

2025 GOLD COAST DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

OPEN MENS PENNANT RULES & CONDITIONS

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. Seven players per team & all play off the stick.
2. 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 GCDGA Executive, 10 minutes prior to the stated tee off time. In all preliminary rounds players will play as below : First three groups will be played in fours and players one will be pairs. All finals will be played in pairs.

Order of play (assuming 7.00am tee off)

Time	Team 1 Player	Team 2 Player
7.00am	7 & 6	7 & 6
7.07am	5 & 4	5 & 4
7.14am	3 & 2	3 & 2
7.21am	1	1

3. Players may only represent one club in any one Open Men's 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];
4. 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); But If 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. This decision will be made by the GCDGA.
5. SPEED OF PLAY :The pace of play is an essential aspect that requires due emphasis during the Pennants matches. All competitors are expected to be aware of their position on the course and be considerate of the groups that follow them. In case a group falls behind, they should endeavor to catch up with the group in front of them. Failure to do so will be supervised by the GCDGA official or Course Marshall, and if no attempt is perceived to breach the gap, the team will be ordered to skip a hole to keep up with the pace. The GCDGA official on-site will convey a warning before putting this rule into effect. It is of utmost significance to esteem the fellow golfers who have bookings after the Pennants event and ensure that the speed of play is upheld throughout the tournament.
6. A player must submit a medical certificate to use a motorized cart. This certificate must be given to the GCDGA prior to commencement of the pennant fixture.

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- However, a motorized cart may be used by any player's caddy during pennant competition. A player is not to ride in any motorized cart during his individual match (unless approved by GCDGA for eg moving between holes, speed of play issue that is instructed by GCDGA official) . [Penalty: loss of hole during which the infringement occurred – however, flagrant abuse of this rule may result in disqualification];
7. Players must not continue to play once their individual match has been completed. Penalties: one match suspension for the player/players involved which is to served the following week
 8. A win between teams shall be secured by the team winning the greater number of individual matches and such a team will receive 2 points. Matches completed all square on the 18th green will be halved and teams will receive one point each.
 9. After five rounds of play the top four teams will then enter a semi final series.
 10. In the event of two or more teams being equal on points after the completion of the preliminary rounds, the four semi-finalists will be decided by the team with the greater number of individual matches won. If a tie still exists, then the teams with the greater aggregate holes won throughout the season will go forward;
 11. If in a final when competed the result is tied at 3 ½ / 3 ½ the number 1 players will play extra holes “sudden death” as decided by the GCDGA match committee until a winner is determined, BUT if this is not possible due to course being unavailable or time of day, a countback will finalize the eventual winner. This will **decided** before the start of the final depending on the Course. If Teams are still tied after the countback of the four & against at the final, the winner will then be determined by the individual wins starting from player 1 then player 2 and so on until we have a winner.
 12. In the event of a match being cancelled due to a course being unplayable, all individual matches completed, partially completed or not started on the same course will be cancelled. Each team will receive 1 point and 3.5 individual matches and any team that has a bye will not receive any points or matches.
 13. Any ruling should be in line with the official R & A Rules of Golf and the Local rules of the host club. All players are responsible for checking for local daily conditions at the host club. Any member of the GCDGA management committee may give assistance with rulings GCDGA Rules Official Darren Condon is available for ruling during a match if required Ph 0438048976
 14. Practice on match day shall be limited to:
 - practice putting green
 - practice fairway
 15. Players, caddies and or club officials are advised that the use or ringing of mobilephones are restricted to carpark and club house only at each club/venue unless a medical emergency arises. [All phones must be turned off or placed on silent mode during any competition round]. Penalty: loss of hole where infringement occurred – however any further offences during the same individual match could result in the player being disqualified.

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16. Players are advised that the GCDGA will allow the use of artificial devices that measure or gauge distances only in this competition. Mobile phone apps and other technologies which provide assistance with club selection, wind and elevation are prohibited. Players/managers need to check Rule 4.3(a) Interpretations. If a breach occurs the match will be awarded to the opponent 10/8.

17. No Facilities are required to give out practice rounds Free of Charge, any arrangement between clubs must be organized by individual Clubs.

18. The host club is asked to supply one cart provided free to each playing team's manager. All other carts for supporters must be booked and paid at normal rates.

19. New to 2025 the GCDGA have decided to contribute financial funds towards the cost of the host clubs providing a light snack to all players after their match. We would encourage all players to return to the host clubhouse to support their club.

20. To be eligible to play in the final a player must play in at least one preliminary round during the season.

21. Alcohol must not be consumed on the golf course during the pennant series. Players may face immediate disqualification and be asked to leave the course.

22.

Caddies - Under Rules 10.2 & 10.3 guidance is given around the role of a caddie and what they can and cannot do. Under the clarification point of Rule 10.3a/2 another player in the same competition on the same day having completed their round may caddie for another player in the same competition.

In taking on the role of caddie specific advice offered can be given by a player who has now taken on the role of caddie given their round has finished.

A player can only have one caddy at any one point in time.

23. All Clubs are responsible for the behavior of their players and spectators both on the course and the clubhouse. Please Respect the local Rules of each establishment and any unruly behavior may impact your clubs standing in the Tournament. To read the GCDGA CODE OF CONDUCT for all players and spectators click [HERE](#)