



ACT- MONARO DGA – 2024 PENNANT CONDITIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ALL GRADES

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These General Conditions are to be read in conjunction with the Supplementary Conditions issued for each Pennant grade (at the end of this document).

ACT Monaro District Golf Association Pennants are governed by the Match Committee of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association, referred to in these Conditions as the "DGA Match Committee".

Rules decisions required during the preliminary rounds will be given by the host club Match Committee and will be final. All finals will be administered by the DGA Match Committee assisted by a nominee of the host club if required.

The DGA Match Committee may alter these Conditions at any time.

Pennant team entry fees \$44 per team (includes GST) are to be paid to the Sec/Treasurer of the DGA prior to the start of the season (except Junior teams \$0).

PROGRAM

Contests will be played on dates organised by the DGA Match Committee. Any team failing to play on the date organised will forfeit the Contest. The full program with venues, dates and tee times is emailed to the captains of all clubs and is available on www.actgolf.com.au Home page -- Pennant.

HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Buffer Zones. For all Pennant Contests, clubs should allow a generous buffer to assist members and Pennant players maintain an appropriate pace of play. Limiting club competitions on the day to Stableford or Par could also help.

Course Set-up. Clubs are responsible for: course set up, with grade-appropriate tee positions, such as A Grade off longer tees, senior and junior grades off shorter tees; and presenting its course at an appropriate high standard.

Match Committee during Preliminary Rounds Host clubs are to: appoint a Match Committee (at least one person and excluding any player or caddie in the Contests); apply the Rules of Golf and these Pennant Conditions (and advise any breach of these Conditions) and ensure an appropriate pace of play.

Catering. There is no requirement for clubs to provide free meals or drinks.

FORMAT OF PLAY

Competitions between teams will be known as Contests and will be played under the Rules of the R&A, host club Local Rules and these Conditions.

Exception:

- 1) *Model Local Rule E-5: Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds will not apply to Pennant Contests.*
- 2) *Model Local Rule F-24: Relief from Immovable Obstruction in Penalty Areas – applies to Pennant Contests at any course that has defined penalty area stakes or markers to be immovable obstructions - see Appendix 1.*

Individual matches shall be over 18 holes of Match Play. A match tied after 18 holes will conclude tied (half a point to each team).

However, in finals, if the Contest is tied, each team will select one player to play a sudden death play-off. That play-off will be off scratch, even in handicap grades, and should start from where the match commenced.

In finals, once a Contest result is achieved, the Match Committee or the Captains of both teams may agree to terminate any continuing matches and those matches will be considered tied.

PLAYER NUMBERS

Team size is 6 players in all contests.

ORDER OF PLAY

The honour is based on coin toss or similar. Teams will hit off in reverse order to the team list (number 6 players first, number 1 players last) in groups of 4 (2 matches).

Exception: A Grade (Div. 1) Final may be in pairs if acceptable to the host club.

TEE-TIMES

Tee times are organised by the DGA Captain and clubs prior to the start of the season and shown on www.actgolf.com.au. Play should commence from the 1st tee.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

General. Each player must be an amateur golfer and a bona-fide playing member of the club represented. A bona-fide member will usually be eligible to participate in the club championships. In general, no player can represent more than one club in any division during the season. If a club has more than one team in a grade, a member of one team is ineligible to play in the other team.

Exceptions:

- a) *A player may play for one club in the Thursday Pennant program and a different club in the Sunday Pennant program if a member of both clubs;*
- b) *A player may represent a club in Southern Pennants and a different club in these Pennants if a member of both clubs;*
- c) *A 5- or 6-day member who might not be eligible to play in their club championships may play in the Thursday Pennant Program.*

Male golfers with an official GA handicap are eligible to play in any grade, subject to the requirements of individual grades. Female golfers with an official GA handicap are only eligible to play in Junior Pennant providing the age requirement is met.

Finals. To be eligible to play in a final, a player must have played at least one game for that team in the preliminary rounds.

CADDIES AND FELLOW TEAM MEMBERS

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

Fellow team members on the day must not caddie or provide any advice from the start to the conclusion of the Contest.

Penalty – general penalty for each hole a fellow team member assists a player.

COVID-19

Pennant matches must comply with any Covid-19 rules and regulations imposed by the respective government or host clubs on the day of the Contest. Team managers are to ensure all players understand the playing conditions (for example, relating to bunkers and flagsticks) and Local Rules at each venue.

NO PLAY/PRACTICE ON COURSE BEFORE OR AFTER MATCH

Players must not play or practice on the competition course on the day of competition before their match (i.e., Model Local Rule I-1.1 is in force and Rule 5.2a does not apply for this competition) or after their match. However, Rule 5.5 applies, allowing limited practice between holes during a match.

Penalty: first breach – general penalty; second breach – forfeiture of the individual match.

TEAM LIST GIVEN TO OPPONENT AND HOST CLUB STARTER

The captain or manager of each team must advise the official representative of the host club and the opponent the names of the players in playing order at least ten minutes before the nominated starting time (i.e., provide a team sheet). A blank copy of the official team sheet and results sheet is available on www.actgolf.com.au.

In handicap grades, teams must list players in daily handicap order – lowest at number 1, highest at number 6. Any order applies if daily handicap is the same.

Penalty: forfeiture of the matches of players playing in the incorrect position

INDIVIDUAL FORFEITS. If a team is short of players, their team sheet must be numbered from the number one position and the team will forfeit any places not represented. The opposing team captain is then free to re-determine their team list (i.e., to decide which player(s) will drop out).

TEAM FORFEITS. If a team forfeits a round, the opponent receives full points and a 6-0 contest score at the point that a team pulls out. If a club fails to field a full team, the DGA Match Committee will request an explanation. An unsatisfactory reply may result in a penalty, for example, a monetary fine or loss of competition points.

WINNER OF THE CONTEST

The team that wins most individual match points wins the Contest. Each match won gets one individual match point, half a point is allocated for each tied match.

Two Pennant table points are allocated for each Contest win in the preliminary rounds. One Pennant table point is allocated to each club for a drawn contest.

COUNTBACK ARRANGEMENTS FOR PENNANT TABLE

The following countback arrangements apply. If Pennant table points are equal, individual match points determine the order. If still tied, the higher individual match points in the Contest(s) between the tied clubs decide the order. If still tied, or the clubs did not play against each other, the highest number of wins at the number one position (and if still needed the number two position and so on) determines the order. If still no result, the DGA Match Committee will resolve the issue.

FINALS

For Pennant grades with one division/pool, the top two teams at the end of the preliminary rounds will contest the final, on a neutral venue.

For Pennant grades with two pools the winner of each pool will contest the final, on a neutral venue.

SLOW PLAY

All clubs and the DGA Match Committee have a mutual interest in ensuring Pennant fixtures achieve an acceptable pace of play. The Match Committee of the day may apply penalties under Rule 5.6b for slow play, including loss of hole or disqualification. Each match must play without unreasonable delay, keep up with the preceding match and meet any specific pace of play guidelines the Match Committee of the day establishes.

PROCEDURES FOR CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION OR POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY

EXTREME HEAT. Pennant matches will be cancelled if the Bureau of Meteorology forecast for Canberra at 6pm the evening before the Contest is a maximum temperature of 38C or more on the day of the Contest (36C for Juniors). If occurring in the preliminary rounds, the scheduled Contests will be drawn (1 point and 3 games each).

OTHER SITUATIONS. Every effort should be made to complete the Contests as scheduled, even if inclement weather causes delays or suspensions. **Play should not be cancelled for the day** unless it would not be possible to complete all matches. This decision rests with the Match Committee for the day. Course conditions, time available and player safety should be considered.

If one team has secured sufficient individual match points to win the Contest, it gets two Pennant table points. Incomplete individual matches shall be considered tied.

If a Contest is cancelled prior to play, or before a started Contest reaches a result, each team will receive one Pennant table point and 3 individual match points.

LOCOMOTION

There are no restrictions on use of motorized locomotion (including carts) in any

Pennant grades. The DGA takes no responsibility for the provision or availability of any motorized locomotion device.

MOBILE PHONES

The use of a mobile phone by a competitor or his caddie, during a contest, can be distracting and is inconsiderate. Phones should be turned off or in silent mode. If the phone rings or is used the Committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player under Rule 1.2. If the phone has a distance measuring facility it may be used to measure distance.

Penalty – The Match Committee may disqualify a player if it finds that the player has committed serious misconduct

ALCOHOL

Alcohol consumption by a player or caddie during a match is prohibited.

Penalty – forfeiture of the individual match

PROTESTS

A club may protest in writing to the DGA Captain within two days of a Contest, detailing the nature of their protest and their desired resolution, and must provide a copy at the same time to the host club and to the opposing team's Club Captain. The DGA Captain may determine the protest personally or refer it to the DGA Match Committee for consideration. The DGA Captain or DGA Match Committee may determine the protest in any manner thought fit.

Protests cannot be lodged against a Rules decision made by the Match Committee of the day (such decisions are final).

TEAMS & RESULTS INTO GOLFOBOX (or DGA MCN, if problems)

The ACT Monaro DGA will use the GolfBox software app for the Pennant season. Team captains/managers are to enter the players names into each Contest and the result of each match when concluded. If this cannot be actioned successfully, the results sheet should be emailed or SMS'd to Nigel, for follow-up action.

DGA Match Committee Nominee

(DGA MCN):

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Prior to season start, it would be very helpful if club captains (or their representative) could email Nigel the email and mobile phone details of all their Pennant team managers. This information could be very beneficial if there are unforeseen circumstances (e.g., storms) that require cancellations of matches at short notice.

WITHDRAWAL OF CLUB AFTER FINAL DRAW CIRCULATED

Any club that withdraws from a Pennant grade after the final draw has been circulated may be suspended from that division for up to two years.

If a club withdraws from the Pennant competition during the season, unplayed Contests will be a forfeit to the scheduled opponent, completed results will stand.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Dress and equipment rules. Each club and their team managers should ensure team members comply with host club dress regulations and equipment rules (for example buggies and golf shoes), at risk of players being refused entry to the course (or clubhouse) and therefore disqualification.

Practice rounds. Availability and cost are at host club discretion.

Logos. Tasteful and appropriate logos on team uniforms are acceptable.

Appendix 1.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS IN PENALTY AREAS – Model Local Rule F-24

Relief from interference by immovable stakes or other immovable markers which define or identify any penalty area on the Contest venue course is allowed under Rule 16.1b, with the following modifications:

- a. Reference Point (the nearest point of complete relief) must be in the penalty area; and
- b. Size of the Relief Area is one-club length from the Reference Point, but with these limits:
 - i. Must be in the same penalty area, and
 - ii. Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point.

[end of General Conditions]

SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS FOR EACH GRADE

A GRADE (Divisions 1, 2 and 3)

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY. A player who 'moves up' from A3 to A1 or A2 (i.e., has played more than 1 match in the higher grade) may not return to A3 in the 2024 season.

ORDER of PLAY. Players can be listed in any order on the team sheet. Number 6 players hit off first; number 1 players hit off last.

B SCRATCH GRADE

HANDICAPS. To be eligible to play in B Scratch a player must have held a 'Low GA handicap' of 6.0 or above on 1st January 2024 (trial for 2024 season).

ORDER of PLAY. Players can be listed in any order on the team sheet. Number 6 players hit off first; number 1 players hit off last.

HANDICAP GRADE

HANDICAPS. A competitor's daily handicap will be his GA handicap, adjusted using the Golf Link 'Look-up' chart for the course and tees on the day of the match. However, a maximum daily handicap of 18 will apply in this grade. Individuals with higher handicaps, can play, but must use a maximum daily handicap of 18.

The Men's Match Play index – as listed on the club score card – determines the order of holes at which strokes are given or received.

Players must be listed on the team sheet in daily handicap order, with the lowest handicap player listed in the number 1 position. Number 6 players hit off first; number 1 players hit off last.

Players with the same daily handicap may play in any order.

JUNIOR GRADE

AGE ELIGIBILITY. Male and female players under the age of 18 years on 4/2/2024 are eligible to play in this grade.

TEEING GROUNDS. Host clubs should appreciate that Junior Pennants contains players of varying ages and golfing abilities, so should set up courses conservatively. Wherever possible, courses should be set-up so boys and girls play off appropriate "easy tees".

HANDICAPS. A player's daily handicap will be his or her GA handicap, adjusted using the Golf Link 'Look-up' chart for the course and tees on the day of the match, and is subject to a maximum daily handicap of 36 for boys and 45 for girls. Individuals with higher GA handicaps must use the maximum daily handicap.

The Men's Match Play index – as listed on the club score card – determines the order of holes at which strokes are given or received.

FORMAT. Players must be listed on the team sheet in daily handicap order, with the lowest handicap player listed in the number 1 position. Number 6 players hit off first, number 1 players hit off last. However, respective team managers, by mutual consent, may:

- a) agree to play the number 1 and 2 positions as scratch matches (if the h/c's of the players involved are within 3 strokes of each other); and
- b) modify the playing order to avoid significant age/gender mismatches.

Players with the same daily handicap may play in any order.

MIXED MATCHES. *Based on the JNJG Pennant Conditions* - On a particular hole, when a boy plays against a girl, and the par for the hole is different, the outcome of the hole is determined by the net score in relation to par.

SENIOR AND SUPER SENIOR GRADES

AGE ELIGIBILITY Senior (Scratch and Handicap) - at least 50 years on the date of play; Super Senior (Handicap only) - at least 65 years on the date of play.

As a continuing trial for this season, players who have played in the Super Seniors grade are eligible to also play in the Seniors Grade and vice versa.

ORDER of PLAY Scratch – Players can be listed in any order on the team sheet. Number 6 players hit off first; number 1 players hit off last.

Handicap – Players must be listed on the team sheet in daily handicap order with the lowest handicap player listed in the number 1 position. Number 6 players will hit off first; number 1 players will hit off last.

HANDICAP DIVISIONS (Senior and Super Senior)

A competitor's daily handicap will be his GA handicap, adjusted using the Golf Link 'Look-up' chart for the course and tees on the day of the match. However, a maximum daily handicap of 27 applies in Senior Grade and 36 in Super Seniors Grade. Individuals with higher handicaps, can play, but must use a maximum daily handicap of 27 or 36.

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