



# ACT MONARO DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

## 2010 PENNANT CONDITIONS (B GRADE – HANDICAP)

District Golf Association Pennants are governed by the Match Committee of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association, and in these Conditions, where the word "DGA Match Committee" is used, it means the Match Committee of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association.

Any decision on Rules, required during play of the preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club, and any decision so given will be final. The playing of all Semi Finals, Preliminary Finals and Finals will be administered by the Match Committee representative(s) of the ACT Monaro DGA together with a nominee of the Host Club as necessary.

No member of the Host Club who is playing or acting as a caddie shall make or take part in making such decision.

The Match Committee of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association reserves the right to alter or vary these Conditions at any time.

A Contents page is included at the back of these conditions to assist Clubs.

### **DATES OF PLAY**

Contests between Clubs will be played on dates fixed by the DGA Match Committee, including all Finals, but;

- the dates of the contests may be altered by the DGA Match Committee; and
- in the event of any Club refusing or neglecting to play on the dates fixed, the Club will be deemed to have forfeited the Contest.

### **MATCH COMMITTEE**

During the preliminary rounds it is the responsibility of the Host Club to act as the Match Committee for the **entire period of play**.

The DGA Match Committee or their designated representative(s) will act as the Match Committee for all Final series matches. Any decision so given that day will be final.

### **HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### ***Buffer Zones***

Clubs should allow a generous buffer to ensure

that members and Pennant players can maintain an appropriate pace of play on the day.

In setting the starting times Host Clubs should allocate later times to those Clubs who are undertaking considerable travel.

It is also suggested that the competition on the day when hosting be a Par or Stableford event to promote minimal round times.

#### ***Advice of tee-times to other Clubs and DGA***

The Host Club is responsible for allocating the starting times for all Individual Matches at that Club. Host Clubs must advise the starting times to all competing Clubs **and to the DGA Captain** at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Contest.

#### ***Course presentation***

It is expected that each Club involved in Pennant competition will present its course in a condition of the high standard that Pennant golf deserves.

#### ***Provision of Match Committee during Preliminary Rounds***

During the preliminary rounds it is the responsibility of the Host Club to appoint at least one person to act as the Match Committee for the **entire period of play**. No member of the Host Club who is playing or acting as a caddie shall make or take part in making a decision.

The Host Club is also responsible for bringing to the DGA Match Committee's attention any breaches of these Conditions.

The Host Club's Match Committee can determine any matter within their designated responsibilities and authority under these Conditions.

The Match Committee is responsible for:

- Ensuring that matches commence on time and remain on time
- Monitoring slow play (and issuing penalties as required)
- Adjudicating on any Rule of Golf or these Pennant Conditions, where delegated to do so.

Any decision on Rules required during play of preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club, and any decision so given will be final.

## TEE-TIMES

The appointed starting times for B Grade Handicap Pennant play shall be from **7.00am** with the last Individual Match to commence no later than **12.30pm**.

**All play MUST commence from the 1st tee unless approved by the DGA.**

B Grade Scratch Pennant is played as two Individual Matches per time slot.

## TEEING GROUND

All play should be from as close as possible to the **Championship markers** as set by the Host Club on the day unless adverse course conditions prevent the setting up the course in this manner.

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### *General*

Only **male** golfers with an official GA handicap are eligible to play B Grade Handicap Pennant.

A player taking part in B Grade Handicap Pennant must be an amateur golfer and a bona-fide member of the Club he represents. A bona-fide member is one who is eligible to participate in the Club Championships of the Club he is representing.

No player may represent more than one Club during B Grade Handicap Pennant covered by these conditions during 2010.

### *Requirement for Finals*

All players in the finals must have played at least one game for their club in that division during the current season. The DGA Match Committee reserves the right to waive this rule if there are special circumstances.

**Penalty** – The Team fielding an ineligible player (under the above conditions) shall forfeit the Individual Match to the opposing Team.

## HANDICAPS

A maximum GA handicap limit of **20** will apply for B Grade Handicap Pennant.

In addition, a B Grade Handicap Pennant player's handicap for the purposes of all Individual Matches **shall be the lowest handicap he has held between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 and the day of the match.**

**Penalty** – The Team fielding a player who plays off a higher handicap in accordance with these Conditions shall forfeit the Individual Match to the opposing Team.

## *Allocation of handicap strokes*

In B Grade Handicap Pennant the order of holes at which handicap strokes are to be given or received shall be in accordance with the **Members or Mens Match Play Index** as applicable on the Score Card of the Host Club.

Where these Conditions require a Handicap Match Play match that ends all square after 18 holes to continue (i.e. Semi Finals and the Grand Final) the play-off should start at the hole where the match began (i.e. the 1<sup>st</sup> hole) and handicap strokes should be allowed as in the prescribed round until one player wins a hole.

## CADDIES

Any person **not part of the Team** on the day of the Contest may act as a caddie.

When playing in fours, players are reminded that fellow Team members are not your partner and therefore are **not to give advice to a fellow Team member (ie act as a caddie)**. Similarly, players are **not to seek advice from each other**.

Caddies are permitted to use transportation provided:

1. The player does not accept a ride at any time
2. The player does not accept advice from any other person travelling with the caddie.

**Penalty** – A player who uses an ineligible caddie in accordance with these Conditions shall forfeit his Individual Match to the opposing Team.

## FORMAT OF PLAY

The competitions between Teams will be known as Contests. All Contests will be played under the Rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and Local Rules in force at the Host Club and in accordance with these Conditions.

Individual matches will be played over 18 holes of Match Play unless the match result is decided earlier.

If an Individual Match is square after 18 holes, the match shall be declared halved, except in Semi Finals and the Grand Final. (see Exception for Finals)

### *Exception for Finals:*

In a Final (i.e. Semi Finals and the Grand Final), if an Individual Match is square after the completion of 18 holes play shall continue at the hole where the match began (i.e. the 1<sup>st</sup> hole) until one player wins a hole.

Note: In a Final (i.e. Semi Finals and the Grand Final) the Captains of both Teams may agree that a Contest shall terminate without further play, if the Team result has been decided.

## PLAYER NUMBERS

B Grade Handicap Pennant, Teams will comprise of eight (8) Individual Matches.

## ORDER OF PLAY

In B Grade Handicap Pennant players must be listed in ascending order of handicap on the Team sheet for players 1-7. (i.e. lowest handicap plays at No 1). Player number 8 in B Grade Pennant is not required to have the highest handicap.

Teams will hit off in reverse order to the Team list (i.e. No 8 player(s) first and No 1 player(s) last).

The honour shall be decided by the toss of a coin between representatives of the competing clubs.

## WINNER OF THE CONTEST

The Team that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest. (Refer to "Match Points and Pennant Table" for details on the allocation of Match Points for the respective position number of each player in a Team).

## END OF THE INDIVIDUAL MATCH

A player who has completed his Individual Match should cease playing and **may not continue to practice on the course by playing additional holes.**

**Penalty** – Where a breach of this Condition is reported to the DGA Match Committee, the DGA Match Committee reserves the right to declare the player ineligible to compete for his Club for the remainder of the Season.

## NOMINATION OF TEAMS TO BE PROVIDED TO OPPOSITION AND HOST CLUB STARTER

The Captain or Manager of each Team shall advise the official representative of the Host Club and the opposing Club the names of the players in playing order at least ten (10) minutes before the nominated starting time. (i.e. provide Team sheets)

If a Club is unable to submit a full Team, the opposing Captain or Manager must be notified that the Team shall consist of a certain number of players, who must play in descending order from number one position. The Team will forfeit last place, or places, not represented.

### **Team Forfeits**

If a Club forfeits a round, the maximum Pennant Table Points and Individual Match Points allocated to its opposition on that day will equate to the maximum points achieved by a Team from within its respective Division or Section of that Pennant.

Where a Club fails to field a full Team in a Contest the DGA Match Committee may request an explanation for such an occurrence. Should the explanation be unsatisfactory the DGA Match Committee may impose an appropriate penalty on the Club. Such penalty may include a monetary fine or loss of competition points or both.

### **Failure of player to appear**

If, after the names of the Teams have been handed in, a player fails to appear or is unfit or otherwise unable to play the respective Individual Match Point relevant to that position shall be awarded to his or her opponent.

A player will be considered absent, if he or she is not ready to start at the time that his or her match is due to hit-off.

A Club that plays less than the stipulated number of players will be regarded as having lost as many Individual Matches as there are players absent.

Players are reminded that they are not permitted to act as a caddie for a fellow Team member at any time, even when their Individual Match has been completed. *Refer to the Condition on Caddies.*

## INDIVIDUAL MATCH POINTS AND PENNANT TABLE POINTS

The following allocation of Individual Match Points and Pennant Table Points will operate for all preliminary rounds and Finals (i.e. Semi Finals and the Grand Final).

### **Individual Match Points**

- (a) One (1) Individual Match Point is allocated for each Individual Match won by a player competing at numbers 1-7.
- (b) One half (1/2) Individual Match Point is allocated to each Team for a drawn match at numbers 1-7.
- (c) One half (1/2) Individual Match Point is allocated for a win by a player competing at number 8.
- (d) One quarter (1/4) Individual Match Point is allocated to each Team for a drawn match at number 8.

### **Pennant Table Points**

The Team that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest.

Two (2) Pennant Table Points are allocated for each Contest win during the preliminary rounds.

One Pennant Table point is allocated to each Club for a drawn Contest.

## FINALS SERIES AND PENNANT WINNER

In all Finals (i.e. Semi Finals and the Grand Final) the winner of the Contest is the Team that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points.

The Club that secures the greatest number of Pennant Table Points at the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds in Sections I II and III is the respective winner of that Section.

The Club with the highest number of Pennant Table Points that does not win a section is in the fourth position for the semi finals.

If two or more Clubs have an equal number of Pennant Table Points at the end of the preliminary rounds then Countback arrangements for Pennant Table will be used to determine each Club's respective position on the Pennant Table.

The winners and runners-up of each Section will proceed through to the Final series.

#### Final Series

- Semi-Final No. 1  
Winner of the 3 sections with the most number of points versus the team with the most number of points that did not win a section. To be played at a neutral venue.
- Semi-Final No. 2  
Winners of the other 2 sections. To be played at a neutral venue.

The winner of Semi-Final No 1 and the winner of Semi-Final No. 2 will play in the Grand Final at a Neutral Venue determined by the DGA.

The winner of the Pennant will be the Team that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points in the Grand Final.

#### **COUNTBACK ARRANGEMENTS FOR PENNANT TABLE**

The following countback arrangements will apply to all Divisions of Pennant in determining relative positions on the Pennant Table to play in the Finals.

In the event of two or more Clubs having an equal number of Pennant Table Points, then the Club having the highest number of Individual Match Points shall be the higher placed Club on the Pennant Table.

In the event of a further tie, then the Club which achieved the higher number of Individual Match Points in the Contest(s) between the tied Clubs in the Pennant shall be the higher placed Club on the Pennant Table.

In the event of a further tie, or the Clubs did not play against each other during the Pennant, then the Club winning the highest number of individual matches throughout the Pennant shall be the higher placed Team on the Pennant Table.

In the event of two Clubs still being unable to be separated, the matter will be referred to the DGA Match Committee for decision.

#### **SLOW PLAY**

Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it.

Any match with a clear hole in front of it will be considered out of position. Loss of hole penalties will be issued by the Match Committee to individuals in such matches who by their pace of play contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

If both players in a match are equally contributing to an unacceptable pace of play situation, they will be "walked" a hole(s) until they are considered to be in position.

Repeated infringements of the pace of play guidelines in the 2010 season will be referred to the ACT Monaro Match Committee for further consideration and may see a player subject to further action including suspension from further representation of his Club for the season.

#### **PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY**

Play can only be null and void in a stroke play competition (Rule 33-2d).

Every effort should be made to play the Contest on the scheduled day and time. If it is necessary to delay the commencement of play or suspend play because of weather conditions, play should not be **cancelled** for the day until such time as it would not be possible for the last match to be concluded on that day. The decision on this matter rests with the designated Match Committee of the Host Club for Preliminary Rounds and with the DGA Match Committee during any Finals

Course conditions, remaining time available and player safety should all be taken into account when considering whether to continue, suspend or cancel play for the day.

If resumption of play is not possible the matter will be referred to the DGA Match Committee that will determine the action to be taken.

The DGA Match Committee will endeavour to find an alternate date with play recommencing in accordance with the Rules of Golf (ie Rules 33-2d and 6.8b).

If no alternative date of play can be arranged any Individual Match Points and Pennant Table Points will be allocated on the basis of completed matches from the original date of play.

If a Team has secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Contest that Team shall be awarded two Pennant Table Points. If neither Team secured the advantage both Teams shall be awarded one Pennant Table Point and any Individual Match Points based on completed individual matches from the original date of play.

## LOCOMOTION

Players will not be permitted to ride in, or on, any form of automotive locomotion, during the play of a hole.

Exception 1: In the case of permanently physically impaired players on receipt of the following:

- a) Letter from a Medical Practitioner specifying;
  - i) the disability with which the player is affected
  - ii) the Medical Practitioner's opinion that the disability necessitates the player requiring the use of automotive locomotion in order to participate in the competition;
- b) In the case of a permanent disability a letter from the Secretary of the player's Club, confirming that the player does not participate in any games of golf at that Club except with the assistance of the automotive locomotion; or
- c) In the case of a temporary disability a letter from the Secretary of the player's Club confirming that the player does not presently participate in any games of golf at that Club except with the assistance of transportation and nominating the period for that permission to use transportation is granted.

Exception 2: A member of the Match Committee may utilise any locomotion to transport a player or players in the interest of pace of play where necessary without penalty.

The DGA Match Committee accepts no responsibility for the availability of any transportation, or as to whether or not permission is granted to use any transportation at Host Clubs.

**Penalty** – Breach of this Condition will be forfeiture of the individual match by the player(s) breaching the rule.

## MOBILE PHONES

The use of a mobile phone or portable phone by a player or his caddie whilst on the golf course during a stipulated round is distracting and inconsiderate and the use of a mobile phone is therefore not allowed. If the player or his caddie is in the possession of a mobile or portable phone it should be turned off.

If the phone rings it will be deemed to be in use and the penalty outlined will apply.

**Penalty** – Breach of this Condition is loss of hole.

## DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during the match a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (eg, gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

**Penalty** – Breach of this Condition will be forfeiture of the individual match by the player breaching the rule.

## ALCOHOL

The consumption of alcohol by a player or his caddie on the course during a match is prohibited.

**Penalty** – Breach of this Condition will be forfeiture of the individual match by the player(s) breaching the rule.

## PROTESTS

A Club may protest in writing to the DGA Captain within two (2) days after a contest, stating why they consider an incident during a match or after a match should be reconsidered for possible overturning of an individual match or overall Contest result.

The Club lodging the protest MUST also provide a copy of the protest to the Host Club where the Contest was played and to the opposing Team's Club Captain on the same day it is lodged with the DGA.

The DGA Captain may determine the protest himself within his own right or refer it to the DGA Match Committee for further consideration. The DGA Captain or DGA Match Committee may determine the protest in any manner thought fit.

Protests cannot be lodged against a decision given by a Host Club Match Committee on the Rules of Golf or Local Rules provided during play. A protest can not be lodged against a decision of the Host Club Match Committee to order player(s) from the course under the slow play conditions outlined in these Conditions.

## RESULTS TO BE SENT TO DGA

Within **TWO** days after each Contest the **WINNING Club**, or in the event of a tied result, the first named Club in the draw must notify the result thereof to the DGA Match Committee nominee below.

If results are not received within the stated time the offending Club(s) may have one Pennant Table point deducted for each offence.

**DGA Match Committee Nominee for completed "Pennant Result Forms"**.

Results are to be sent or faxed to:

❖ To be determined.

## **WITHDRAWAL OF CLUB AFTER FINAL DRAW COMPLETED**

Any Club that withdraws from any Division of Pennant after the final draw has been compiled and circulated may be prohibited from participating in that Division of Pennant for up to two (2) years.

If a Club withdraws from the Pennant at any time during the Season any Team scheduled to play that Club in Preliminary Rounds shall be awarded a forfeit and awarded the maximum Pennant Table Points and Individual Match Points achieved by a Team from within its respective Division or Section of that Pennant.

All previous Contest results involving the Club that withdraws from the Pennant shall stand.

## **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### ***Entertainment***

All Pennant players should be made honorary members of the Host Club for the day.

Host Clubs are responsible for the provision of a light meal or snacks after the conclusion of Preliminary Round Contests. Catering arrangements for meals should be agreed upon by negotiation of the Clubs in each Division.

Arrangements for catering during the Final series will be organised by the DGA Match Committee in consultation with the Host Club. Any meal costs for the Final series will be shared equally between the competing Clubs.

### ***Dress rules***

Each Club entering a Team in a Pennant competition and the manager of each Team should ensure that Team members comply with the dress regulations of the Host Club.

The Host Club has the right to refuse any player entry on to the course or into the Clubhouse if such players do not conform to the dress rules of the Host Club.

**Note:** The penalty for non-compliance would be no start or disqualification.

### ***Equipment***

It is recommended that Team Managers check with Host Clubs prior to the Contest and enquire whether a condition requiring buggies to be equipped with wide wheels or a restriction relating to metal spikes in golf shoes applies.

### ***B Grade squads to DGA Match Committee***

All Clubs entering a Team in B Grade Handicap

Pennant for 2010 **must provide the DGA Match Committee** with a list of players who are likely to play for the Club during the 2010 Season by completing Attachment A of these Conditions and forwarding Attachment A to the **DGA Match Committee by 19th January 2010.**

Where a Club includes a player in their Team who was not listed in their squad sent to the DGA Match Committee, the Club Captain or his representative should advise Mr Ross Jones (telephone 62315510) of the player(s) details within 7 days of the Contest.

### ***Practice rounds***

The availability of Practice Rounds prior to Pennant Contests at Host Clubs and the setting of any associated green fees are at the discretion of the Host Club.

### ***Logos***

A Logo is acceptable provided it appears only once on the player's clothing. The logo must not exceed a perimeter measurement of 220 mm.

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## PENNANT RESULT FORM

MATCH PLAYED AT:..... DATE:...../...../.....

PENNANT DIVISION:

1. A GRADE
2. A RESERVE
3. B GRADE (Scratch)
4. B GRADE (Handicap)
5. JUNIOR
6. ENCOURAGE JUNIOR
7. SOUTHERN

CLUB 1: ..... v CLUB 2: .....

No.	CLUB 1 - TEAM	H/cap	RESULT	CLUB 2 - TEAM	H/cap	SCORE
1			Defeated Squared Lost to			
2			Defeated Squared Lost to			
3			Defeated Squared Lost to			
4			Defeated Squared Lost to			
5			Defeated Squared Lost to			
6			Defeated Squared Lost to			
7			Defeated Squared Lost to			
8			Defeated Squared Lost to			

Note: Last placed Individual Match in A Grade, A Reserve, Junior, Encourage Junior and B Grade Pennant is only worth half an Individual Match point.

MATCH WON BY:..... OVERALL RESULT: .....

<p>THIS COMPLETED FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:  <b>Nigel Powell</b>          Fax: 6285 3140 (Federal GC)          email: <a href="mailto:nigel@fgc.com.au">nigel@fgc.com.au</a>          Mail P.O. Box 3039, Manuka, ACT, 2603</p> <p><b>WITHIN TWO DAYS OF THE CONTEST BEING PLAYED</b></p>	<p>SIGNATURES:</p> <p>.....  <b>WINNING CAPTAIN</b></p> <p>.....  <b>LOSING CAPTAIN</b></p>
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