

# The Masters Pennants 2020

The Masters Pennant Committee have received pressure over the last decade to seriously consider the following:

- The length of the tournament was too long 13-14 weeks (that's a very long period in the current very competitive golf calendar) to complete – it needed to be reduced
- The possibility of having more than one pennant so that the “weaker” clubs had a chance of winning a pennant, which, in a lot of cases, is not attainable in the present format.

We asked for proposals on this matter, but the proposals had to include the regional clubs. We had some proposals but, in each case, only the metropolitan clubs were considered, so we did not accept those proposals.

The Committee earlier this year, after long consideration, made a decision which would incorporate ALL clubs into a more compact and fairer competition for the tournament in 2020:

- The Metro area would be broken into four sections (similar to the Major Pennants) playing for four flags and playing over an eight-week period. There would probably be a promotion and relegation scenario between the four sections
- The regional areas, Hunter, Brisbane Waters and the Illawarra would play for three flags, playing over a seven-week period of their choice
- The seven pennants would be under the auspices of The Masters Pennant (we would provide those flags) as long as the regions played under our Conditions/Rules of Entry
- The regions would run their own sections and we would provide assistance, in many ways, where we could do so. This would require the regions to formulate their own operational committees as The Masters Pennant Committee, being a voluntary committee, could not possibly operate the seven pennants.

A meeting of the Hunter and Brisbane Waters clubs was organised at Merewether GC in late November to inform those regions of our decisions and how we would assist them. We will also talk to the Illawarra clubs, early in 2019, probably at a gathering at Port Kembla GC.

We believe that this sectional procedure would help all the sections to grow, with the possibility of attracting more clubs in their regional area into the competition.

The main concern of a few of the northern regional clubs was that they would no longer be playing for a “State Pennant”. We suggested that all Regional Pennant winners could challenge other Pennant winners, but they would have to organise such challenges.

We are definitely not leaving the regional clubs to their own devices. It is important to note that all districts will be playing the same format.

The above information is to provide clubs and players of how The Masters Pennant will change in 2020 to improve The Masters Pennants.

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