

SA SENIOR PENNANT – 2021 SEASON

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

References

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

- a) The Rules of Golf – effective January 2019
- b) Official Guide to the Rules of Golf – effective January 2019
- 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) Results of Multi-tee and Mixed Gender competitions – WHS Operational Guidance 2020
- g) Local Rules and Terms of Competition for Golf Australia Amateur Championships - 2021
- h) Golf Australia Policies
 - I. Golf Australia Member Protection Policy
 - II. Codes of Conduct
 - III. Complaint Handling Procedure
 - IV. Golf Australia Extreme Weather & Heat Policy

History

In 2007 eight golf clubs under the driving force of Mike Jackson (Mt Osmond GC) put together the concept and implemented Seniors Pennant Golf Competition. Key to the success of the original concept was the support and sponsorship of Paradise Motors Mazda after which the major trophies were formally named in the event's initial stages.

The founding clubs were Mt Osmond, Blackwood, Flagstaff Hill, The Vines, Tea Tree Gully, Riverside (West Lakes), Thaxted Park and Mt Lofty (The Stirling). The Competition expanded over time as interest was generated amongst senior players in clubs.

The Senior Pennant Competition now stands at eighteen clubs and is open to both male and female players aged 55 years and above as of the day of play.

Definitions

- a. **Golf Australia - SA (GA - SA)** means the parent body governing amateur golf in South Australia.
- b. **Host Club Match Committee (Match Committee)** means the Match Committee of the Host Club established to run a minor round and/or semi-final of the competition.
- c. **SA Match Committee** means the Match Committee of Golf Australia - SA established by the Board of Golf SA responsible for the conduct of the Competition.
- d. **'Contest'** means the competition between two Clubs
- e. **'Match'** means the contest between individual players of opposing teams
- f. **'Club'** means an affiliated club or district (per Schedule 1 & 2 of the Golf SA Constitution) competing in the SA Senior Pennant Competition.
- g. **Host Club** means the Club nominated by Golf Australia - SA to host the contest, whether at that club or another venue
- h. **'Rules of Golf'** means the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status (current at the time of the event).

1 COMPETITION

- 1.1 Competition Format:** The Golf Australia SA Senior Pennant Competition (the Competition) will be conducted in three (3) divisions. Each division will be made up of up to eight (8) teams that will play a minor round of up to seven (7) contests, a semi-final and final.
- a. **Semi Final:** A Semi Final will be played between the 1st placed team versus the 4th placed team and the 2nd placed team versus the 3rd placed team at the end of the minor round. The winners of the Semi Final will progress to the Final. Semi-finals matches will be played out to a result.
 - b. **Final:** A Final will be played in each division between the winners of the Semi Final.
- 1.2 Designated Tees:** Men will play off the designated men's tee and women will play off the designated women's tee. If the pars of a hole are different for men and women (for example one hole is a Par 5 for women and a Par 4 for men). The women's tee must be moved forward and played as a Par 4. Golf Australia recommends an 85% ratio to be used. That is, the women's hole to be 85% in length of the men's hole. For example, women's 400m and men's 470m.
- 1.3 'Off the Stick':** All matches are to be played 'off the stick.'

2 TEAM COMPOSITION

- 2.1 Team Composition:** Each team is to comprise of seven (7) eligible players. Men and women are eligible to compete.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION

- 3.1 Player Eligibility:** A player is eligible to play in the Golf Australia - SA Senior Pennant Competition if he/she is an Amateur Golfer whose Club that he/she represents is affiliated to Golf Australia - SA and meets the following three (3) criteria:
- a. Has been a financial member of that golf club for at least three (3) months prior to the first day of the competition.
 - b. Has playing rights defined by that club's constitution and/or rules.
 - c. Is 55 years or over on the day of play.
- 3.2 Represents Only One Club:** A player may only represent one Club in any one pennant season in the SA Senior Pennant Competition.
- 3.3 Club May Appeal on Behalf of Player:** A club may appeal to SA Match Committee on behalf of a player in exceptional circumstances if that player falls outside the stated Player Eligibility criteria in 3.1. An exemption to play may be granted in exceptional circumstances and then only with the support of the player's 'previous' club.
- 3.4 Player Eligibility for Finals (including Semi Final):** A player must have played at least one (1) minor round match to be eligible to play in any Finals (including semi-finals).
Note: a reserve player in any competition is not considered as "played a match" if they are simply named as reserve and do not play
- 3.5 Playing an Ineligible Player (Minor Round):** A Club that plays an ineligible player during the minor rounds, will result in that team losing the individual match involving the ineligible player. A score of 10 & 8 will be recorded for that match.

3.6 Playing an Ineligible Player – Finals (including Semi Final): A Club that plays an ineligible player in a Final (including semi-final) will result in the team being disqualified.

4 PLAYER REGISTRATION

4.1 Club to Register Player List: Each Club is required to register a list of eligible players, using the provided template, to Golf Australia – SA no later than one week prior to the competition starting.

4.2 Adding Player/s to the List: Eligible players may be added throughout the season by contacting Golf Australia - SA prior to that player playing a minor round match.

4.3 Player Audit: From time-to-time Golf Australia – SA may conduct a player eligibility audit. Clubs may be requested to provide proof of eligibility in the form of a copy of relevant clauses of their constitution and by-laws, membership applications and payments as substantiation.

5 CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

5.1 Host Club Match Committee: The Host Club Match Committee will comprise of three (3) members nominated by the Host Club. One of these members must be an accredited Rules Official. The Host Club Match Committee is responsible for the conduct of the Competition at that venue.

- a. **Host Club to Advise Team Managers:** A Host Club is to advise Team Managers of the appointed Host Club Match Committee (including contact details) prior to commencement.
- b. **Decisions on Rules:** Any decisions on the rules required during play will be given by the appointed Host Club Match Committee in accordance with the Rules of Golf. If the appointed official requires assistance with a ruling, they may contact Susan Seja (Golf Australia) on Ph. 0411 557 771.

5.2 Golf Course:

- a. **Course Set-Up:** The host club is requested to present the course in a manner like that used for the Club's main competitions with due consideration given to conditions prevailing on the day of play.

If the pars of a hole are different for men and women (for example one hole is a Par 5 for women and a Par 4 for men). The women's tee must be moved forward and played as a Par 4. Golf Australia recommends an 85% ratio to be used. That is, the women's hole to be 85% in length of the men's. For example, women's 400m and men's 470m.

- b. **Tees & Times:** Matches will commence from the designated tees and at the appointed times in the order listed in the Golf Australia – SA Competition Draw unless otherwise advised by Golf Australia – SA.
- c. **Tee Closure:** A Host Club is requested to ensure that tees are closed at the appropriate time prior to the start of the first match.

5.3 Teams:

- a. In keeping with the Spirit of the Competition clubs are requested to select their teams based on players ability.
- b. **Team Lists:** Team Lists are to be provided to either the Pro-Shop or the Host Club Match Committee representative on the prescribed form at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first match.
 - i. **Penalty:** The penalty for late or non-submission of Team lists is:

Within 16-30 minutes prior to scheduled tee-off time.	No. 7 Player will lose the first hole of his/her match. Play in that match to start on the 2nd hole.
Within 15 minutes prior to scheduled tee-off time.	No. 7 Player (7 Person Team) will lose his/her match.
Team List not Submitted prior to scheduled tee-off time.	Team disqualified with all matches recorded as 10/8 loss

- c. **The Honour:** The honour on the 1st tee will be decided by a toss of the coin between representatives of the competing Clubs.
- d. **Order of Play:** In keeping with the spirit of the competition clubs are requested to select their teams based on players ability. Players will hit off in reverse order of the Team List. i.e. No. 7 player first through to the No. 1 player last. Play is in groups of four (4). **Except:** one match at the host club's discretion must be played as a two-ball.
- e. **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.
- f. **Reporting to Starter:** The first players from each Team due to tee off 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.
- g. **Player Arrives Late:** (Rule 5.3) 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 Rule 5.3a Exception 3, the following Penalties will apply:
 - 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.
- h. **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.
- i. **Practice:** Rule 5.2a is modified in this way; 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 First Breach:** General penalty applied to the players first hole
 - ii. **Penalty Second Breach:** Disqualification
 - iii. **Note:** The host club is to advise the manager/captain (in writing) of all competing teams of the designated practice areas and conditions.
- 5.4 Results:**
- a. **Game All Square:** Where a match is '...all-square...' after 18 holes, a square will be recorded for the match result.
- b. **Match Abandoned:** If a contest is abandoned by the decision of the Host Club Match Committee, the result will be a tie with the score recorded as three and a half (3 ½) matches to each team.
 - i. **Except:** If a Team has established a winning position when the contest is abandoned, i.e. a minimum of four (4) matches won, that result will stand with any remaining matches being halved.
- c. **Protests:** (See Condition 8).

5.5 Match Points

- a. A team win will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) contest point.
- b. A draw between two teams (3 ½ match points each) will result in each team being awarded half (0.5) of a contest point.
- c. An individual win or walkover will result in the winning team 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 team awarded half (0.5) of a match point.

5.6 Ladders: Ladders will be calculated in the following manner;

- i. Teams will be positioned on their respective Ladder by Total Contests.
- ii. Total Matches will be used to determine the position of teams tied on Total Contests.
- iii. If Total Contests and Total Matches are tied, holes are then used to determine a team's position on the ladder.
- iv. Teams still tied are ordered by the result of the most recent contest in the current season between the two teams.
- v. If the contest was undecided or the teams have not played each other in the current season, teams still tied are ordered by lot.

6 FINALS

6.1 Semi-Final: A Semi Final will be played between the 1st placed team versus the 4th placed team and the 2nd placed team versus the 3rd placed team at the end of the minor round. The winners of the Semi Final will progress to the Final. Semi-finals matches will be played out to a result. **Except:** When a team has established a winning position (i.e. a minimum of four (4) matches won in seven match contest) then the contest is considered won and any remaining matches in progress will be halved irrespective of their match score at that time.

6.2 Final: The Final will be played between the winners of the Semi-Final. Final matches will be played out to a result. **Except:** When a team has established a winning position (i.e. a minimum of four (4) matches won in seven match contest) then the contest is considered won and any remaining matches in progress will be halved irrespective of their match score at that time.

6.3 Abandoned Finals:

- a. If the Semi Final is abandoned for any reason, the teams placed 1st and 2nd in each division at the end of the minor rounds will automatically progress through to the Final.
- b. If the Final is abandoned for any reason, the Final will be played out on an alternate date at the same venue, or a venue as directed by Golf Australia – SA. If rescheduling is not possible, Golf Australia – SA will determine the winner.

6.4 Trophies: Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winners of each South Australian Senior Pennant division.

7 PROMOTION, RELEGATION AND ENTRY INTO COMPETITION

7.1 Promotion & Relegation:

a. Promotion:

- i. The winning team in Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1
- ii. The winning team in Division 3 will be promoted to Division 2

b. Relegation: The team finishing last at the completion of minor rounds in:

- i. Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2
- ii. Division 2 will be relegated to Division 3

7.2 Entry into the Competition: Any Club per Schedule 1 & 2 of the Golf SA Constitution may apply to enter a team/s into the Golf Australia – SA Senior Pennant Competition.

8 PROTESTS & DISPUTES

- 8.1 Lodgement:** The Team Manager is responsible for lodging a protest with the Host Club Match Committee and informing opposing Team Manager within 15 minutes of the completion of the final match.
- a. Full details of any protest must be lodged by the protesting club in writing to Golf Australia – SA by 5:00pm of the Tuesday following the round.
- 8.2 Determination of Protest:** SA Match Committee will determine any protest under the:
- a. Golf Australia – SA Senior Pennant Terms of the Competition
 - b. Rules of Golf & Amateur Status
 - c. Golf Australia Policies (as appropriate)
 - d. Golf SA Constitution & Regulations.
- 8.3 Match Committee May Delegate:** Depending on the nature of the protest Golf Australia - SA may delegate its power to a duly formed sub-committee for the purpose.
- 8.4 Decision Final:** A decision given by the SA Match Committee or its appointed delegate/s on any protest by any competing club will be considered final and binding on all competing clubs.

9 ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Team Manager/s

- a. **Appoint a Team Manager:** Each team is to appoint a Team Manager who is to be identified on the Team List submitted prior to the start of the contest.
- b. **Duties:** The duties of the Team Manager include:
 - i. Monitor the conduct of the players in his/her Team in accordance with the appropriate Codes of Conduct
 - ii. Lodge any protest/dispute (in accordance with Condition 8) if necessary
 - iii. Reporting any incident in writing to GA - SA that occurs during the contest that may potentially lead to a breach of Codes of Conduct
- c. **Score Sheets:** Ensure that the result sheets are correct and signed/counter-signed.

9.2 Host Club:

- a. **Provide Starters:** The Host Club is required to provide a Starter for each tee as per the Scheduled Draw. Starters must be provided with Team Lists & Local Rules.
- b. **Local Rules:** The Host Club must prepare a 'Local Rules' sheet for each Tee Starter for handing to players/officials prior to the start of each match.
- c. **Carts for Rules Officials/Managers:** Carts for Rules Officials and/or Managers (to share) should be provided at the discretion of the Host Club.
- d. **'Envelopes':** The Host Club is to provide 'envelopes' to be collected by visiting Managers at either the Pro-Shop or with the Host Club Match Committee representative containing:
 - i. Results Sheets
 - ii. Local Rules

9.3 Post-Match Catering: There is no requirement for the Host Club to provide free of charge catering. In the spirit of the competition however, teams are encouraged to support the host venue in purchasing food and beverage before/after their match in a show of camaraderie.

10 RULES & GOLF ETIQUETTE

10.1 Advice: Rule 10.2 and Rule 24.4: Other than a player's caddie, the Team Manager or Non-Playing Captain, who is appointed prior to the start of the contest, is the only person who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of the team.

Penalty: Loss of hole

10.2 Transportation: A player or a caddie will only be permitted to ride on motorised transportation in circumstances expressly described in (a) or (b) below.

- a. When authorised (or later approved) by the committee in charge of the competition due to circumstances that arise during the playing of a round. For example, a player who is about to play (or who has just played) under penalty of stroke and distance, and their caddie, is automatically authorised to ride on motorised transportation.
- b. When approved by Golf Australia as a person who currently requires the use of motorised transportation in order to participate in the game of golf. To be considered for approval, the player or caddie must provide to Golf Australia written advice from a medical practitioner, or a physiotherapist, or a chiropractor, or an osteopath, or the like, or other documentation as approved by Golf Australia, stating they currently require the use of motorised transportation to participate in the game of golf. The advice must be emailed to colin.anderson@golf.org.au before the round they are due to play. When an exemption is granted, the use of motorised transportation must solely serve the purpose of transportation.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

10.3 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.

10.4 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 Australia Code of Conduct

10.5 Smoking & Alcohol: Players and caddies are prohibited from smoking and consuming alcohol during a round. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like).

Penalty:

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| I. | First breach: | Warning |
| II. | Second breach: | One-Stroke Penalty |
| III. | Third breach: | General Penalty |
| IV. | Fourth breach or any subsequent misconduct: | Disqualification |

10.6 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 4.3.

10.7 Dress Code: Players and caddies must adhere to the dress code of the Host Club.

10.8 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.

- 10.9 Code of Conduct:** The Golf Australia Code of Conduct applies to players, caddies, managers, and other club officials at the pennant venue.
- 10.10 COVID-19:** Players, caddies and supporters must comply with all government health directions.
- a. Do not attend the event if, at the time of the event, you have been instructed by a relevant authority to self-isolate; or if you are feeling unwell or sick; or you have confirmed COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms.
 - b. Maintain good hygiene practices at all times, including: regular hand washing and sanitisation when entering venues, after using the bathroom and before and after handling food; and covering your mouth and nose if you need to cough or sneeze.
- 10.11** Clubs are reminded they must adhere to the South Australian Government COVID regulations. Refer - <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/>
- 10.12 Database of Competitors' Details:** The personal data contained in this team nomination is permanently retained by GA. This data may be utilised by GA or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time to time players may be sent entry forms, event literature, the GA e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of GA events, or information about events conducted by GA approved bodies. Upon receipt by GA of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.
- 10.13** The SA Match Committee has full power at any time to alter or vary any one of the Conditions in fairness to the competition.



2021 SENIOR PENNANT TEAM / RESULTS SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS – HOST CLUB

- Results Notification to Golf Australia (SA):** Process results on online system. Complete and return results sheet to Colin Anderson immediately after play by email – colin.anderson@golf.org.au
- Media Notification:** Results are to be sent to *The Advertiser* immediately after the completion of the contest – editservices@adv.newsltd.com.au

Date _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Division 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Division 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Division 3
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Note: Please show results in column of winning player

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*Both Teams to complete and hand to Host Club Official

WON BY _____

_____ **MATCHES TO** _____

Club Official Name

Club Official Name

Club Official Signature

Club Official Signature