



## The Masters Pennant Competition 2018

### Conditions of Entry

The Match Committee of The Masters Pennant (TMP) reserves the right to alter or vary these Conditions at any time.

#### CONDITION 1 - STYLE of PLAY

The competition will be conducted along the lines of normal singles pennant match play without the benefit of handicap and principally played on Sundays, with any exception to be agreed to by all affected teams in that Division. Teams are required to be played in order of ability thus retaining the spirit of The Masters Pennant. See Conditions 5 & 11 and Rule 9. **Nomination fee must be paid with nomination in order to be considered in the Draw.**

#### CONDITION 2 – GAME and TEAM

A game is the contest between two clubs and each team shall consist of seven (7) individual matches, {value 2 points each} and a number 8 match {value 1 point}, played over 18 holes with play terminating if the match is square at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Players MUST cease play when a match result has been reached. The team with the highest match points is the winner of the game. Match points MUST total 15. If the points are shared evenly then the game is halved and each team receives ½ game point.

#### CONDITION 3 - TEAM SIZE

Matches in Divisional rounds are to be played in groups of four (4) or (2) at host club discretion. During the Finals Series, played in pairs (2) where host clubs permit. The #8 player does not need to participate in Finals play but where a team does not intend to play their #8 player they MUST, by prior notification, advise the opposing team and the #7s will play alone. All matches to be played out to achieve a team result.

#### CONDITION 4 – DIVISIONAL ROUNDS COMPETITION

- a) Divisional Starting Date. Divisional Rounds play may start early, as determined by the Divisional Convenor in conjunction with the participating clubs, but no later than 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This would allow for washed out matches to be played prior to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- b) The last date of divisional play is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- c) The date reserved for Divisional Play-offs, Sun 1 July 2018, in the Pennant Finals Series, cannot, **under any circumstances**, be used to finalise incomplete games from Divisional Rounds.
- d) All games must be played at the venues listed in the current draw unless prior approval is given to a change of venue by the Masters Pennant Committee.
- e) If a game is played at a different venue without prior approval of the Masters Pennant Committee, both teams will be awarded zero points for the game.
- f) **Any spare date scheduled in the original Draw will be considered part of The Draw and must be used for the first of any washed out/deferred game/s, unless TMP Match Committee consider the game result has no bearing on the Divisional Winner.**

#### CONDITION 5 – ORDER of PLAY

Order of play is 8 & 7, 6 & 5, 4 & 3, 2 & 1. The team captain / manager shall provide the host club official starter with the team nomination, in order of play with applicable players current exact GA handicap, 15 minutes prior to hit-off time. The No. 8 player shall take the place of any player who will not be available for his tee time Team captains and managers are responsible for players playing in the correct order with the order as played being the result.

#### CONDITION 6 - PUTTING ORDER AND PROCEDURE AFTER PUTTING OUT

- a) Putting order to be determined for each separate match, when playing in fours. Distance from the hole and interference with another player's putting line should be considered. **The match which commences putting first should complete putting out.**
- b) After completing the hole, the match that has putted out **MUST** move **immediately** to the next teeing ground and prepare to play. Failure to comply may result in a penalty under Rule 4 below.

## CONDITION 7 – HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

### (a) Green Fees

No green fees are to be charged.

### (b) Teeing Ground

The teeing ground should be at the discretion of the host club BUT the total course length should not exceed 6,000m with the teeing ground not be too far forward. Middle tees would be preferred.

### (c) Match Official

**In order to improve the situation during the season we respectfully request that on the day the host club make available a Match Official/s to control the game, monitor the speed of play and where necessary take action to improve the pace of play and also act as a “Rules Official”.**

### (d) Decisions

Any decisions, given by the “Rules Official” on the Rules of Golf shall be final unless he wishes to refer to the Masters Pennant Match Committee.

### (e) Tee Times

i) Any tee times outside the designated time frames, 8:00 – 11:30 (last hit-off) MUST be ratified by the Masters Pennant Match Committee. If the actual tee time is later than 11:30 and matches do not finish due to lack of light the following will apply: all unfinished holes are awarded to the visiting player until a match result is achieved. For example, if the host player is dormie 3 the remaining holes will be awarded to the visiting player with a resultant square match. Providing there are no other mitigating circumstances (e.g. suspension of play), a visiting player will be entitled to consider Pennant play for the next hole not possible when any of the following conditions exist:

1) Clear sky	10 minutes after designated sunset
2) Overcast	At designated sunset
3) Heavy cloud/rain or mist	10 minutes before designated sunset

If play of a hole has commenced before the time limit as above in either 1 or 2, or 3, then that hole must be resolved.

The designated Rules Official, Convenor, and or Team Captain is to be responsible for monitoring the above. At any time when there is any discrepancy, and/or unresolved disagreement, judgement is to be ruled against the host club.

ii) Any alteration to advertised starting times MUST be conveyed to the Divisional Convenor and all clubs affected by the alteration with at least two (2) weeks' notice.

iii) No practice or buffer time is to be provided on the day of the match. Host clubs are requested to provide practice time prior to the programmed date of matches.

### (f) Results

The Host Club **shall** notify the Sydney AAP newspapers of the results of the Competition, and additionally, notify the Masters Pennant Committee by email on the day of play. If a game is washed out or course closed the Masters Pennant Committee **MUST** be notified immediately.

### (g) Discontinuance of Play

- i. In the event of play being discontinued due to darkness or inclement weather, the players are to continue from the point where the play was stopped and play the normal course. All completed matches will stand.
- ii. In the event of play being discontinued **or not possible due to course closure**, or a serious incident occurs prior to, or during a game which creates circumstances to cause the cessation of a match / matches or the suspension of the game, and an agreement for the rescheduling / completion of the game cannot be reached by the clubs involved, all details must be referred to TMP Committee within 24 hours for consideration. The Masters Pennant Match Committee will decide whether to complete the game; this will be conditional upon the game having a bearing on the competition and a game result has not been reached. If a game result has been achieved, then all completed matches will stand and incomplete matches will be halved for the purpose of Divisional Winner Seedings if necessary.
- iii. Any unplayed, or unfinished game **MUST** be completed by the final date of divisional play otherwise each team will be awarded a halved game. The reserved date for divisional play-off CANNOT be used for this purpose **under any circumstance**.

## CONDITION 8 – DIVISIONAL WINNERS AND SEEDINGS

### (a) Divisional winners to be determined on:-

- (1) Games won (1 point) and halved (½ point) - (i.e. team wins including halves), if even,
- (2) Total points scored – (i.e. individual matches, including ½ and # eights), if even
- (3) Total points scored – (i.e. individual matches, excluding # eights), if even
- (4) Total points scored – (i.e. individual matches, excluding ½ and # eights), if even
- (5) The highest number of Matches won when the tied teams played each other, if even
- (6) By play-off within a division OR the previous year's seeding

### (b) Seedings

The teams will be seeded using the following formula:-

$$\frac{(\text{Games Won \& Halved})^2}{(\text{Scheduled Games})^2} \times \frac{\text{Matches Won \& Halved}}{\text{Scheduled Games}}$$

That is, the number of **games** won & halved squared divided by the number of scheduled **games**, squared; this is then multiplied by the number of **matches** won and halved divided by the number of scheduled **games**.

In the event of tied seedings a count back will apply using the Divisional Winners procedures 1 to 5 and then by coin toss.

### (c) Incomplete Final Series Games

When a game cannot be played, or completed on the scheduled day, or within the next 6 days, the following system will apply:

All completed matches will stand.

All incomplete matches will be halved, and the Team with the highest number of match wins will be declared the winner.

If the match wins are tied, then the Team with the highest seeding after Divisional play will be declared the winner. If the seedings are equal, the winner will be decided by lot.

When a game is not played at all on the scheduled day, and cannot be programmed **with both team's approval**, before the next round, the Team with the highest seeding after Divisional play, will be declared the winner.

**It is important that all Teams are aware of the format beforehand, to ensure that there is no misunderstanding if it is necessary to implement same, and hopefully they can take the appropriate measures beforehand to avoid this action.**

**This procedure is necessary so that the progressing teams are determined prior to the next round, as the dates of play and venues cannot be changed, and The Competition must proceed without interruption to The Final.**

## CONDITION 9 – COURSE AVAILABILITY

All participating clubs must make their course available (if required), for Final series games by reserving an appropriate 30 minute tee time, at 11:00 am or earlier, on at least one of the play-off dates of their choice at the time of nomination. A Divisional winning team failing to do so may not be allowed to proceed in the play-off series.

This condition is necessary to ensure that the required number of suitable courses can be allocated fairly to all clubs involved in the Final Series and will be made at the Masters Pennant discretion.

## CONDITION 10 - GENERAL

(a) **Dress Rules:** All players and caddies should be aware of, and **MUST** abide by, the dress regulations both on course and in clubhouse of the Host Club.

(b) **Provision of Shirts and Balls:** The provision of shirts and balls to players will be at the discretion of each club.

(c) **Divisional Dinner:** Each division may have its own dinner at the end of the season; regular caddies who are an integral part of the team should be invited. The cost of the dinner is to be charged to each club as per their nominated attendees.

The Host Club should be advised prior to the final match of the number of persons attending from each club

(d) **CADDIES** - Caddies are acceptable. There is no restriction as to who may act as a caddie.

### (e) EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL CLUBS ENTERING THE MASTERS PENNANT EVENTS TO ADVISE ALL PLAYERS REPRESENTING THEIR CLUB OF THE FOLLOWING EXCLUSION

Upon entry into The Masters Pennant competition, player's agree to the following exclusion of liability:

(i) I am aware of and acknowledge that participation in this event, given the nature of the sport, entails risks of injury or death to persons (including myself) and damage to property. In particular (and without limitation) there is a risk of being hit by or hitting someone else with a golf ball.

(ii) I agree to expressly and voluntarily accept all risks associated with my participation in this event including (without limitation) the risks to myself of death or injury however caused which I could sustain while participating in this event and I voluntarily elect to participate in this event on that basis and despite such risks.

(iii) I irrevocably and unconditionally agree to release, discharge and hold harmless The Masters Pennant, its directors, employees, volunteers, agents and contractors (together and separately the Released Parties) from any and all claims, actions, proceedings, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities (together and separately Claims) that I may suffer or incur as a result of injury, death or damage to myself or any other person or any property whilst participating in this event (including (without limitation) those Claims arising out of the negligent or wilful act or omission of a Released Party).

(iv) I will not sue or make any Claims against the Released Parties for any Claims that I suffer or incur as a result of my participation in this event.

(v) I indemnify the Released Parties from and against any and all Claims suffered or incurred by or brought against the Released Parties in connection with or arising out of my attendance at or participation in this event.

## CONDITION 11 – PLAYER REGISTRATION NB **COMPULSORY - if not previously registered**

Clubs are required to register players, prior to playing, (any player not already registered MUST be registered within 24 hours of playing) on the website [www.masterspennant.com.au](http://www.masterspennant.com.au) with the following:

1. Player Given Name
2. Player Surname
3. Player DOB (Month / Year)
4. Player Email address (if available, otherwise club email address))
5. Player Golfink Number
6. Player Current Handicap
7. Player that Club will represent
8. Post Code where Player domiciled

### DATABASE OF ENTRANT'S DETAILS

The personal data contained in an entry is permanently retained by TMP. This data may be utilised by TMP or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time to time players may be sent entry forms, event literature or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of TMP events, or information about events conducted by TMP. Upon receipt by TMP of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

## RULES of PLAY

### RULE 1 - ELIGIBILITY

(a) To be eligible a player must be registered and be a male amateur golfer, 50 years of age, on or before the first day of play of his Clubs Divisional competition. He must be at least a financial 6 day member, of the club he represents, on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year of competition and current for the duration of the relevant Masters Pennant Competition and must be eligible to play in all Sunday competitions throughout the year without restriction or limitation.

**PENALTY: If the ineligible player wins his match it is forfeited to the opposing team. If the match is lost, the players TEAM is penalised 1 match point, (in this instance the opposing team does not have the benefit of that lost point).**

PLEASE NOTE that it is the responsibility of all participating Clubs to ensure that all players are registered as per Condition 11 – Player Registration of the Conditions of Entry. Team Managers or Captains should ensure that all eligible players are registered prior to the commencement of the Masters Pennant competition in any given year.

(b) A player can only play for one Masters Team within a season.

(c) A player MUST have played at least one match in Divisional rounds to be eligible for the Finals Series

(d) Any player who has his golf playing membership or handicap suspended on the date of play by Golf NSW, any Club who is a member of Golf NSW, or a District Golf Association, cannot play Masters Pennant during that suspension.

Penalty: Loss of match where breach occurs.

### RULE 2 - FAILURE TO PROVIDE A TEAM

A Club that has entered the competition and then fails to provide a team.

(a) Could be disqualified from the competition, **or future competitions**, subject to TMP Match Committee ruling.

(b) Their opponents will be awarded a 15 - 0 result for that game.

### RULE 3 - TIME OF STARTING

If a player is not ready to start at the designated time Rules of Golf, Rule 6-3 applies.

### RULE 4 - SLOW PLAY

Note: Rules of Golf, Rule 6-7 applies to Match Play and individuals may be penalised in accordance with the Rule. After completing the hole, the match that has putted out **MUST** move immediately to the next teeing ground and prepare to play. Any player not conforming to this Rule will be deemed to be delaying play between holes and could be penalised accordingly. (Loss of next hole). Any practice chipping or putting after completion of any hole during a match, is not permitted. **The GOLF NSW hard card reference to "Pace of Play" will be the standard.**

Penalty for breach of this Rule is Loss of next hole.

In the absence of "Pace of Play" conditions from the host club, the following is a guide for the host club to apply: if they deem it necessary.

Par 3 13 minutes

Par 4 15 minutes

Par 5 17 minutes. Typically 4 hours 30 minutes for 18 holes

## **RULE 5 - USE OF TRANSPORT**

Motorised transport may be used in The Masters Pennant Competition as follows:

Provided they are permitted on the day of play, at the course in play, and must be used in accordance with host club conditions.

Players with medical certificate will have priority, provided they are booked in advance of the day of play.

The Masters Pennant Committee accepts no responsibility for the availability of motorised transport at venue Clubs, or as to whether or not permission is granted to use motorised transport. If the course is open for play, THE GAME MUST PROCEED.

Note: The definition of "equipment" on page 25 of the Rules of Golf should be referred to if a cart shared by two players moves or deflects a ball in play.

## **RULE 6 - CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL (As per NSWGA)**

The consumption of alcohol by players and caddies on the course during a stipulated round is strictly prohibited.

A player may be disqualified under Rule 33-7 for breach of this Rule

## **RULE 7 – MOBILE TELEPHONES (UNDER REVIEW)**

Notwithstanding any host club local rule:

If the phone/device of a player/caddie /device is activated -during -a match and a claim is made, - -, the player loses the hole in play, If between holes, then the next hole.

If a further infringement occurs, the player loses the match. -

**Exception: Medical emergency, calling for a Rules Official, or for the purpose of measuring distance according to the Rules of golf. (see Rule 8)**

**If a player/caddie is required to use a phone/device for another pressing reason he must receive prior approval from his opponent on a case by case basis.**

## **RULE 8 – DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

Distance measuring devices are permitted. Irrespective of any Local Rule which may be in place, and they must conform to R and A Specifications.

## **RULE 9 – PLAYING IN ORDER OF ABILITY \***

(a) **SUBJECT TO SUB\_RULE (b) below** the players shall play in handicap order from positions 1 to 4.

(b) For the purposes of this rule only, the playing order of players may be varied from strict handicap order but by no more than 2.0 GA handicap.

i) Example 1: the order of players may be in the following handicap order:  
1, 3, 2, 5, BUT NOT 1, 2, 5, 3, (because the gap between 2 and 5 is greater than 2 and the player with the handicap of 3 could play after the player with a handicap of 2). Players 5, 6, 7 & 8 may be played in any order, but no player in the 5,6,7,8 positions can play behind any first four players who has more than 2.0 GA lower handicap.

ii) Example 2: The order of players may be in the following handicap order:  
0.1, 4.6, 3.9, 5.2, 3.7, 4.4, 5.8. Note: Players #2 - #6 may be played in any position, **except #1**.

(c) **If, after team nomination sheets have been exchanged prior to commencement of play, and no objection is received or made, the result will be as played.** (see Condition 5)

(d) If the Masters Committee receives a report that a team has breached this rule **after it has been brought to the attention of the offending club and/or contested by the opposing club**, then the Masters Committee may impose the following penalty: for each player playing out of position the player loses his match and the team is penalised a further match win.

Addendum: When any situation arises, which is not specifically covered under these Rules, The Masters' Match Committee will make a decision in equity.

## **PROTESTS**

All protests must be advised in writing by email to the Captain or Vice-Captain – The Masters Pennant within twenty four (24) hours of the Game for determination.

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