

GOLD COAST DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION RULES

2021 INTERCLUB MATCH PLAY PENNANT HOME AND AWAY SERIES

ALL PLAY SHALL BE UNDER THE CURRENT ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST ANDREWS RULES OF GOLF AND LOCAL RULES OF THE HOST CLUB, WHICH SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 33-8 [a] AND CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY SET FORTH IN APPENDIX 1 TO THE RULES:

A. Teams:

- 1) All teams will have six players;
- 2) Clubs competing in the series will field teams in A Grade, B Grade and C Grade;
- 3) A and B Grade will play Stroke Match Play and C Grade Stableford Match Play;
- 4) GA handicap limits for each grade will be frozen:
 - A Grade: 0 – 9.4 (set 21 days prior to the first round)
 - B Grade: 9.5 – 16.4 (set 21 days prior to the first round)
 - C Grade 16.5 – 23.9 (set 21 days prior to the first round)

i. Team Composition:

- a All players must possess a GA handicap from within the Gold Coast District Golf Association, and or, be a financial playing member of the club he is representing; (Breach: Player Disqualification)
- b A player with dual memberships may only represent one club for the duration of the competition; (Breach: Player Disqualification)
- c All players must play off their GA (frozen) as of 21 days prior to the first round; (Breach: Player Disqualification)
- d A team will play in handicap order with the player possessing the lowest GA handicap playing as No 1 (Breach: Player Disqualification)
- e Players may join a team in a higher grade, however, they must then play off the maximum handicap for that higher grade e.g. Should a player move from B Grade into A Grade, his new GA handicap for that round would be 9.4;
- f Any player found to have played off the incorrect handicap will be a disqualified and a 10 and 8 result recorded against him;
- g In the event of a match being forfeited the result will be recorded as a loss and a 10/8 result awarded
- h All play will be in fours. Players in this competition must at all times when safe to do so HIT WHEN READY which will help to avoid slow play during their round.
- i Any player who has played two or more matches in the GCDGA DIVISION 1 or DIVISION 2 PENNANT COMPETITION DURING 2021 is ineligible to play in this competition with the exception of the following clubs. Tamborine Mountain, Tally Valley, Boomerang farm and Canungra Golf Clubs who must apply to the Association and present their case before any exemption is granted.
- j To be eligible to play in a final (A and B Grade only), a player must play in at least one preliminary round during the season. The GCDGA may, under special circumstances, waiver this rule if requested

- k. Players/caddies and team officials must conform to the dress regulations and behavior standards of the host club. The team manager is responsible for the speed of play and conduct of their team;
- l. Where a playing group is slow and has lost their place, the group will be warned by the host club official or GCDGA Executive member once to catch up. If it is obvious that this first warning has been ignored, then the entire group will be instructed to pick up and move directly to the next tee. Current standings in all matches will remain;

(ii) **Handicaps used during the competition:**

- a. All players handicaps are frozen at a point 21 days prior to the first round;
- b. Each player will then show their Golflink Number and their frozen GA handicap on the team sheet
- c. In A and B Grade stroke match play, the player on the higher of the two handicaps will receive any difference between the Handicap figures shown;
- d. These strokes will be taken in accordance with Golf Australia's *Balanced Distribution Index*, available from the GCDGA web site;

(iii) **C Grade Stableford Match Play**

All C Grade players will play individual Stableford Match Play, using their GA rating for the course being played;

- a. The player who records the highest stableford points score on the hole records a win on that hole;
- b. Should both players score such that they have had a "wipe" on the hole, then the hole is declared to be halved, irrespective of the actual number of strokes taken.

B. The Team Sheet and Protocols:

- a. The Match Committee of the host club will be the ruling body on the day and any decision made by this committee will be final. Any member of the GCDGA Match Committee in attendance on the day may, if asked, provide assistance with rulings;
- b. All A Grade matches will play from the Blue or Black tee (Members Competition Tee) and B & C Grade will play from a forward or white tee (as specified by the host club);
- c. All players in all grades will play in strict handicap order with the lowest handicapped player listed as player one, and, the highest handicapped player six listed at the top;
- d. Team sheets must be fully completed and submitted to the host club official at least 10 minutes prior to tee off time;
- e. If any team fails to submit a team sheet within 30 minutes after the first player is due to hit off, then that team will be forced to forfeit all scheduled matches. If the host club starter receives advice from any club that for reasons beyond their control an entire team will be late, then the starter has the option to reschedule matches without penalty;
- f. If any team for any reason forfeits all matches entirely, then that team will be disqualified from the competition completely, removed from the playing ladder and all results and subsequent matches readjusted;
- g. The playing order may not be changed once the team sheet has been submitted;
- h. The first individual match of the pennant fixture will be ready to hit off at the designated time. A player will be considered absent if he is not ready to hit off at that time. A reserve player can then substitute for the missing player, but the reserve player cannot have a

handicap which is lower than the player to tee off next from that team. If that is the case, the team sheet will need to be adjusted accordingly so players appear in handicap order;

- i. Any player whose handicap and/or Golfink number has been omitted from the team sheet, will be disqualified from the match;
- j. A “W” (for a win), an “L” (for a loss) or an “S” for a squared result will be recorded beside each player on the team sheet with the result space showing the margin in the match e.g. 3/2.
- k. It is the responsibility of each team captain whose name is shown on the top of the sheet, to have the team sheet signed off and submitted to the host club officials so the sheet can be faxed to GCDGA on the day the match was completed
- l. All C Grade players will play in handicap order as in (a) with each player showing their handicap rating for the course being played
- m. Players in all grades must not continue to play once their individual match has been completed;
- n. Practice before a match shall be limited to the practice putting green, practice fairway or nets. Range balls are to be purchased at the players’ expense;
- o. All players and or club officials are advised that the use of mobile phones is restricted to clubhouse/car park areas and are only to be used in emergency situations. All phones must be turned off or on silent. Breach: Loss of hole;
- p. In the event of a match being cancelled due to a course being unplayable, all individual matches completed, partially completed or not started at all on that course will be cancelled. Teams will receive 1 point and 3 games each and any team that may have a bye will not receive any points or games.
- q. Alcohol must not be consumed on the course during any GCDGA event. Breach: Disqualification

C. Host Club Responsibilities and GCDGA Matters:

- a. No social or club competition play is permitted within 20 minutes of the start of any interclub matches;
- b. The course is to be prepared to the satisfaction of the GCDGA Match Committee. The competition will be played on Sunday with a tee off time not earlier an 7.00am with a Blue or members tee being used by A Grade matches and a White or forward tee being used by B & C Grade matches;
- c. The host club must provide a starter to whom the captain/manager for each team will submit their team in playing order, 10minutes prior to the tee off time for the match. Failure to do so will result in the no. 6 player of the offending team to be deemed to have lost the first hole;
- d. All clubs which play matches at Sanctuary Cove or Hope Island are required to use motorized carts. A nominal charge for the use of these carts will be made. Visiting clubs should contact the proshop at either Hope Island or Sanctuary Cove prior to play;
- e. Motorized carts are permitted, but it is the player or teams’ captains/managers who are responsible for the prior booking and the payment (on the day) for these;
- f. As all venues for this competition are booked 12 months in advance, GCDGA Match Committee reserves the right to transfer finals to a neutral venue where possible to avoid clubs having an “at home: advantage;
- g. 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 or halved. If a tie still exists, then the teams with the greater net winning margins during the series shall be declared the finalists with the provision that if there is a forfeit in any individual match then the team receiving the forfeit will be allocated a 3/0 win. If a tie still exists the teams shall play off on a date and course set by the GCDGA Match Committee.

- h. In all finals no individual match is to proceed beyond the 18th hole. If any final when completed is tied 3 all, the winning team will be decided by a count back on today's match. If match is still square a count back will be carried out on the two clubs results over the entire series excluding this final. This count back result will have already been completed by the Association Match committee prior to today's match and be placed in a sealed envelope only to be opened by a member of the Associations Match Committee. This result will be FINAL.
- i. There is no promotion and relegation rule for this series;
- j. The grouping of all clubs participating in the Home and Away series for the following year will be determined by the GCDGA Match committee.
- k. Any club that does not abide by the Rules and Conditions herein may have their nomination for next season rejected by GCDGA;