

# GOLD COAST DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

## 2024 SUPER SENIOR PENNANT

### RULES

*All play in this Senior 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 2023".*

1. Teams to comprise **8 male players**. There will be no handicap limits however the number of strokes given or received will be limited to nine. Players may play in any order decided by the team captain or manager.
2. Competition – Players 1 - 4 will play **stroke handicap match play**, players 5 – 8 will play 4 ball better ball match play.
3. Handicaps: all players will compete on their **GA handicaps** (rounded to the nearest hole number) as of the first day of competition and frozen for the entire series. Any stroke difference between the two players will be allocated to holes using Golf Australia's Balanced Distribution Index provided on the GCDGA web site to all team managers.
4. **The team sheet will be made out with the no. 1 player at the bottom playing last and the no. 8 & 7 players at the top playing first.**
5. **The rules for 4 ball match play are covered under Rule 23**, the lowest GA handicap in the group playing off zero and the other players receive strokes based on the difference in their GA's up to a maximum of nine. The stroke difference will be allocated to the holes using Golf Australia's Balanced Distribution Index. (Example: Lowest GA in the group of 4 is 15.1, player 2 GA is 16.8, Player 3 GA is 19.4 and player 4 GA is 21. Player 2 receives strokes on holes 8 & 12. Player 3 receives strokes on holes 4,8,12 &16. Player 4 receives strokes on holes 4,6,8,10,12 &16)
6. All play will be in fours (each four to be made up of two players from each club playing in the scheduled match). Motorised buggies are allowed but at the individual player's cost.
7. All players must be **60 years of age or over prior to the commencement of the first round** and they may only represent one club in any one super senior pennant season. They must be financial male members (with playing rights) of the club for which they play, and they must have a current GA handicap. (Penalty – loss of match six games to nil);
8. The host club must provide a starter to whom the team manager/captain of each team will submit their team in playing order 10 minutes before the first player is due to hit off. Failure to do so will result in the number 8 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.
9. The first individual match of the pennant fixture shall be ready to hit off at the appointed time. A player shall be considered absent if he is not ready to play at the time his individual match is due to hit off. The reserve player must then substitute for the absent player. Failure to comply with this rule awards a win to the opposing team for that individual match.

10. 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 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 may be disqualified from the competition. The match committee will investigate the reasons for the clubs forfeit and will make a decision on each individual case once they have assessed all the evidence presented.
11. The team managers will be responsible for the collection of completed result sheets. These should be copied by the team manager (take a photograph on a mobile phone) and then that needs to be sent either as an email with an attachment or a text message with the picture of the results page to the secretary. Results will be recorded on the GCDGA web site by the secretary. **It is expected that result sheets are sent through within an hour of the completion of play and the signing of the results by managers.**
12. Players must not continue to play once their individual match has been completed.
13. The home club is not required to supply motorised carts free of charge to team officials.