



2019 WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN MAJOR PENNANT CONDITIONS

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DEFINITIONS

1.1. In these Conditions, unless the context indicates otherwise:

“**Club**” means a club competing in the Women’s Metropolitan Major Pennant.

“**Contest**” means the competition between two Clubs.

“**Final Draw**” means the draw first published on the Golf NSW Website as notified to participating Clubs. Golf NSW's aim is to have the Final Draw for the next year published by 30 June each year to allow Clubs sufficient time to make its course bookings for the next year's Pennant. If an amendment is necessary to the Final Draw, any amendment(s) will be noted on the Final Draw with the date of the change.

“**Golf NSW**” means Golf NSW Limited as the governing body for amateur golf in NSW and the ACT.

“**Golf NSW Golf Committee**” means the Golf Committee of Golf NSW established by the Board of Golf NSW.

“**Host Club**” means the Club nominated in the Final Draw to host the Contest, whether at that Club or another venue.

“**Individual Match**” means the individual competition between two players.

“**Match Committee of the Host Club**” means the Match Committee of the Host Club in charge of a Contest during a preliminary round of the Pennant competition.

“**Women’s Major Pennant**” or “**Pennant**” means the 2019 Women’s Metropolitan Major Pennant.

“**Rules of Golf**”, “**Rules**” and “**Rule**” means the Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status (current at the time of the event) and related Decisions published and approved by the R&A Rules Limited current at the time of the Pennant competition.

“**Team Manager**” means the person appointed or nominated under Condition 9 of these Conditions.

2. GENERAL

2.1. The Women’s Major Pennant competition is a club teams scratch match play competition played annually between Metropolitan Clubs who are members of Golf NSW. The Major Pennant is usually played in the months of February to April.

2.2. The Clubs participating in the Pennant are divided into Divisions and possibly Sections within these Divisions, with the final number depending on the final nominations.

2.3. Depending on the number of nominations the Pennant consists of four or generally six preliminary rounds (Contests), played on a "Home and Away" basis where possible.

2.4. The Women's Major Pennant competition consists of a number of preliminary rounds (Contests) between various Metropolitan Clubs in each Division, followed by Semi-Finals between the winners of one Section and the Runners-Up in the other section, with a Final to determine the Winner of each Division.

2.5. Relegation Contests MAY also be held at the end of the preliminary rounds to determine which Clubs will be relegated for the following season. This will not occur in 2019

2.6. The preliminary rounds are played as “Home and Away” Contests unless otherwise agreed to by the Golf NSW Golf Committee to accommodate special circumstances (e.g. major course renovations).

2.7. All Semi-Finals, Finals and Relegation Contests are played at neutral venues determined by the Golf NSW Golf Committee.

2.8. The winner of each Divisional Pennant Final is presented with the Divisional Pennant Flag.

2.9. The team/s to be promoted or relegated will be determined by the Golf Committee following receipt of team nominations for the following season.

3. ENTRY INTO THE PENNANT

- 3.1. The Women's Major Pennant is open to all Sydney Metropolitan Golf Clubs who are members of Golf NSW, where positions in the Final Draw are available. Each Club may enter one Team in the Pennant.
- 3.2. Clubs will be included in the following year's Pennant unless they advise the Golf NSW Golf Committee by **30 April of the preceding year**.
- 3.3. In the case of a change in the number of clubs participating in any given season, the Golf NSW Golf Committee reserves the right to exercise its discretion in the areas of promotion, relegation, entry into the Pennant and allocation of new Clubs to a Division.
- 3.4. Clubs which wish to enter the Pennant and have not participated in the previous season, will be requested to supply handicap information on players likely to participate, to indicate playing strength.
- 3.5. Clubs agree that from time to time they may be required to host a Semi-Final or Relegation Contest.
- 3.6. Inclusion in the Final Draw will confirm that the Club agrees with and will comply with the Conditions laid down by the Golf NSW Golf Committee.

4. THE COMMITTEE

- 4.1. The Women's Major Pennant is governed by the Golf NSW Golf Committee.
- 4.2. The Golf NSW Golf Committee reserves the right to alter these Conditions at any time.
- 4.3. The Match Committee of the Host Club(s) shall represent the Golf NSW Golf Committee and provide decisions on these Conditions or the Rules of Golf during play of preliminary rounds. Please see Appendix 1 for guidance regarding a Referee.
- 4.4. Any decision on Rules, required during play of the preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- 4.5. No member of the Host Club who is playing, acting as a caddie or a Team Manager shall make or take part in making such decision(s).
- 4.6. Where a penalty for a breach of a Condition is not stated, the penalty shall be determined by the Golf NSW Golf Committee.
- 4.7. The playing of all Finals will be under the control of Golf NSW Golf Committee representative(s) together with any nominee(s) of the Host Club as necessary.

Note: There is no right of appeal/protest against any decision by a Rules Official or Individual Member of the Golf NSW Golf Committee or the Host Club Match Committee.

5. THE DRAW, DATES AND TIMES OF PLAY

The Draw

- 5.1. The Draw for the Pennant will be determined by the Golf NSW Golf Committee.
- 5.2. The Final Draw will be posted on the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org. Clubs will be advised of publication of the Final Draw and any amendments. If an amendment to the Final Draw is necessary, any amendment(s) will be noted on the Final Draw with the date of the change.

Dates of Play

- 5.3. Contests will be played on Sundays unless prior permission has been granted by the Golf NSW Golf Committee to play on a Saturday. Clubs granted permission to play on Saturdays will be noted as such in the Final Draw and permission will only be granted where the opposing teams are agreeable to play on a Saturday.
- 5.4. Contests must be played on the dates and times fixed by the Golf NSW Golf Committee, however:
 - (a) The Golf NSW Golf Committee may alter the date of a preliminary round, Semi-Final, Final or Relegation round of the Pennant at its sole and absolute discretion;

(b) Any proposed changes by a Host Club to the date or times shown in the Final Draw must have the prior approval of the Golf NSW Golf Committee or its nominee.

5.5. Any Club failing to play on the date and at the time fixed by the Golf NSW Golf Committee will forfeit the Contest to the Club drawn against it by 5 - 0.

Times of Play

5.6. The Starting Times for each Contest shall be between 7am and 12 noon.

5.7. Individual Matches must strictly adhere to designated starting times. All Individual Matches are to start at the published time, with the first Individual Match to commence at the advertised starting time for the Contest, and each subsequent match to commence at 8 minute intervals thereafter.

5.8. Any Host Club failing to commence play within 15 minutes of the time fixed in the Final Draw will forfeit the No. 5 match at this time. An additional Individual Match (in order No. 4, 3, 2, 1) will be forfeited for each additional 8 minutes that the first hit off time is later than the published time.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF CLUB AFTER FINAL DRAW COMPLETED

6.1. A Club must not withdraw, or fail to field a Team, from the Pennant after the Final Draw has been published.

6.2. In the event that a Club does not participate for the entire season, all Contest Points and Individual Match Points received in Contests against that Club will be disregarded. The Golf NSW Golf Committee will determine the appropriate Countback Procedure should this situation arise.

6.3. Any Club that withdraws from the Major Pennant after the Final Draw has been published may be penalised at the discretion of the Golf NSW Golf Committee.

7. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

7.1. A player is eligible for Women's Major Pennant if she is a female amateur golfer, a current financial member of the Club she represents on the date of play and complies with Golf NSW' Gender Policy, as outlined in the ***General Conditions for Golf NSW State Events (effective 1 January 2019)***.

7.2. If a player represents a Club in one season, she is ineligible to represent a different Club in the next season unless she has been a financial member of the new Club, with playing rights, for a minimum period of 3 months prior to the date of the first round of the Pennant. The player must also meet the requirements of Condition 7.1.

7.3. A player may not play in the Pennant for more than one Club in any one season.

7.4. Any player who has her golf playing membership or handicap on the date of play suspended by Golf NSW, any Club who is a member of Golf NSW, or a District Golf Association, is not eligible to participate on that date of play.

7.5. A player may play Junior Pennant for one Club, and then play Women's Major Pennant for a different Club, provided they meet the player eligibility criteria outlined in this Condition 7. A player may not play in Women's Grade or Women's Sunday Pennant for more than one Club in any one season, unless they are an eligible member of two clubs in which case they may play in one competition only for each club in which case Condition 7.6 is irrelevant.

7.6. A player is unable to play in the Women's Metropolitan Pennant once they have played twice in Friday's Grade and similarly is unable to play in Friday Grade once they have participated twice in Women's Metropolitan Pennant. Exception: A player or players may 'fill in' such that they do not strengthen the team, i.e. their exact handicap is higher than all other players in the team and they play at No. 5. Should two players be substituted then they must both have exact handicaps higher than the remainder of the team and play at No. 4 & 5. A maximum of two players in any one Contest allowed who have previously played twice in the alternative event.

7.7. There is no additional eligibility requirements (e.g. there is no requirement for a player to have played in a minimum number of Contests to be eligible to participate in a Semi-Final, Final or Relegation Contest).

Penalty – ineligible player

The penalty for an ineligible player competing in a Contest is forfeit of the specific Individual Match to the opposing Club.

8. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 8.1. All Contests and Individual Matches will be played under the Rules of Golf, the Local Rules in operation at the Host Club and in accordance with these Conditions.
- 8.2. Where a penalty for a breach of a Condition is not stated, the penalty shall be determined by the Golf NSW Golf Committee.
- 8.3. All Individual Matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the Host Club. The tees should be in Medal positions where possible.
- 8.4. Individual Matches must be played as one match per time slot.
- 8.5. During Contests there should NOT be a break in play at half way.

Number of players

- 8.6. In Women's Major Pennant, a Contest consists of five (5) Individual Matches.

Format

- 8.7. All Individual Matches will be played over 18 holes of match play without the benefit of handicap.
- 8.8. If an Individual Match in a preliminary round is square after 18 holes, the Individual Match shall be declared halved.
- 8.9. If an Individual Match in a Semi-Final, Final or Relegation Contest is square after 18 holes, play will continue until one player wins a hole.
- 8.10. If the result in a Semi-Final, Final or Relegation Contest has been decided the remaining Individual Matches shall terminate without further play and be declared halved.

The Honour

- 8.11. The honour on the tee shall be decided by the toss of a coin between representatives of the competing Clubs. The Club that wins the toss shall have the option to take the honour at the starting tee for all Individual Matches in that Contest.

Order of play

- 8.12. Teams will hit-off in order beginning with the No.5 players and concluding with the No.1 players hitting off last.
- 8.13. Once play has commenced, the penalty for any player playing in an incorrect team position will be disqualification (loss of the Individual Match).

9. ADVICE

- 9.1. In accordance with the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom, advice may be asked) e.g. the Team Manager, who is authorised to give advice to his/her team members during the Contest.
- 9.2. The appointed person is to be identified to the relevant Match Committee in charge of the venue prior to the commencement of the Contest. A nomination of this person as a Team Manager on the Team Nomination form is sufficient notice for this purpose.
- 9.3. The person nominated as Team Manager may also be a player but must not give advice to other players in the team during his stipulated round.

Penalty for breach of condition 9.3: Loss of hole by the Team Manager. Any player receiving advice in breach of this condition is also subject to penalty if he fails to take action to stop further breaches.

- 9.4. The person nominated as Team Manager must not change during a stipulated Contest, unless that Contest is suspended/postponed and resumes another day, or unless there are exceptional circumstances. In these circumstances, the relevant Match Committee in charge of the Contest must first be consulted.
- 9.5. Only a player's caddie or the person nominated in accordance with this Condition may give advice. Team mates and spectators are not permitted to give advice to a player during their Individual Match.

Penalty for breach of condition 9.5: A player accepting advice from persons other than her Team Manager or her caddie will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Rules of Golf (i.e. Loss of Hole).

10. CADDIES

- 10.1. There is no restriction as to who may act as a caddie.

11. NOMINATION OF TEAMS TO OPPOSITION AND HOST CLUB

- 11.1. The Captain or Team Manager of each Club **should** advise the official representative of the Host Club the names of the players in playing order, **at least twenty (20) minutes** before the nominated starting time. The Team Nomination Sheet must also name the Team Manager.
- 11.2. The playing position of each player shall be determined by the Captain or Team Manager of each Club (i.e. there is no requirement for players in the Team to play in the order of current GA handicaps).
- 11.3. If a Club is unable to submit a full Team, the opposing Captain or Team Manager and the relevant Match Committee must be notified that the Team shall consist of a certain number of players who must play in descending order. The Team will forfeit in the following order: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. The Team will forfeit last place, and any other places, not represented.

12. ABSENCE OF PLAYER(S)

- 12.1. A player will be considered absent, if she is not ready to start at the time that her Individual Match is due to hit-off. **Note:** If a Team does not arrive at a time within the Rules to play, then Condition 6 applies.

13. WINNER OF THE CONTEST

- 13.1. The Club that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest. (Refer to "Contest Points and Individual Match Points" below for further details).

14. CONTEST POINTS AND INDIVIDUAL MATCH POINTS

- 14.1. The following allocation of Contest Points and Individual Match Points will apply for all preliminary rounds.

Contest Points

- 14.2. The Club that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest.

- 14.3. Contest Points are awarded for each Contest as follows:

- (a) One (1) Contest Point is awarded to the winner of the Contest;
- (b) One half (½) Contest Point is awarded to each Club for a drawn Contest.

Individual Match Points

- 14.4. Individual Match Points are awarded for each Individual Match as follows:

- (a) One (1) Individual Match Point is awarded to the Club for each Individual Match win;
- (b) One half (½) Individual Match Point is awarded to each Club for each drawn Individual Match.

- 14.5. Refer to Condition 19 in the event of suspension of play.

15. SECTION WINNERS, FINALS AND PENNANT WINNER

- 15.1. At the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, the Club which secures the greatest number of Contest Points will be the winner of its Section.
- 15.2. In the event of two or more Clubs having an equal number of Contest Points, the Countback Procedures outlined in Condition 17 will apply to determine the higher, or lowest, placed Club.
- 15.3. The winners of each Section will play in the Semi-Final Contests for their Division, against the runners-up of the other Section. The seedings for the Semi-Final Contests are determined in accordance with Condition 18.
- 15.4. The winners of the Semi-Final Contests in each Division will play in their Divisional Final to determine the winner their Division's Pennant.
- 15.5. If a Semi-Final or Final has not started or where resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the Golf NSW Golf Committee will determine the action to be taken.

16. RELEGATION

- 16.1. Relegation (and promotion) between Divisions is at the discretion of the Golf NSW Golf Committee.

17. COUNTBACK PROCEDURES

- 17.1. The following Countback Procedures apply in determining the order of places on the Pennant table, the winner and last place of the Section.
- 17.2. The higher-placed Club is the Club which has the greatest number of Contest Points.
- 17.3. The last place Club in each Section will be the Club with the least number of Contest Points.
- 17.4. In the event that two or more Clubs have an equal number of Contest Points, the higher-placed Club will be the Club with more Individual Match Points.
- 17.5. In the event that two or more Clubs have an equal number of Contest Points and an equal number of Individual Match Points, the decision shall be reached by countback based on the overall result of the Contest(s) between the tied Clubs in the preliminary round(s).
- 17.6. In the event the Clubs did not play against each other during the preliminary rounds or the Clubs are unable to be separated, the places will be determined by lot.

18. SEEDINGS FOR FINALS AND RELEGATION CONTESTS

- 18.1. At the completion of the preliminary rounds, the Section winners in each Division will be seeded as follows for the Semi-Finals or Relegation Contests:
 - seed 1 Section 1 vs seed 2 Section 2;
 - seed 1 Section 2 vs seed 2 Section 1.

The seeding from 1 to 2 is determined as follows, with the higher seeding determined by:

1. Number of Contest Points - highest to lowest - should there be a tie; then
2. Number of Individual Match Points - highest to lowest - should there still be a tie; then
3. The position will be determined by lot.

NOTE

Where a Section winner is in a Draw which consisted of a differing number of Clubs at the commencement of the season, their Contest Points and Individual Match Points will be multiplied by the appropriate factor to determine their respective seeding for the relevant Semi Final.

Where a Division was reduced after the commencement of the season due to the withdrawal of Clubs, the matter shall be referred to the Golf NSW Golf Committee for a decision.

19. PRACTICE

- 19.1. Visiting or home teams may practice on the course on the day of the Contest prior to the nominated starting time, **only by invitation of the Host Club**. This does not preclude use of the practice areas. By arrangement with the Host Club, the Team may practice on a day prior to the day of the Contest. Team Managers are requested to emphasise this rule to members of the Team.

Note: A Club may have specific areas on the course where practice is not permitted prior to a Contest. This should be advised to the visiting Club in advance of the Contest.

Following the commencement of their Individual Matches, players may practice in accordance with the Rules of Golf. However, players should note that penalties may still be applied in accordance with the Rules of Golf to any player who unduly delays play by such actions.

20. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

- 20.1. The Distance Measuring Devices condition as outlined in the **General Conditions for Golf NSW State Events** is applicable to all rounds of the Pennant competition. (The **General Conditions** is available from the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org).

21. TRANSPORTATION

- 21.1. The Transportation condition as outlined in the **General Conditions for Golf NSW State Events** is applicable to all rounds of the Pennant competition. (The **General Conditions** is available from the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org).

22. MOBILE PHONES

- 22.1. The Mobile Phones condition as outlined in the **General Conditions for Golf NSW State Events** is applicable to all rounds of the Pennant competition. (The **General Conditions** is available from the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org).

Note: In deciding whether a penalty should be applied the relevant Match Committee will consider “Meaning of “Serious Breach of Etiquette” the Rules of Golf.

- 22.2. The Drugs condition as outlined in the **General Conditions for Golf NSW State Events** is applicable to all rounds of the Pennant competition. (The **General Conditions** is available from the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org).

- 22.3. The penalty for use of banned substance will be at the discretion of the Golf NSW Golf Committee in accordance with the Golf NSW Code of Conduct.

23. CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

- 23.1. The Conforming Driver Heads condition as outlined in the **General Conditions for Golf NSW State Events** is applicable to all rounds of the Pennant competition. (The **General Conditions** is available from the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org).

- 23.2. The penalty for use of a non-conforming driver head will be in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

24. CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

- 24.1. The Conforming Golf Balls condition as outlined in the **General Conditions for Golf NSW State Events** is applicable to all rounds of the Pennant competition. (The **General Conditions** is available from the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org).

- 24.2. The penalty for use of a non-conforming golf ball will be in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

25. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

- 25.1. The Consumption of Alcohol condition as outlined in the **General Conditions for Golf NSW State Events** is applicable to all rounds of the Pennant competition. (The **General Conditions** is available from the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org).
- 25.2. The penalty for breach of this Condition will be at the discretion of the Golf NSW Golf Committee in accordance with the Golf NSW Code of Conduct.

26. SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY

- 26.1. **Every effort should be made to play the Contest on the scheduled day and time.** If it is necessary to delay the commencement of play or suspend play because of weather conditions, play must not be suspended for the day until such time as it would not be possible for the last match to be concluded on that day. The decision on this matter rests with the responsible designated Match Committee of the Host Club(s) for Preliminary Rounds. The Host Club should confer with the GM Golf, Golf NSW (Graeme Phillipson 0416 057 965). The decision rests with the Golf NSW Golf Committee member(s) or their nominees during any Finals.
- 26.2. Course conditions, remaining time available and of course player safety should all be taken into account when considering whether to continue, suspend or cancel play for the day. Refer to Appendix 3 for guidelines.
- 26.3. If the Contest has commenced and resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the matter will be referred to the Golf NSW Golf Committee that will determine the action to be taken. The Golf NSW Golf Committee may find an alternate date with play recommencing in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- 26.4. If the Contest did not start refer to Condition 27.5.
- 26.5. If it is not possible for a Contest to resume as per Condition 27.3 or if the Contest did not start, the result of the Contest and allocation of Contest Points and Individual Match Points shall be awarded as follows:
- (a) If a Club has secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Contest then the following points will be awarded:
 - i. one Contest Point for the winner of the Contest;
 - ii. for completed matches - Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective match;
 - iii. for incomplete matches - Individual Match Points will be divided between the Clubs.
 - (b) If a Club has not secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Contest then the following points will be awarded:
 - i. one half a Contest Point to each Club;
 - ii. for completed matches - Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective match;
 - iii. for incomplete matches - Individual Match Points will be divided between the Clubs.
 - (c) The Golf NSW Golf Committee reserves the right to decide in equity when it is impossible to complete one or more Contests in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- 26.6. If a Semi-Final, Final or Relegation Contest has not started or where resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the Golf NSW Golf Committee will determine the action to be taken.

27. PACE OF PLAY

27.1. The Pace of Play Guidelines in Appendix 2 are applicable.

28. CODE OF CONDUCT

28.1. The current Golf NSW Code of Conduct applies to all players participating in the Pennant.

28.2. Breaches of the Golf NSW Code of Conduct reported during the Pennant may be subject to action by Golf NSW Golf Committee under its disciplinary procedures contained in the Code of Conduct. The Golf NSW Code of Conduct and disciplinary process is available from the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org.

Protests

28.3. Within two (2) days after each match (i.e. by 5pm two days after the Contest was to be held as published in the Final Draw), the protesting Club must notify the Golf NSW Golf Committee **in writing** of any protest or matter which is considered in breach of the Conditions. Such written notification will be deemed to be a protest and must be made by the Club Captain or authorised representative.

28.4. The Club lodging the protest **MUST** also provide a copy of the protest to the Host Club where the Contest was played and to the opposing Team's Club Captain on the same day it is lodged with the Golf NSW Golf Committee.

28.5. The Golf NSW Golf Committee may contact the Club(s) concerned seeking a statement of facts to be supplied by a fixed date. The matter will then be considered and dealt with by the Golf NSW Golf Committee at its discretion. The Golf NSW Golf Committee may take further evidence as required.

28.6. A decision given by the Golf NSW Golf Committee or its appointed delegate(s) on any protest by any competing Club will be considered final and binding on all competing Clubs.

29. BY-LAWS, CLUB RULES AND DRESS REGULATIONS

29.1. The By-laws, Club rules and dress regulations of the Host Club shall apply.

29.2. It is the responsibility of visiting Team Managers and/or Captain to ensure their players, caddies and officials adhere to this Condition.

29.3. To ensure this Condition is complied with, clubs must advise their players, caddies and supporters accordingly (i.e. Spikes, dress regulations, wide wheel buggies, smoking restrictions).

29.4. Host club officials constituting the Golf Committee of the day should not permit any player attired in a manner which breaches the Club dress regulations to commence play.

29.5. Any player not meeting Host Club dress regulations will be considered absent, and the Individual Match awarded to the opposition in accordance with the Absence of Players conditions.

30. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Results and Ladders

30.1. All Pennant results, ladders and feature articles on Pennant can be found on the Golf NSW Website at www.golfnsw.org.

Equipment

30.2. It is recommended that Team Managers check with host Clubs prior to the Contest and enquire whether a condition requiring buggies to be equipped with wide wheels or a restriction relating to metal spikes in golf shoes applies.

Undefeated Player Award

30.3. To be eligible to receive an undefeated player award a player must have competed in all preliminary rounds outlined below and have won or squared all of the respective Individual Matches.

Sponsor's Logos

- 30.4. A Sponsor's Logo is acceptable provided it appears only once on each piece of the player's clothing. The logo must not exceed a perimeter measurement of 220 mm (this does not include the Club logo).

Reciprocal Arrangements for Club Members

- 30.5. Clubs in each Division/Section are requested to invite some members of the Host Club in their Division/Section to play on their course on the day of the Major Pennant and, if possible, compete in Club competition. Clubs are particularly asked to assist one another if possible in order to overcome congestion experienced on the days inter-club competition is hosted.

31. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- 31.1. When hosting a pennant competition, the preferred time is early Sunday morning. If there is member or social play ahead of the Pennant Contest, Clubs should program the member's competition on the day to be a Par or Stableford event to promote minimal round times.

Buffer Zones

- 31.2. It is a Condition that the Host Club provides a minimum buffer zone of 40 minutes.

Penalty: As determined by the Golf NSW Golf Committee.

Course Presentation

- 31.3. It is expected that each Club involved in the Major Pennant will present its course in a condition of the high standard that the Major Pennant deserves.
- 31.4. The course set-up should be no harder than that used for club medal day competition.
- 31.5. The Golf Australia guidelines regarding hole positions should be strongly adhered to for all Major Pennant contests, particularly on days of inclement weather. The guidelines provide the following advice:
- The hole should be positioned at least four metres from any edge of the green. If a bunker is close to the edge, or if the ground slopes away from the edge, the distance should be greater;
 - An area of two or three feet around the hole should be as level as possible. Effort should be made to ensure holes are not positioned within three metres of a very severe slope or ridge or of a recently cut hole;
 - Consider the condition of nearby turf, especially taking care to avoid old plug holes;
 - Ensure there is a balanced selection of holes for the entire course with respect to left, right, central, front and back positions.

Match Committee

- 31.6. It is the responsibility of the Host Club to see that at least one or preferably two members of their Committee (constituting the Match Committee for the day unless otherwise stated) are available during play, to ensure that the Conditions are adhered to, and to adjudicate on any queries that may be raised. A participant (player, caddie or Team Manager) cannot be a member of this Match Committee.
- 31.7. The Match Committee is responsible for:
- Ensuring that matches commence on time and remain on time;
 - Monitoring pace of play (and issuing penalties as required);
 - Adjudicating on any Rule of Golf or these Conditions, where delegated to do so.
- 31.8. The Match Committee should ensure that they have a copy of these Conditions with them.
- 31.9. Any decision on Rules required during play of preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club, and any decision so given will be final.

Results

31.10. It is the responsibility of the Host Club to:

- Notify AAP (ph: 9322 8000) of the results; and
- File the result sheet immediately after the completion of all Contests and enter the results into the online pennant result system,

Practice Rounds

31.11. The availability of Practice Rounds for visiting Clubs prior to a Contest and the setting of any associated green fees are at the discretion of the Host Club, however it would not be appropriate to charge a fee.

Entertainment and Catering - Preliminary Rounds

31.12. All visiting competitors should be honorary members of the Host Club for the day.

31.13. Any entertainment during the playing of matches is to be kept to a minimum, and such entertainment is to be agreed upon by negotiation of the Clubs in each Section prior to the day of play. It is strongly suggested the Club Captain or General Manager contact the other Clubs (Teams) in their Division and agree on the level of entertainment prior to each season.

31.14. As caddies are optional, please ensure the Host Club are aware of numbers for catering purposes.

32. HOSTING FINALS OR RELEGATION CONTESTS

32.1. All visiting competitors should be honorary members of the Host Club for the day.

32.2. Clubs participating in the Major Pennant are required to provide their course, when requested by the Golf NSW Golf Committee, for Semi-Finals, Finals or Relegation Contests and allow a 40 minute buffer zone. Host Clubs will be advised nine months prior to the event to assist with programming.

32.3. Clubs requested to host a Semi-Finals or Final Contest must allow a practice round (at no charge) for the competing teams (maximum of eight players in each team) and provide a cart for each Team Manager.

32.4. The course should be set up as per 'Course Preparation' above.

32.5. For Semi-Finals and Relegation Contests, food and beverage on the day is to be discussed by the participating clubs and the host club and the cost is to be borne by the participating clubs.

32.6. For the Divisional Finals, Golf NSW will arrange drinks and savouries for the Presentation.

32.7. During Semi-Finals, Finals and Relegation Contests there should NOT be a break in play at half way.

APPENDIX 1 - REFEREES

When referees are watching play through having been assigned to a particular place on the course, their duties are different from those of a referee assigned to accompany a match. In match play, the players in a particular match are there to protect their own interests. A referee who is not assigned to accompany a match has no authority to intervene in a match other than in relation to the Rules of Golf. The referee's presence on the course is solely to assist players in the event of a claim. The handling of the situation will depend on whether the Committee has granted individual members unlimited authority to represent the Committee and make final decisions. This is an issue that the Committee should clarify in advance. However, deferring a decision should be resorted to only in exceptional circumstances since it is a principle of match play that each side is entitled to know the state of the match at all times.

APPENDIX 2 - 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 Golf 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 Golf 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 her ball, it is her turn to play and she 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 her ball, repair her ball mark and other ball marks on her line of putt and remove loose impediments from her 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 will be referred to the Golf NSW Golf Committee for further consideration and may see a player subject to further action including suspension from further representation of her 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 her 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.

APPENDIX 3 – ADVERSE COURSE CONDITIONS

As per Condition 27 it is imperative matches be completed and a result obtained on the day. The following are guidelines in deciding if the course is playable.

- Provided a minimum of 9 holes are available for play, in accordance with the Rules of Golf, then play should proceed. The matches are still to be played over 18 holes, however a hole or holes can be played more than once.
- It is acceptable that a composite course be used.
- Preferred lies can be in place, even through the green.
- Bunkers can be out of play.



2019 METROPOLITAN MAJOR PENNANT RESULT SHEET

Please complete this form with all relevant information, and ensure it is signed by the Captains of both teams. This form must be held on file by the home club and results entered into the online score recording system.

Please advise results to AAP by phoning 9322 8000.

Division:		Section:		Date:	
Venue:			Actual starting time:		

Club		
Position	Player <small>(First Name / Last Name)</small>	Win/Res
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

VS

Club		
Position	Player <small>(First Name / Last Name)</small>	Win/Res
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

TOTAL	
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	Golf Club defeated		Golf Club		matches to	
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Signature of Team Captain:

Signature of Team Captain:



2019 METROPOLITAN MAJOR PENNANT TEAM NOMINATION SHEET

Club	
Venue	
Opponent	
Date of Play	

Team Position (best player at No. 1 and hitting off last) – **Please list player name and Golflink Number.**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Team Manager: _____