



**GOULBURN MURRAY GOLF**  
**ASSOCIATION**

**CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

**SUMMER PENNANT**

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### **GENERAL NOTES**

1. **Competition**
  - 1.1 The inter club Pennant competition is open to all member clubs and shall be divided into divisions.
  - 1.2 The executive has total discretion of placing teams in divisions.
  - 1.3 Each team member must have a GolfLink handicap and be a member of an affiliated GMGA club.
  
2. **Dress Code**
  - 2.1 It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that team members observe the dress regulations of the host club.
  
3. **Etiquette**
  - 3.1 Players are to ensure that they observe the rules and etiquette of the host club. Remember you are representing your club, the GMGA and you are a guest of the host club.
  
4. **Behaviour**
  - 4.1 Golf is a sport of great tradition and characterized by golfer's exemplary behaviour and fair play, this leads to high expectation of golfer's behaviour on and off the course.
  - 4.2 Unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be tolerated and any player reported for a misdemeanour will be dealt with by the GMGM executive.
  
5. **Locomotion**
  - 5.1 Players and caddies are permitted to ride in or on any form of mechanical locomotion during the playing of a hole.
  
6. **Practice prior to contests**
  - 6.1 Practice is restricted to the practice fairway and practice putting area provided by the host club.
  - 6.2 Practicing on the course prior to the contest is not permitted.
  
7. **Afternoon Tea**
  - 7.1 All players will be levied by the team captain for the cost of afternoon tea as set at the A.G.M. This currently stands at \$10.00 per player, unless other arrangements are made by the host club.

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## **GMGA SUMMER PENNANT COMPETITION CONDITIONS**

### **1. Definitions**

- 1.1 GMGA means the Goulburn Murray Golf Association.
- 1.2 The Pennant competition is under control of the GMGA match committee.
- 1.3 The competition between two teams will be known as a contest.
- 1.4 In GMGA Pennant a contest consists of (5) individual matches.
- 1.5 In GMGA Pennant, a contest is defined as being decided when a club has won a minimum of three (3) individual matches.
- 1.6 Host club means the club where Pennant matches are played.

### **2. Format**

- 2.1 General:  
GMGA Pennant is a club team's match play competition. The GMGA Pennant season will consist of contests between respective clubs in divisions as drawn by the GMGA match committee.
- 2.2 Representation:  
Each club in the Summer competition (10) male players in accordance with condition 2.3.
- 2.3 Eligibility:  
No player may represent more than one (1) club during the competition of any one year. The penalty for an ineligible player competing in a Pennant match is loss of the specific individual match. Members who also are members of the PGA may also play, with the limit of one such player per team.

#### **Pennant Qualification for Finals**

1. That to qualify for a final in a Summer Pennant a player must play 2 games in that Division where there are more than 5 teams.
2. Where there are only 4 teams in a Division only 1 game is required to qualify.
3. If in the event of unforeseen circumstances that the above qualifications cannot be met then requests for substitute player/s not

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qualified to play under these rules must be addressed to the Executive of the GMGA.

**The penalty for an ineligible player competing in a Pennant match, is loss of the specific individual match.**

2.4 Contests:

The competition between two (2) teams will be known as a contest. Contests will be played upon the course of the club named in the draw and in accordance with the Rules of Golf together with such local rules as are in force over the course on which the competition takes place. The honour for the contest shall be decided by the toss of a coin between representatives of the competing clubs. In GMGA Pennant, a contest consists of five (5) individual matches. In GMGA Pennant, a contest is defined as decided when one club has won a minimum of three (3) individual matches.

**3. Practice**

3.1 Players are not permitted to practice on the course on the day of the competition. Breach of this condition will be disqualification of the player or players involved. Prior to commencement of play, practice is permitted on the designated practice areas of the host club and in accordance with the exemption to Rule of Golf 7.1.

During play practice is permitted in accordance with rule 7.2.

**4. Team Lists**

4.1 The Captain, manager or designated representative of each team shall hand into the office of the host club official, the list of team members in hit off order no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled hit off time. **Failure to do so will result in the first pair of the offending team losing the 1<sup>st</sup> hole of the match.**

**5. Player, Caddie-Dress, Footwear & Course requirements**

- 5.1 Players & caddies are required to wear a shirt with a collar (no tee shirts) and other clothing and footwear in accordance with host club policy. Penalty for breach: Disqualification of player.
- 5.2 Caddies must be attired in accordance with the host club dress standards and any caddie not attired in this manner will be withdrawn.
- 5.3 Players and caddies who fail to adhere to the hosts club's dress and course requirements EG; failure to carry or use sand buckets, slicks on



buggies etc, will be subject to sanction in accordance with the Association's code of conduct.

**6. Draw & Honour**

- 6.1 Contests shall commence from designated starting tees at the times and in order listed on the draw unless otherwise advise by the GMGA.
- 6.2 The honour for each contest shall be decided by the toss of a coin by representatives of the competing clubs.

**7. Match Duration, hit off order & and teeing area**

- 7.1 All matches shall be played over Eighteen (18) holes match play. If a match is square after the completion of eighteen (18) holes in Summer Fourball Pennant is square, the match shall remain square.
- 7.2 In a division final contest, if a match is square after the completion of eighteen (18) holes, play shall continue until one secures the advantage. However, the captains of both teams may agree that the match shall terminate without a decision, if the divisional final contest is decided.
- 7.3 Individual matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the host club and in order of the team list.

**8. Suspension of play & abandonment of contests**

- 8.1 In the event of heavy rain, lighting, unplayable course conditions or for any other reason the host club will be responsible for deciding whether to suspend play. The procedure when play is suspended is outlined under the Rules of Golf 6.8b.
- 8.2 When the course is ready to play, players will be advised to return to their various locations.
- 8.3 Every effort should be made to complete all contests on the schedule day.
- 8.4 If contests cannot be completed on the day then the GMGA. executive shall decide on an outcome.
- 8.5 HEAT Policy: If the weather forecast for the city of Shepparton (central to region) is going to exceed 38 degrees Celsius as predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology at 6pm Saturday evening, an official of the GMGA will notify clubs that play of the following days round of matches will be cancelled and the matches considered halved , and points equally distributed between the competing clubs. This for the safety and welfare off all players. All players are required to**



**read the Golf Victoria Player Hydration notes on the GolfVic website.**

## **9 Measuring Devices**

- 9.1 Players may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a Pennant match, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed etc), the player is in breach of Rule of Golf 14.3, for which the penalty is Disqualification regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used. **Note:** the use of a distance device that has a compass as one of its features, such as a “Smart Phone” is specifically prohibited.

## **10 Walkovers**

- 10.1 If a team fields less than 5 players, walkovers shall be given from the 5<sup>th</sup> position. If a club intends to give a walkover in an individual match or a team contest, the Captain of the opposing team shall be notified prior to the match or contest. If a walkover has been given, the opposing player or team need not be present on the day of the match or contest.

## **11 Results & Ladders**

- 11.1 Ties – If in the event that 2 or more teams finish Preliminary contests tied with equal points, a result shall be decided by a team with the most individual wins. If a tie still exists then the team that has won against another team in a preliminary contest shall be considered to be higher on the ladder. All matches are too played out to a result as per Rule 7.1.
- 11.2 On the day of the competition the home club is required to:
1. Collect the result sheets from the host club office.
  2. Coordinate team managers/captains to complete and sign the results sheet.
  3. Compile and scan/fill out/photograph both the team sheets and result sheets to the Captain (Graeme Stevens on 0413 845 375) immediately after all contests are completed and results known. All Pennant results and ladders can be found on the GMGA website at [www.gmga.org.au](http://www.gmga.org.au) in the Pennant Golfbox menu tab when competed.
- 11.3 The winning team in each division shall be presented with a Pennant by the GMGA.



## **12 Protests**

- 12.1 Any protest shall be lodged in writing with the managing official of the host club prior to leaving the course on the day of play and any such protest shall be decided by the GMGA executive committee if present or the host club match committee whose decision shall be final. The decision shall be announced before the next round.

## **13 Conduct of Competition:**

The Captain or his deputy of the host club shall be responsible for the conduct of the competition on the day and shall forward the results to the person who is nominated to record Pennant scores and compile ladders. Results are to be forwarded at the earliest possible time after the conclusion of play.

Hit off times and tees for the final shall be decided by the GMGA executive.

In the event of a club having more than one (1) team within a division of competition, a player having played more than two (2) contests with one such team may not play with the other such team.