

GOLD COAST DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

2024 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 **6 male players**. There is no handicap limit;
2. Competition – **stroke match play**. Players may play in any order. Team sheet is to be made out with no.1 player at the bottom playing last and the no.6 player at the top playing first;
3. 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;
4. All play to be "**off the stick**";
5. All players must be **50 years of age or over prior to the commencement of the first round** and they may only represent one club in any one senior pennant season. They must be financial male members (with playing rights) of the club for which they play, and they must have a GA handicap; (penalty – loss of match 6 -0)
6. 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 6 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;
7. 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 club's forfeit and will make a decision on each individual case once they have assessed all the evidence presented.
8. **The Team Captain** will be responsible for the collection and return of the completed result sheets to the secretary of the GCDGA on the day of the match. This should be sent as a photo or email to the secretary within 30 minutes of the match being completed.
9. When playing in 4's its expected that when players are on the green and about to putt, that the player who's furthest from the hole putts first; this match should then putt out, and the then the other match in the 4, furthest putting first.
10. 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. A 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;
11. The home club is not required to supply motorised carts free of charge to visiting team players or officials.