

GOLD COAST DISTRICT GOLF
ASSOCIATION
2026
SENIOR PENNANT RULES

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 Managers 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. 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 for & against at the final the winner will be determined by the individual wins starting from player 1 then player 2 and so on until we have a winner.

- 12. 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 endeavour 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.
- 13.**The home club is **not** required to supply motorised carts free of charge to visiting team players or officials.

14. [Players & Spectators Code of Conduct](#)