

# GOLD COAST DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

## RULES

### MENS PENNANT SERIES 2024

*All play in this Div 1 & Div 2 Pennant Series will be under the official R & A/USGA Rules of Golf (Effective January 2021) 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 2021".*

1. All teams will be divided into 2 sections each comprising 5 teams – red and blue. After 5 rounds have been completed the leading two teams in each section will progress into the semi final rounds.
2. Teams to comprise of seven male players. A reserve player (if used) is only available to substitute any member of the selected team if they become unable to play prior to hit off time. There is no time slot available for reserve players;
3. Competition – stroke match play. [players may play in any handicap order] The **Team/Score sheet to be made out with the no. 1 player at the bottom playing last and the no. 7 player at the top playing first.** This completed sheet is to be given to the starter/GCDGA Executive, 10 minutes prior to the stated tee off time;

**Order of play** (assuming 7.00am tee off)

Time	Team 1 Player	Team 2 Player
7.00am	7	7
7.07am	6	6
7.14am	5	5
7.21am	4	4
7.28am	3	3
7.35am	2	2
7.42am	1	1

4. All play to be “off the stick” with play in pairs only.
5. Players may only represent one club in any one pennant season. They must be financial male members [with playing rights] of the club for which they are playing and they must have a current Golfink handicap. [penalty – loss of match seven matches to nil];
6. To be eligible to play pennants a player must have playing rights at the club he represents, and prior to the first round must have played at least 4 rounds recorded on their Golfink handicap record at that club over a period of 3 months prior to the first round.
7. The host club must provide a starter to whom the team manager of each team will submit his team in playing order 10 minutes before the first player is due to hit off. Failure to do so will result in the No. 7 player of the offending club being deemed to have lost the first hole. The playing order cannot be changed once the

team sheet has been submitted. The host club will be responsible for the collection and return of the result sheets to the Secretary of the GCDGA on the day of the match;

8. If the host club starter receives advice from any club that for reasons beyond their control the entire team will be late then the starter has the option of re-scheduling their match times without penalty. Consequently, if any team for any reason forfeits a match completely, then that team will be disqualified from the competition immediately and all matches played or to be played will be cancelled and scores recorded with a 7-0 win and 2 points awarded to their opponents. The ladder will be readjusted accordingly and teams will have a bye for any remaining matches during this series. The team/club which forfeits will be dealt with severely by the match committee for future years competitions;
9. Should a player be late for his tee off his match will be forfeit (10/8). Should an entire team be late for their tee time the entire team will be a forfeit (7/0);
10. The first individual match of the pennant fixture will be ready to tee off at the appointed time. A player is considered absent if he is not ready to play at the time his individual match is due to tee off. A reserve player may then substitute for the absent player. If there is no reserve player that match will then become a forfeit;
11. A player must submit a medical certificate to use a motorized cart. This certificate must be given to the GCDGA for review at least seven days prior to commencement of the pennant fixture. However, a motorized cart may be used by any player's caddy during pennant competition. A player is not to sit in, lean on or ride in any motorized cart during his individual match. [Penalty: loss of hole during which the infringement occurred – however, flagrant abuse of this rule may result in disqualification];
12. Players must not continue to play once their individual match has been completed;
13. Once the draw has been established and advertised via the web site, if two or more rounds of this pennant series are lost due to severe weather, COVID restrictions, or similar, the series will then be cancelled;