

GOLD COAST DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

2023 PENNANT SERIES DIV 1 & 2

All clubs will be invited by the GCDGA to submit a pennant team. Once accepted, the clubs are bound by the following conditions:

- A No social or competition play is to precede pennant play on the competition day. Should any social play prior to pennants occur, the host club will forfeit all matches.
- B The course is to be prepared to the satisfaction of the GCDGA management committee and play is to be from the blue or championship markers.
- C A win between teams shall be secured by the team winning the greater number of individual matches and such a team will receive 2 points. All individual matches are not to proceed beyond the 18th hole. Matches completed all square on the 18th green will be halved and teams will receive one point each.
- D The two leading teams in each division will play off for the pennant on a date and venue to be decided by the GCDGA management committee. At the discretion of the GCDGA Match Committee, the winning team of the pennant in Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1 and the bottom team in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 for the following year.
- E In the event of two or more teams being equal on points after the completion of the preliminary rounds, the two finalists will be decided by the team with the greater number of individual matches won. If a tie still exists, then the team with the greater aggregate holes won throughout the season will go forward;
- F If in a final when competed the result is tied at 3 ½ / 3 ½ the number 1 players will play extra holes “sudden death” as decided by the GCDGA match committee until a winner is determined.
- G In the event of a match being cancelled due to a course being unplayable, all individual matches completed, partially completed or not started on the same course will be cancelled. Each team will receive 1 point and 3.5 individual matches and any team that has a bye will not receive any points or matches.
- H The match committee of the host club shall be the ruling body and any decision made by them shall be final. Any member of the GCDGA management committee may give assistance with rulings. Each host club **must** provide a starter for the round played at their club. They **must** provide a match committee for the day to assist with rulings on any queries on the rules of golf and the club local rules, and to compile the results of the individual matches of the day.
- I Practice on match day shall be limited to:
 - [1] practice putting green
 - [2] practice fairway

- J Players, caddies and or club officials are advised that the use or ringing of mobile phones are restricted to carpark and club house only at each club/venue unless a medical emergency arises. [All phones must be turned off or placed on silent mode during any competition round]. Penalty: loss of hole where infringement occurred – however any further offences during the same individual match could result in the player being disqualified.
- K Players are advised that the GCDGA will allow the use of artificial devices that measure or gauge distances only in this competition. Mobile phone apps and other technologies which provide assistance with club selection, wind and elevation are prohibited. Players/managers need to check Rule 4.3(a) Interpretations. If a breach occurs the match will be awarded to the opponent 10/8.
- L It is expected that any practice rounds are arranged by a **Club Captain or Golf Ops Manager** and be charged per player at a reduced green fee rate, on the course being played, and at a time suitable to the host club. The players' names are to be provided when the booking is made by the club captain or golf ops manager. Any golf cart usage is to be charged at the normal rate (if carts are available)
- M Each club, with a team competing on the day must provide a non-playing team manager who will be responsible for the dress standard, behavior, and speed of play of their team members. **The name of the non-playing team manager must appear on the team sheet** for the day in the appropriate position. Players/caddies and team officials must conform to the dress and behavior standards of the host club. The team manager must also ensure their players do not continue play once their individual match has been completed.
- N The host club is expected to supply one cart provided free to each playing team's manager. Where carts may be needed by players due to excessive distances from green to tee etc the fee for any cart should be at a reasonable price. All players are to have the option of walking and clubs have the option of providing carts free of charge to players if they wish, but are under no obligation to do so. **Carts are to be booked in advance to avoid disappointment.**
- O A light snack or refreshment is expected to be provided to all players and one manager at the completion of the match in Division I and Division II Pennants. The cost per player should approximate \$10-12.
- P To be eligible to play in the final a player must play in at least one preliminary round during the season. The G.C.D.G.A. may under special circumstances waive this rule if necessary.
- Q Any club that does not abide by these conditions may have their nomination rejected for the next season.
- R Alcohol must not be consumed on the golf course during the pennant series. Players may face immediate disqualification and be asked to leave the course.