

SA SENIOR PENNANT – 2019 SEASON

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

References

The references listed including the most updated version/s are the basis of the Competition Conditions.

- a) The Rules of Golf – effective January 2019
- b) Official Guide to the Rules of Golf – effective January 2019
- c) Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status – Effective January 2016
- d) Competition Administration & Competitions Conditions - Golf Australia Recommendations – 2014
- e) Course Management, Marking the Course & Course Set-up Procedures – Golf Australia Recommendations 2014
- f) Singles Competitions played from Multiple Tees & Mixed Gender Singles Competitions – Golf Australia 2013
- g) Local Rules and Terms of Competition for Golf Australia Amateur Championships - 2019
- h) Golf Australia Policies
 - I. Golf Australia Member Protection Policy
 - II. Codes of Conduct
 - III. Complaint Handling Procedure
 - IV. Golf Australia Extreme Weather & Heat Policy

History

In 2007 eight golf clubs under the driving force of Mike Jackson (Mt Osmond GC) put together the concept and implemented Seniors Pennant Golf Competition.

Key to the success of the original concept was the support and sponsorship of Paradise Motors Mazda after which the major trophies were formally named in the event's initial stages.

The founding clubs were Mt Osmond, Blackwood, Flagstaff Hill, The Vines, Tea Tree Gully, Riverside (West Lakes), Thaxted Park and Mt Lofty (The Stirling). The Competition expanded over a period of time as interest was generated amongst senior players in clubs.

The Seniors Pennant Competition now stands at eighteen clubs and is open to both male and female players aged 55 years and above as of the day of play.

Definitions

- a. **SA Match Committee** means the Match Committee of Golf Australia - SA established by the Board of Golf SA responsible for the conduct of all Competitions and Events.
- b. **Host Club Match Committee (Match Committee)** means the Committee established at the Host Club and responsible for the conduct of a minor round of the Competition.
- c. **Senior Pennant Sub-Committee** means the Committee established by Golf Australia and delegated to conduct the Seniors Pennant Competition. Committee consists of SA Operations Manager and SA Golf Support Officer.
- d. **'Golf Australia – SA or GA-SA'** means the parent body governing amateur golf in South Australia.
- e. **'Contest'** means the competition between two Clubs
- f. **'Match'** means the contest between individual players of opposing teams
- g. **'Club'** means an affiliated club or district (per Schedule 1 & 2 of the Golf SA Constitution) competing in the SA Senior Pennant Competition.
- h. **'Rules of Golf'** means the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status (current at the time of the event).

1 COMPETITION

- 1.1 Competition Format:** The Golf Australia SA Senior Pennant Competition (the Competition) will be conducted in two (2) Sections. Each Section will comprise of an equal number of Teams that will play a minor round schedule of contests.
- 1.2 Finals:** The leading two (2) Teams of each Section at the end of the minor round will compete in the Semi-Finals - First placed teams in each section versus the second placed team in the opposite section. Winners to advance to the Final. The remaining Teams in the Competition will play a stableford event on the day of the Final.
- 1.3 Designated Tees:** Men will play off the designated men's tee and women will play off the designated women's tee. The player with the lowest score on the hole wins, irrespective of gender.
- 1.4 'Off the Stick':** All matches are to be played 'off the stick.'

2 TEAM COMPOSITION

- 2.1 Team Composition:** Each team is to comprise of seven (7) players who can be either male or female.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION

- 3.1 Player Eligibility:** A player is eligible to play in the Golf Australia - SA Senior Pennant Competition if he/she is an **Amateur Golfer** whose **Club** that he/she represents is affiliated to Golf Australia - SA and meets the three (3) criteria's:
- 3.1.1** Has been a financial member of that golf club for at least three (3) months prior to the first day of the competition
 - 3.1.2** Has playing rights defined by that club's constitution and/or rules
 - 3.1.3** Is 55 years or over on the day of play.
- 3.2 Represents Only One Club:** A player may only represent one Club in any one pennant season in the SA Senior Pennant Competition.
- 3.3 Club May Appeal on Behalf of Player:** A club may appeal to the Senior Pennant Sub-Committee on behalf of a player in exceptional circumstances if that player falls outside the stated Player Eligibility criteria in 3.1. An exemption to play may be granted in exceptional circumstances and then only with the support of the player's 'previous' club.
- 3.4 Player Qualification for Finals (including Semi Final):** A player must have played at least one (1) minor round match to qualify to play in any Finals (including semi-finals and stableford final).
- 3.5 Playing an Ineligible Player:** A Club must not play an ineligible player during a minor round or final (including semi-final and stableford final). For a match, the result will be adjusted to that team losing the individual match 10 & 8. For the Stableford Final, zero points will be recorded for the individual player.

4 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Club to Register Player List:** Each Club is required to register a list of eligible players to Golf Australia – SA by **Friday 23rd August 2019.**
- 4.2 Adding Player/s to the List:** Eligible players may be added throughout the season by contacting Golf Australia - SA prior to that player playing a minor round match.
- 4.3 Player Audit:** From time-to-time Golf Australia – SA may conduct a player eligibility audit. Clubs may be requested to provide proof of eligibility in the form of a copy of relevant clauses of their constitution and by-laws, membership applications and payments as substantiation.

5 CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

- 5.1 Host Club Match Committee:** The Host Club Match Committee will comprise of three (3) members nominated by the Host Club. One of these members **must** be an accredited Rules Official. The Host Club Match Committee is responsible for the conduct of the Competition at that venue.
- a. Host Club to Advise Team Managers:** A Host Club is to advise Team Managers of the appointed Host Club Match Committee (including contact details) prior to commencement.
- b. Decisions on Rules:** Any decisions on the Rules required during play will be given by the appointed Host Club Match Committee in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- 5.2 Golf Course:**
- a. Course Set-Up:** A Host Club is requested to present the course in a manner similar to that used for the Club's main competitions with due consideration given to conditions prevailing on the day of play.
- b. Tees & Times:** Matches will commence from the designated tees and at the appointed times in the order listed in the Golf Australia – SA Competition Draw unless otherwise advised by Golf Australia – SA.
- c. Tee Closure:** A Host Club is requested to ensure that tees are closed at the appropriate time prior to the start of the first match.
- 5.3 Teams:**
- a. Team Lists:** Team Lists are to be provided to either the Pro-Shop or the Host Club Match Committee representative on the prescribed form at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first match.
- Penalty:* The penalty for late or non-submission of Team lists is:

Team List not Submitted	Penalty
By 30 minutes prior to scheduled tee-off time.	No. 7 Player will lose the first hole of his/her match. Play in that match to start on the 2nd hole.
By 15 minutes prior to scheduled tee-off time.	No. 7 Player (7 Person Team) will lose his/her match.
Prior to scheduled tee-off time.	Team will lose the contest.

- b. **The Honour:** The honour on the 1st tee will be decided by a toss of the coin between representatives of the competing Clubs.
- c. **Order of Play:** In keeping with the Spirit of the Competition clubs are requested to play their players in order of merit. Players will hit off in reverse order of the Team List. i.e. No. 7 player first through to the No. 1 player last.
- d. **Reserve Player:** The nominated reserve player may be substituted for a player who does not arrive on time. The reserve player is to play in the same designated position on the Team List as the listed player.
- e. **Reporting to Starter:** The first player from each Team (No. 7) must report to the starter at least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled hit-off time. Subsequent players are to report to the starter immediately after the preceding match leaves the tee.
- f. **Player Arrives Late:** (Rule 5.3) If a player arrives late at his/her starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after his/her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 5.3a Exception 3, the following Penalties will apply:
 - i. **Penalty:** Failure to start on time: Loss of first hole. Play to start from the next tee.
 - ii. **Penalty:** Lateness beyond five (5) minutes: Disqualification.
- g. **Player Withdraws During Match:** Where a player withdraws from a match for any reason after it has commenced, the remaining holes will be forfeited to the point where a result is achieved.
- h. **Practice:** A player is not permitted to practice on any part of the course except for the designated practice areas for the day of a pennant match, as determined by the host club.
 - i. **Penalty:** Disqualification
Note: The host club is to advise the manager/captain (in writing) of all competing teams of the designated practice areas and conditions.

5.4 Results:

- a. **Game All Square:** Where a match is '...all-square...' after 18 holes, a square will be recorded for the match result.
- b. **Match Abandoned:** If a contest is abandoned by the decision of the Host Club Match Committee, the result will be a tie with the score recorded as three and a half (3 ½) matches to each team.
Except: If a Team has established a winning position when the contest is abandoned, ie: a minimum of four (4) matches won out of seven (7) or three (3) matches won out of five (5), that result will stand with any remaining matches being halved.
- c. **Protests:** (See Condition 8).

5.5 Match Points

- a. A team win will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) contest point.
- b. A draw between two teams (3 ½ match points each) will result in each team being awarded half (0.5) of a contest point.
- c. An individual win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) match point.
- d. An individual match which is square at the 18th hole shall be scored as a draw (sq) and each team awarded half (0.5) of a match point.

6 FINALS

- 6.1 Semi-Final:** A Semi Final will be played between the 1st placed team in Section A versus the 2nd placed team in Section B and 1st placed team in Section B versus 2nd placed team in Section A. The winners of the Semi Final will progress to the Final.
- a.** All Semi-Finals matches will be played out to a result.
Except: When a team has established a winning position, i.e a minimum of four (4) matches won in seven match contest then the contest is considered won and any remaining matches in progress will be halved irrespective of their match score at that time.
- 6.2 Final:** The Final will be played between the winners of the Semi-Final.
- a.** All Finals matches will be played out to a result
Except: When a team has established a winning position, i.e a minimum of four (4) matches won in seven match contest then the contest is considered won and any remaining matches in progress will be halved irrespective of their match score at that time.
- 6.3 Abandoned Finals:**
- a.** If the semi final is abandoned for any reason, the teams placed 1st in Section A and Section B at the end of the minor rounds will automatically progress through to the Final.
- b.** If the Final is abandoned for any reason, the Final will be played out on the following week at the same venue or a venue as directed by Golf Australia – SA Match Committee. If rescheduling is not possible, the Golf Australia – SA Match Committee in conjunction with the Senior Pennant Sub Committee will determine the winner.
- 6.4 Plate Final:** The Plate Final will be played by all Teams not playing in the Final. Teams will consist of seven (7) players as an aggregate stableford competition. If a Team has less than seven players, then the worst card of the opposing Teams will be discarded in calculating the score. A players' current handicap on the day of the Plate Final will be used.
- 6.5 Trophies:** Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winners of the SA Senior Pennant & Senior Pennant Plate.

7 PROMOTION, RELEGATION AND ENTRY INTO COMPETITION

- 7.1 No Promotion or Relegation:** There is no formal promotion or relegation in the Competition. The Seniors Pennant Sub-Committee will allocate Teams/Clubs to the Sections of the Competition to ensure the best outcome for the Competition.
- 7.2 Entry into the Competition:** Any Club per Schedule 1 & 2 of the Golf SA Constitution may apply to enter a team/s into the Golf Australia – SA Seniors Pennant Competition. The Seniors Pennant Sub-Committee will determine the application at its discretion.

8 PROTESTS & DISPUTES

- 8.1 Lodgement:** The Team Manager is responsible for lodging a protest with the Host Club Match Committee and informing opposing Team Manager within 15 minutes of the completion of the final match.
- a.** Full details of any protest must be lodged in writing with the Seniors Pennant Sub-Committee by 5pm Tuesday by the protesting club.

- 8.2 Determination of Protest:** The Seniors Pennant Sub-Committee will determine any protest under the:
- Golf Australia – SA Seniors Pennant Competition Conditions
 - Rules of Golf & Amateur Status
 - Golf Australia Policies (as appropriate)
 - Golf SA Constitution & Regulations.
- 8.3 Seniors Pennant Sub-Committee May Refer:** The Seniors Pennant Sub-Committee may refer a matter that it considers beyond its delegation to the Golf Australia - SA Match Committee for determination.
- 8.4 Decision Final:** A decision given by the Seniors Pennant Sub-Committee or Golf Australia SA Match Committee on any protest by any competing club will be considered final and binding on all competing clubs in line with the Rules of Golf.

8 ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Team Manager/s

- Appoint a Team Manager:** Each team is to appoint a Team Manager who is to be identified on the Team List submitted prior to the start of the contest.
- Duties:** The duties of the Team Manager include:
 - Monitor the conduct of the players in his/her Team in accordance with the appropriate Codes of Conduct
 - Lodge any protest/dispute (in accordance with Condition 9) if necessary
 - Reporting any incident in writing to GA - SA that occurs during the contest that may potentially lead to a breach of Codes of Conduct
- Score Sheets:** Ensure that the score-sheets are correct and signed/counter-signed.

9.2 Host Club:

- Provide Starters:** The Host Club is required to provide a Starter for each tee as per the Scheduled Draw. Starters must be provided with Team Lists & Local Rules.
- Local Rules:** The Host Club should prepare a 'Local Rules' sheet for each Tee Starter for handing to players/officials prior to the start of each match.
- Carts for Rules Officials/Managers:** Carts for Rules Officials and/or Managers (to share) should be provided at the discretion of the Host Club.
- 'Envelopes':** The Host Club is to provide 'envelopes' to be collected by visiting Managers at either the Pro-Shop or with the Host Club Match Committee representative containing:
 - Results Sheets
 - Local Rules

9.2 Post-Match Catering: Post-match catering is at the discretion of the Host Club.

10 RULES & GOLF ETIQUETTE

- 10.1 Advice: Rule 10.2 and Rule 24.4:** Other than a player's caddie, the Team Manager or Non-Playing Captain, who is appointed prior to the start of the contest, is the only person who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of the team.
- Penalty:** Loss of hole

10.2 Transportation: A player or player's caddie is not permitted to ride on any form of transportation during a match.
Penalty: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

Except that: Ride-on buggies will be permitted only on medical evidence and by permission of the venue Club. Applications and approvals to be forwarded to Golf Australia - SA at time of registration. Caddies are not permitted to use ride-on buggies

10.3 Caddies:

- a. There are no restrictions as to who may act as a caddie.
- b. A player who had been nominated to play in a particular **contest** may, whilst that **contest** is in progress and after their own **match** has been decided, act as caddie for another member of their Team playing in the same **contest**.

10.4 Mobile telephones: Mobile phones may be used on the golf course during competition to access a distance measuring device application or to call for a ruling only.

10.5 Alcohol: The consumption of alcohol by a player or a caddy during a game is strictly prohibited.
Penalty: Refer Golf Australia Code of Conduct

10.6 Smoking: Players and caddies are NOT permitted to smoke cigarettes, e-cigarettes or the like during the stipulated round of a pennant match.
Penalty: Refer Golf Australia Code of Conduct

10.7 Measuring Devices: A player may obtain **distance** information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated match, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.

10.8 Dress Code: Players and caddies must adhere to the dress code of the Host Club.

10.9 Conforming Golf Balls & Conforming Driver Heads: The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards to Conforming Golf Balls and Conforming Driver Heads.

10.10 Code of Conduct: The Golf Australia Code of Conduct applies to players, caddies, managers, and other club officials at the pennant venue.

10.11 The Senior Sub-Committee and/or SA Match Committee has full power at any time to alter or vary any one of the Conditions in fairness to the competition.

2019 SENIOR PENNANT TEAM/RESULTS SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS – HOST CLUB

1. **Results Notification to Golf Australia (SA):** Process results on online system. Complete and return results sheet to Alicia Smith immediately after play by email – alicias@golf.org.au
2. **Media Notification:** Results are to be sent to *The Advertiser* immediately after the completion of the contest – editservices@adv.newsltd.com.au

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Note: Please show results in column of winning player

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*Both Teams to complete and hand to Host Club Official

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Club Official Name

Club Official Name

Club Official Signature

Club Official Signature