

# Sunday Pennant Conditions

GOLF SOUTHERN TASMANIA



## 1. Who can enter?

- 1.1. GST Sunday Pennant is open to all clubs in the Southern Tasmanian region
- 1.2. Clubs can enter as many teams as they can reasonably support
- 1.3. Teams will consist of 7 players (men or women) plus reserves
- 1.4. Multiple teams from a single club are not normally permitted in a division
- 1.5. Composite teams (with players from multiple clubs) may be used to promote participation

## 2. GST Pennant Committee

- 2.1. The GST Pennant Committee will grade the entered teams into divisions and prepare an overall pennant program
- 2.2. Decisions of the GST Pennant Committee on all issues will be final

## 3. Player Eligibility

- 3.1. A player nominated to play pennant for a club:
  - 3.1.1. Must be a *bona fide* full playing member of that club, and have been a member of that club for at least three (3) months prior to the player's first pennant match of the current season. *A club can apply for this three-month stipulation to be reduced or waived where a player has changed their place of residence and legitimately transferred clubs, noting that they must have been a financial member at their previous club.*
  - 3.1.2. Must hold amateur status (*i.e.*, they cannot be a professional golfer, which category includes members of a professional golf association, players who have made application to regain amateur status, and Associate Professional golfers (formerly known as Trainee Professionals))
  - 3.1.3. Can play for only one team / club (they may play in a composite team)
  - 3.1.4. Can be promoted to a higher division
- 3.2. A player who has played more than 50% of the total available roster games (excluding finals) in a higher division is not eligible to play subsequent games in a lower division.
- 3.3. A reserve player for a pennant team may not have a handicap below the lowest handicap across all teams in that division
- 3.4. A breach of the eligibility criteria will result in the offending player losing the match 10/8
- 3.5. *Exceptions to the eligibility criteria may be granted prospectively by the GST Pennant Committee in extenuating circumstances*

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## 4. Match Day Requirements

- 4.1. Matches will consist of 7 individual match play games between players from two teams
- 4.2. Games will be played as 18 holes of either off-the-stick match play or handicap match play (as specified for the division).
- 4.3. For off-the-stick match play, the Captain may arrange the team list in any order.
- 4.4. For handicap match play, the Captain must arrange the team list in ascending order of *daily playing handicap*. Strokes will be given according to the balanced stroke play index (as recommended by Golf Australia) to a maximum of 8 strokes.
- 4.5. Captains are to exchange team lists in playing order no less than 10 minutes prior to the start time of the match
- 4.6. The result sheet, signed by both captains, is to be sent to the GST Pennant Coordinator as soon as possible following the completion of the match

## 5. Playing Conditions

- 5.1. Matches are to be played at the time and day rostered by the GST Pennant Committee
- 5.2. Matches are played under the Rules of Golf and the local rules of the host club
- 5.3. The first-named club in the draw is the home team
- 5.4. The away team will have the honour in each game
- 5.5. Matches will be played in reverse order (from game #7 to #1)
- 5.6. All play will be from the men's championship tees (or the equivalent)
- 5.7. An exception to 5.6 applies in handicap match play where a woman golfer must play from tees for an appropriately-rated course (*as recommended by the home club and agreed by the team Captains*)
- 5.8. Distance-only measuring devices may be used
- 5.9. Players may use motorised transport only if a medical exemption has been sought and granted prospectively by the GST Pennant Committee
- 5.10. Games undecided after 18 holes will be deemed halved

## 6. Walk-overs / Forfeits

- 6.1. If a team does not field the full 7 players, the #7 match is forfeited first, then the #6 match, *etc.* A team can not place an absent player higher up in the team.
- 6.2. If a member of a team is not ready for their game due to a delay, it may be delayed by mutual consent of the Captains, but not later than 5 minutes after the commencement of game #1

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- 6.3. If a player arrives at the first tee more than 5 minutes late for their game (accounting for any mutually-agreed delay), the opposing Captain may claim a walk-over, recorded as 10/8 on the result sheet
- 6.4. If a match is forfeited by one team it will be recorded as a match result of 7-0

## **7. Disputes**

- 7.1. Any disputes concerning the Rules of Golf should be resolved by the players involved, failing which the team Captains (or their nominee/s if one or more Captains are involved in the dispute) will determine the outcome.
- 7.2. Any other disputes are to be decided by the team Captains – an unresolved dispute should be noted on the result sheet for determination by the GST Pennant Committee

## **8. Winners of Pennant**

- 8.1. In divisions comprising 4 or less teams, the teams finishing first and second on the ladder will play an 18-hole final (hosted by the team finishing first)
- 8.2. In a division comprising more than 4 teams, the teams finishing second and third on the ladder will play a semi-final (hosted by team finishing second). The semi-final winner will play the team that finished first on the ladder in the final (hosted by team finishing first).

## **9. Eligibility for Finals**

- 9.1. To qualify for a semi-final or final in a division, a player must have played at least 25% of the available roster matches in that division (or a lower division)
- 9.2. To be eligible for a State Pennant Final, a player must meet the qualification criterion under condition 9.1

## **10. Suspension or Abandonment of Play**

- 10.1. If a match is postponed for any reason (e.g., abnormal weather conditions, extreme heat, or unplayable course conditions) then the teams involved must endeavour to complete the match in a suitable timeframe, generally no later than one week after the end of the roster schedule
- 10.2. If a postponed match cannot be played, it will be abandoned with no points awarded to either team

## **11. GST Pennant Coordinator**

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