



2026 MENS PENNANT RULES & CONDITIONS OF PLAY

A player taking part in the pennant competition 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 play in the club championships. No player may represent more than one club during the competition of any year. Players must be members of an affiliated GEG club.

1. The pennant competition shall consist of 4 Divisions, as follows:
 - Division 1 is a scratch division with teams to consist of 5 players with no restrictions to handicap or order.
 - Division 2 is a scratch division with teams to consist of 5 players with no restrictions to handicap or order.
 - Division 3 East & 3 West are handicap divisions consisting of 5 players with a maximum handicap of 36. There is no minimum handicap. All contests are to be played in handicap order. Shots given will be ascertained by deducting the lower handicap from the higher handicap. The difference will determine the holes where shots will be given. **SHOTS ARE TO BE TAKEN ON THOSE HOLES AS DESIGNATED ON THE HOME CLUBS STROKE PLAY INDEX. Players in Division 3 are to use their current slope adjusted handicap for each specific round.**
2. The competitions between teams will be known as contests. Contests will be played upon the course of the club named in the draw and in accordance with the rules of golf. Team Captains will toss a coin for the honour. For the purposes of determining any dispute, the Match Committee of the host club shall be deemed to be the Committee in charge of the competition.
3. The Captains of each team shall hand into the host club official in charge, his list of team members, in playing order and team adviser (if applicable), **no later than 15 minutes prior** to the allotted start time in the draw.
4. The Team Manager and Team Adviser must be a member of the team's club and shall not be a professional golfer. In accordance with note to rule of golf 10, permission is given for each team to appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team. That person shall be known as the team adviser; such person shall be identified on the team list submitted prior to the start of the contest. Players receiving advice from persons other than the team adviser or caddie shall be subject to penalty in accordance with rule 10.
5. Professional golfers are not permitted to act as caddies. Players and caddies must be attired in accordance with the host club's dress standards.
6. Individual matches are to be played from the Championship markers, where possible, or as directed by the host club. Matches are to be played in reverse order of the team list (ie. Number 5 player first and No. 1 player last). All matches are to be played over 18 holes, match play. If a match is square after the completion of 18 holes, the match shall be treated as a halved match. In a finals contest, if a match is square after the completion of 18 holes, play shall continue until one player secures an advantage, or until the competition has been won.

7. Once play has commenced, the penalty for any player playing in the incorrect team position will be disqualification (loss of match). Where a player fails to take his position on the tee at the required time, he shall forfeit the match. The forfeiture shall occur at the position listed on the result sheet. A period of grace of 5 minutes shall be allowed.
8. Players are permitted to ride in or on any form of mechanical locomotion during play of a hole, except where the host club have imposed restrictions on their use.
9. The winner of each Division shall be the team winning the final, which will be played on a course as directed in the pennant draw, between the two leading teams in each of Divisions 1, 2, 3 East and 3 West. The leading teams in each Division will be those teams that have the greatest number of contest wins. In the event of the number of contest wins being equal, the leading teams in a Division will be those teams that have the greatest number of individual matches. In the event of individual matches also being equal, the decision shall be reached by count back, based on the results of the contests between the tied teams during the season. In the event of the teams still being tied, the matter shall be referred to the Golf East Gippsland Committee for a decision.
10. In all cases of inclement weather and/or bad course conditions, every effort should be made to complete the contest on the scheduled day. If the Match Committee in charge of the competition declares that play is not possible, the contests are to be abandoned. For finals, the Golf East Gippsland Committee shall make any decision regarding the abandonment or postponement of play.
11. Players are permitted to play on the course on the day of the competition prior to the commencement of each contest (not individual match).
12. Breaches of the Golf Australia Code of Conduct reported during pennant may be subject to action by the Association.
13. All result sheets are to be forwarded to the Golf East Gippsland Men's Captain on completion of the contest. All result sheets are to be signed by both Captains. **Each player playing games in Divisions 3 must have their Slope Adjusted handicap, in brackets, after their name.**
14. Three players in each team are to be registered with the Secretary on the first contest result sheet. It is not permissible to move these players into lower Divisions (ie. From Division 1 to Division 2), for the current pennant season, but a player may be promoted to a higher Division. After three contests in a higher Division, a player may not be delegated to a lower Division. Any player playing in a final must have played at least one contest in that or a lower Division. **No Players are interchangeable between two teams of the same Club in the same Division.**
15. If any Club wishes to raise a complaint arising from the pennant play or results, such complaint must be in writing to the Golf East Gippsland Men's Captain, giving full details of the complaint or dispute by 6.00 p.m. on the Monday following the contest. The Golf East Gippsland Committee will inquire into such disputes and notify the Club and/or players of any action that may be taken arising from the dispute.
16. In the event of a Club forfeiting a contest, that Club at their earliest convenience must contact the "Host Club", "Opposition Club" and "Golf East Gippsland". Also, the Golf East Gippsland Committee reserves the right to penalize the forfeiting Club for any out of pocket expenses the Host Club may incur from the forfeit.
17. At the conclusion of the pennant season the winning team in Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1 and the last placed team in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2. Exceptions to this will be that no club have more than 2 teams in any one division and that the next best/worst placed side be promoted/relegated as required to maintain this. In the event of a club wishing to withdraw a side from Division 1 or 2, they must withdraw their lowest ranked team (i.e. cannot withdraw from Div 1 if you have a Div 2 team, the Div 2 team must be withdrawn first). If a club wishes to submit a new side

into the competition(max of 3 from any club over both divisions) that side must commence as the lowest ranked in Division 2.