

GOLD COAST DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR PENNANT SERIES

2021



RULES OF PLAY

All play in this Junior Pennant Series will be under the official R & A/USGA Rules of Golf (Effective January 2019) and the Local Rules of the host club which shall be in accordance and consistent with the compendium set forth in Section 8 of "Official Guide to the Rules of Golf – Effective January 2019".

- 1) In this series, clubs are invited to place two teams: an "Open" team and an "Interclub" team. Each team may consist of boys and girls who meet the age and handicap requirements;
- 2) Each team must have an adult manager, and should the team include female players, a male and female manger is required. Managers must be a playing member of the club, with delegated responsibility, whose juniors they are supporting;
- 3) The team is to be presented on the Team/Score Sheet in handicap order, with player 1 possessing the lowest GA handicap. GA handicaps for all players are frozen **FIVE** days prior to the commencement of the Junior Pennant Series;
- 4) All Open Junior Pennant matches will tee off from the Blue/Black tees with girls teeing off from the red tees. All Interclub Pennant Matches will use the white tees for boys and the red tees for girls.
- 5) The completed Team/Score Sheet must be submitted to a GCDGA official within 10 minutes of the commencement of the match. It is essential that all players' details are completed, and it is ideal that managers have met and done calculations of handicap and where strokes are to be awarded prior to tee off;
- 6) The maximum GA handicap for any player is set at 36. Players who possess a higher GA handicap may play but their GA handicap on the day will be set to 36.0 prior to slope adjustment for the course being played;
- 7) All players must be under 18 years of age be they either boys or girls aged less than 18 from November 1, 2020 (a special consideration due to Co-vid 19 disruption)
- 8) All Open Junior Pennant is stroke Match Play. In mixed matches (boy v girl) all scores are determined against par. For instance where the girl's par on a hole is par 5 and the boy's par on the same hole is 4: Should the boy score 5 (1 over par) and the girl score 5 (par), the girl will record a win on that hole;
- 9) In all Inter Club Pennant matches a handicap calculation is required. In an instance where a male golfer is to play a female golfer the following calculation is to be used:

Girl – GA handicap (adjusted to the slope of the course being played)
Girl's Total Handicap Calculation (rounded to nearest whole)

Boy – GA handicap (adjusted to slope of the course being played)
Boy's Total Handicap Calculation (rounded to nearest whole)

The difference between the boy's and the girl's Total handicap Calculation becomes the number of strokes to be awarded. These will be given on holes according to Golf Australia's Balanced Distribution Index Table. **The maximum number of strokes to be awarded in any match (boys or girls) will be set at 8.**

In all Inter Club Pennant matches, where a boy plays another boy, or a girl plays another girl the difference between the two handicaps (once adjusted to slope) will be used to determine how many strokes are allocated.

- 10) No caddies are permitted at any time;
- 11) In mixed matches (boy v girl) all scores are determined against par. For instance where the girl's par on a hole is par 5 and the boy's par on the same hole is 4: Should the boy score 5 (1 over par) and the girl score 5 (par), and assuming there are no strokes to be awarded on that hole, the girl will record a win on that hole;
- 12) Players may only represent their **home** club in the Junior Pennant Series;
- 13) It is expected that the host club make available to each manager the Local Rules for the day. **The host club is required to provide free of charge a motorized cart for one manager from each club so that they can become responsible for the pace of play.** As a guide, it is hoped that clubs will provide visiting juniors with hospitality in the form of light refreshments. There should be sufficient here to cover the teams competing as well a manger from each team;
- 14) Finalized Team/Score sheets must be completed and signed off by each team's manager. Once signed there can be no further change, with the sheet being passed on to a GCDGA official on the day, with the results being posted on the GCDGA site and a ladder established;
- 15) The first game in the pennant fixture will be ready to tee off at the designated time. A player is considered absent if he is not ready to play at the time his match was due to tee off. A reserve player may be substituted by the club's manager. Failure to comply with this will result in a loss of the individual match 10 and 8.
- 16) A player may use a motorized cart, but it must driven by an adult. The hire/cost of this cart is this player's club's responsibility. A medical certificate must be presented to the GCDGA for review at least 7 days prior to the pennant fixture. Other players are not to sit, lean or ride on this cart or the manager's cart during their match. The penalty for breach of this rule is loss of hole where the infringement occurred;
- 17) Where there are reserve players, they may be provided course access to play a match that does not count, but there is no expectation that this will occur due to pressure from the host club to run their own competitions later in the day;
- 18) Players must not continue to play once a result has been achieved. If the match is all square after 18 holes have been played then that match is halved;
- 19) To be eligible to play in a pennant final a player must have played a minimum of two individual matches throughout the Junior Pennant Series.