governance>). Exceptions are for emergency purposes or to contact a tournament official.
21. All players are strongly encouraged to carry a rule book. A copy of Local Rules shall be provided for each player at each venue.
22. Teams may use players from Regional Club in the NT (Katherine, Jabiru, Gove, Alyangula, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs). These players cannot change teams in one season.

#### **Final**

23. To be eligible for the Final you must have played at least two matches with your team.
24. The Final will be the teams in position 1 and 2 at the end of Round 10. They will play for the Pennant on the weekend of 2/3 December at the venue and time decided by the team in position 1, this will be announced no later than Tuesday 28 November.
25. Golf NT will supply an official Rules Referee for the Final.
26. In the event of bad weather during the final, the Rules Referee will decide at which stage play should be abandoned. Points will be awarded for completed matches – incomplete matches will be treated as drawn (this may result in a game win for a team). If play is abandoned and no result is available then teams will be awarded final places as per their position at the end of the round robin.
27. Prizes are as follows: Winners – Pennant and \$500 worth of vouchers; Runners up - \$300 worth of vouchers. Please note these figures are subject to change pending income from rounds 1-10. There will also be a finals lunch for all teams.