THESE TERMS OF COMPETITION ARE TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STANDARD TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR PENNANT PLAY

1. Definitions

i. ***Club*** – a club competing in the South Coast Division 1 Pennant Competition.
ii. ***Contest*** – the competition between two Clubs.
iii. ***Finals Contest*** – a match between two clubs in the Finals Series of a Pennant.
iv. ***Final Draw*** – the draw first published on the South Coast Region portal as notified to participating Clubs. If an amendment is necessary to the Final Draw, any amendment(s) will be noted on the Final Draw with the date of the change.
v. ***Golf NSW*** – Golf NSW Limited as the governing body for amateur golf in NSW and the ACT.
vi. ***Golf NSW Golf Committee*** – the Golf Committee of Golf NSW established by the Board of Golf NSW.
vii. ***South Coast Regional Manager*** – the South Coast Regional Manager employed and appointed by Golf NSW.
viii. ***South Coast Golf Clubs*** – From Mollymook in the North to Eden in the South.
ix. ***Host Club*** – the Club nominated in the Final Draw to host the Contest, whether at that Club or another venue.
x. ***Individual Match*** – the individual competition between two players.
xi. ***Match Committee of the Host Club*** – the Match Committee of the Host Club in charge of a Contest during a preliminary round of the Pennant competition.
xii. ***Pennant*** – Division 2.
xiii. ***Amateur Golfer***- Anyone who has not relinquished their Amateur status.
xiv. ***Rules of Golf*** and ***Rules*** and ***Rule*** – the Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status and related Interpretations published and approved by the R&A Rules Limited current at the time of the Pennant competition including any Local Rules published by the Host Club.
xv. ***Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play*** – the primary terms of competition for all Pennant Play under the control of Golf NSW, available from www.golfnsw.org.au.
xvi. ***Team Manager –*** the person appointed or nominated by the Club to Liaise with the regional Manager and organise their clubs' teams. This person will also be responsible for updating team members and results on Golf Genius.
xvii. ***Terms of Competition*** or ***Term –*** This document and the ***Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play*** and the terms contained within.

2. General

2.1. The Division one competition is a club Scratch match play competition played annually between South Coast Clubs who are members of Golf NSW.
2.2. The Division Two and Seniors Competition is a club Handicap match play competition played annually between South Coast Clubs who are members of Golf NSW. The Pennant is usually played in the months of February to April.
2.3. The Clubs participating in the Pennant are generally divided into (2) Sections North and South, with the final number depending on the final nominations.

2.4. The Pennant competition consists of preliminary round (Contests), followed by Semi-Finals between the winners of each Section and a Final to determine the Winner.

2.5. The winner of the Pennant Final is presented with the Winning Pennant Flag.

3. Entry into the Pennant

3.1. The Pennant is open to all South Coast Golf Clubs who are members of Golf NSW, where positions in the Final Draw are available.

3.2. The South Coast Regional Manager reserves the right to accept or reject any additional Team into a Pennant Competition where the Club already has a team entered in that Pennant. The acceptance of the nomination of two (2) or more teams by a Club in any Competition will be subject to the impact on the draw and is at the discretion of the South Coast Regional Manager.

4. Player Eligibility

4.1. A player is eligible for Division 1 South Coast Pennant if they are:

a. An amateur golfer; and

b. Is a financial member of the club.

4.2. A player's GA Handicap for eligibility is the handicap displayed on Golflink at 8pm on the Day before the published date of play in the Final Draw.

4.3. A player is eligible for the South Coast Division 2 Pennant if they are:

a. An amateur golfer; and

b. Is a financial member of the club they are representing in a category of membership that allows them to maintain a Golf Australia handicap for the club.

c. Hold a handicap between Plus-36.4

4.4. A player is eligible for the South Coast Senior Division Pennant if they are:

a. An amateur golfer; and

b. Is a financial member of the club they are representing in a category of membership that allows them to maintain a Golf Australia handicap for the club.

c. Hold a handicap between Plus-36.4

d. Are over the age of 50 at the commencement of the Pennant season.

4.5 Once an individual has played for one team, they can play in the Club's other team(s).
The division that a player participates in the most, must be the division they compete for in the finals. If a player competes in an equal number of matches in different divisions, they may choose which division they play finals.

5. Dates & Times of Play

5.1. Contests will be played on Sundays unless prior permission has been granted by the South Coast Regional Manager to play on Saturdays. Clubs granted permission to play on Saturdays will be noted as such in the Final Draw.

5.2. The starting times for each preliminary round Contest must be no earlier than 6:30am and prior to 12 noon (during daylight savings) or 7:00am and 11:30 am (during non-daylight savings times of the year). Ideally clubs are asked to start with Division 1 at 8am.

6. Format of Play

6.1. Divisions 1,2 and Seniors a Contest consists of five (5) Individual Matches.

6.2. Individual Matches should be played as two matches per time slot.

6.3. All Individual Matches will be played over 18 holes of match play **without the benefit of handicap** in Division one and with the benefit of handicap in Division 2 and Seniors.

6.4. Daily Handicaps will be calculated as follows:

a. Daily Handicaps are to be calculated using the standard World Handicap System formula.

6.5. Players must play in the order of GA handicaps.

7. Semi-finals, finals, and Pennant winners

7.1 At the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, the highest ranked Club in each Section will play in the semi-finals.

7.2 In the event of two or more Clubs having an equal number of Contest Points then the Countback Procedures outlined in Term 17 of the Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play will apply to determine the higher, or lower, placed Club.

7.3 The winner of the North will play the runner up in the South and the Winner of the South will play the runner up from the North in the semi-finals. The seedings for the semi-final Contests are determined in accordance with Term 18 of the Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play.

7.4 The winners of the Semi-Final Contests will play in the Final to determine the winner of the Pennant.

7.5 If a Semi-Final or Final has not started or where resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, Seed 1 and Seed 2 will progress to the final.

7.6 If it is known in advance that both weekends of the Final Series will not be able to be played as scheduled, an attempt will be made to find alternative dates and venues for both the Semi-Finals and Finals.

7.7 In the event of the Final being unable to be played, an attempt will be made to find an alternative date and venue otherwise joint winners will be declared.

8. Seedings for finals contests

8.1 At the completion of the preliminary rounds, Clubs will be seeded as follows for the Semi-Finals

a. South 1 v North 2

b. North 1 v South 2

9. Transportation

9.1 For entrants requiring use of motorised transport for medical reasons, cart use can be secured by providing the South Coast Regional Manager with a medical certificate or letter from their club and booking a cart through the pro shop. Exactly 2 weeks prior carts may be booked by players without medical certificates.

10. Miscellaneous

10.1 Undefeated Player Award. To be eligible to receive an undefeated player award a player must have competed in ALL preliminary rounds and have won or squared all the respective Individual Matches.

11. Host Club Responsibilities

11.1 Refer to Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play for additional information.

11.2 When hosting, the preferred time is Sunday morning at 8am

11.3 Buffer Zones

a. Playing in groups of two (4), the host club must ensure that a minimum buffer zone of 20 minutes exists before the first group of Pennant Play is scheduled to commence.

11.4 Course presentation

a. The course set-up should be no harder than that used for club medal day competition.

11.5 Results are to be entered into Golf Genius at the completion of the days play. If any club has any issues with this, they are to contact the Regional Manager Luke Grinham to gain assistance.

11.6 The club is responsible for starting the field, a starter is desirable but not essential.

11.7 Practice Rounds – Preliminary Rounds

All South Coast Clubs have agreed to host pennant players at a reciprocal price, in the week leading up to the hosting of the Pennant match. All players much contact the pro shop to book a time.

11.8 Entertainment and Catering – Preliminary Rounds

1. All visiting competitors should be honorary members of the Host Club for the day.
2. Any entertainment during the playing of matches is to be kept to a minimum, and such entertainment is to be agreed upon by negotiation of the Clubs in each Section prior to the day of play.

To minimise the financial impact to clubs from Pennant competition Golf NSW recommends the following be adopted in relation to post-match functions:

1. The provision of formal meals is not compulsory for any competition.
2. Beverages to be at players / caddies / officials own expense.
3. Club option as to whether to provide beverages post-match.
4. It is strongly suggested the Club Captain or General Manager contact the other Clubs (Teams) in their Section and agree on the level of entertainment prior to each season.

12. Advice

12.1. Under Rule 24.4a of the Rules of Golf, in a team competition the Committee allows each team to name one person, who may give advice to team members while they are playing on the course.

12.2. The appointed person is to be identified to the relevant Match Committee in charge of the venue before giving advice. A nomination of this person as a Team Manager on the Team Nomination form is sufficient notice for this purpose.

12.3. The person nominated as Team Manager:
a. may also be a player but must not give advice to other players in the team while playing, or
b. may also act as a caddie but must not give advice to other players in the team while acting as a caddie.

Penalty for breach of Term 9.3:
Loss of hole by the Team Manager or the player he/she is caddying for in (a) or (b). Any player receiving advice in breach of this Term is also subject to the General Penalty should they not prevent receiving further advice beyond the initial advice offered that penalised the Team Manager.

12.4. The person nominated as Team Manager must not change during a Contest, unless that Contest is suspended/postponed and resumes another day, or unless there are exceptional circumstances. In these circumstances, the relevant Match Committee in charge of the Contest must first be consulted.

12.5. Only a player's caddie or the person nominated in in Term 9.1 of the Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play may give advice. Teammates and spectators are not permitted to give advice to a player during their Individual Match.

Penalty for breach of Term 9.5:
A player accepting advice from persons other than outlined above will be subject to the General Penalty, i.e. loss of hole. Any player receiving advice in breach of this Term is also subject to the General Penalty should they not prevent receiving further advice beyond the initial advice offered that penalised the Player.

13. Nomination of Teams

13.1. The Captain or Team Manager of each Club should enter the players into Golf Genius no later than the Friday night prior to the round being played on Sunday at 5pm.

13.2. The playing position of each player shall be determined by daily handicaps. Teams are to play in the order of current GA handicaps.

13.3. If a Club is unable to submit a full Team, the opposing Captain or Team Manager and the relevant Match Committee must be notified that the Team shall consist of a certain number of players who must play in descending order (i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4….). The Team will forfeit from last place to first place any positions not represented (e.g. in the following order: No. 5,4,3,2,1).

14. Caddies

14.1. There is no restriction as to who may act as a caddie.

15. Absence of Players

15.1. If after the Team Nomination Sheet has been submitted, a player fails to appear or is unfit or otherwise unable to play, a substitute player may take the place of that player, but they must play in the same team position of the player for whom they are substituting and must be ready to play and at the starting point set by the committee. If a substitute player is substituting for another player named in the team, a notation must be made on the result sheet.

15.2. A player will be considered absent, if they are not ready to start at the time that the first match is due to hit-off. Rule 5.3a of the Rules of Golf applies. Note: If a **Team** does not arrive at a time within the Rules to play, then Term 6 of the Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play applies. The entire team should be on the tee ready to play a the time the first match is scheduled to tee off.

15.3. Should a substitute player in the Individual Match be required to take the place of an absent team member, they should be ready and able to play at the time scheduled for the absent player's match or Rule 5.3 of the Rules of Golf applies.

16. Winner of the Contest

16.1. The Club that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest. Refer to Term 14 of the Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play for details.

16.2 Contest Points and Individual Match Points will be awarded to the winning match/team

16.3. The following allocation of Contest Points and Individual Match Points will apply for all preliminary rounds: Contest Points the Club that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest. Contest Points are awarded for each Contest as follows:
a. One (1) Contest Point is awarded to the winner of the Contest.
b. One half (1⁄2) Contest Point is awarded to each Club for a drawn Contest. Individual Match Points Individual Match Points are awarded for each Individual Match as follows:

One (1) Individual Match Point is awarded to the Club for each Individual Match win.

One half (1⁄2) Individual Match Point is awarded to each Club for each tied Individual Match.

16.4. Refer to Term 27 of the Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play in the event of a suspension of play.

17. Countback Procedures

17.1. The following Countback Procedures apply in determining the order of places on the Pennant table, the winner and last place of a Section.

17.2. The higher-placed Club is the Club which has the greatest number of Contest Points.

17.3. The last place Club will be the Club with the least number of Contest Points.

17.4. If two or more Clubs have an equal number of Contest Points, the higher-placed Club will be the Club with more Individual Match Points.

17.5. If two or more Clubs have an equal number of Contest Points and an equal number of Individual Match Points as outlined above, the decision shall be reached by countback based on the overall result of the Contest(s) between the tied Clubs in the preliminary round(s).

17.6. In the event the Clubs did not play against each other during the preliminary rounds, or the Clubs are unable to be separated, the places will be determined by lot.

18. Practice

18.1. Unless the Host Club or Match Committee of the day precludes practice on the course prior to the nominated starting time, visiting or home teams may practice on the course on the day of the Contest prior to play commencing. This does not preclude use of the practice areas. By arrangement with the Host Club, the Team may practice during the week leading up to the contest a reciprocal fee will be charged to all participants in the week leading up to the event. Team Managers are requested to emphasise this rule to members of the Team.

18.2. Following the commencement of Individual Matches, players may practice in accordance with Rule 5.5 of the Rules of Golf, however players should note that penalties may still be applied in accordance with Rule 5.6a of the Rules of Golf to any player who unreasonably delays play by such actions.

Note: A Club may have specific areas on the course where practice is not permitted prior to a Contest. This should be advised to the visiting Club in advance of the Contest.

The availability of Practice Rounds for visiting Clubs prior to a preliminary round Contest and the setting of any associated green fees are at the discretion of the Host Club, however it would not be appropriate to charge a fee.

19. Use of Equipment

19.1. In accordance with Rule 4.3a(1) of the Rules of Golf, a player may obtain distance and direction information by use of a distance-measuring device. The provisions of Rule 4.3 of the Rules of Golf apply in relation to Use of Equipment.

20. Mobile Phones

20.1. Mobile phones are permitted to be used only as a distance measuring device (i.e. the use of a Golf GPS app that provides distance only).

20.2. Mobile phones must be on silent and may only be used to make telephone calls in the event of an on- course emergency. A breach of this clause will be dealt with under clause 21 of the Golf NSW Hard Card.

20.3. Rule 4.3a(4) of the Rules of Golf is modified in this way: During a round, the player (or the caddie) must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.

21. Suspension and Postponement of Play

21.1. Every effort should be made to play the Contest on the scheduled day and time. If it is necessary to delay the commencement of play or suspend play because of weather conditions, play must not be suspended for the day until such time as it would not be possible for the last match to be concluded on that day or it is apparent that no further play would be possible on the day.

The decision on this matter rests with the responsible designated Match Committee of the Host Club(s) for Preliminary Rounds. The Host Club may confer with the General Manager Golf, Golf NSW (Olivia Wilson 0448 006 146) if there is any doubt.

The decision on any suspension or postponement of play rests with the Golf NSW Golf Committee member(s) or their nominees during any Finals.

21.2. Course conditions, remaining time available and player safety should all be considered when considering whether to continue, suspend or cancel play for the day. Refer to Appendix for guidelines.

21.3. If the Contest has commenced and resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the matter will be referred to the Golf NSW Golf Committee that will determine the action to be taken. The Golf NSW Golf Committee may find an alternate date with play recommencing in accordance with the Rules of Golf if play had commenced on the day and all uncompleted individual matches have completed at least 15 holes.

21.4. If it is not possible for a Contest to resume as in 27.3 or if the Contest did not start, the result of the Contest and allocation of Contest Points and Individual Match Points shall be awarded as follows:

21.4.a If a Club has secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Contest, then the following points will be awarded:

i. One (1) Contest Point for the winner of the Contest
ii. For completed matches – Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective match
iii. For incomplete matches – Individual Match Points will be shared between the Clubs.

21.4.b If a Club has not secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Contest, then the following points will be awarded:

i. Half (1⁄2) Contest Point to each Club;
ii. For completed matches – Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective match
iii. For incomplete matches – Individual Match Points will be shared between the Clubs.

The Golf NSW Golf Committee reserves the right to decide in equity when it is impossible to complete one or more Contests in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

21.5. If a Finals Contest has not started or where resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the Golf NSW Golf Committee will determine the action to be taken.

22. Protests

22.1. Protests must be lodged by 5pm on the Tuesday immediately following the date of play as published in the Final Draw.

22.2. The protesting Club must notify the Golf NSW Golf Committee in writing of any protest or matter which is considered in breach of these Terms of Competition. Such written notification will be deemed to be a protest and must be made by the Club Captain or their authorised representative.

22.3. The Club lodging the protest MUST also provide a copy of the protest to the Host Club where the Contest was played and to the opposing Team's Club Captain on the same day it is lodged with the Golf NSW Golf Committee.

22.4. The Golf NSW Golf Committee may contact the Club(s) concerned seeking a statement of facts to be supplied by a fixed date. The matter will then be considered and dealt with by the Golf NSW Golf Committee at its discretion. The Golf NSW Golf Committee may take further evidence as required.

22.5. A decision given by the Golf NSW Golf Committee or its appointed delegate(s) on any protest by any competing Club will be considered final and binding on all competing Clubs.

23. By Laws and Dress Regulations

23.1. The By-laws, Club Rules and Dress Regulations of the Host Club shall apply.

23.2. It is the responsibility of the visiting Team Manager and/or Team Captain to ensure their players, caddies and officials adhere to this Term of Competition.

23.3. To ensure this Term of Competition is followed, clubs must advise their players, caddies and supporters accordingly (i.e. Spikes, dress regulations, wide wheel buggies, smoking restrictions).

23.4. Host club officials constituting the Match Committee of the day should not permit any player attired in a manner which breaches the Club Dress Regulations to commence play.

23.5. Any player not meeting Host Club Dress Regulations will be considered absent, and the Individual Match awarded to the opposition in accordance with Term 12 of the Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play.

Appendix

24. Referees

A Match Committee of the Host Club may appoint referees to assist with the running of the Pennant. A referee is an official named by the Committee to decide questions of fact and apply the Rules of Golf.

In match play, a referee's duties and authority depend on his or her assigned role:

- When assigned to an Individual Match for the Entire Round:

- As the referee is with the Individual Match throughout the round, he/she is responsible for acting on any breach of the Rules that he/she sees or is told about (see Rule 20-1b(1) of the Rules of Golf and the definition of “referee”).

- When assigned to Multiple Matches or to Certain Holes or Sections of the Course:
    - As the referee is not assigned to accompany the Individual Match throughout the round, he/she should avoid becoming involved in an Individual Match unless:

i. A player in a match asks for help with the Rules or requests a ruling (see Rule 20.1b(2) of the Rules of Golf).
ii. A player or players in a match may be in breach of Rule 1.2b (Code of Conduct), Rule 1.3b(1) (Two or More Players Deliberately Agreeing to Ignore any Rule or Penalty they Know Applies), Rule 5.6a (Unreasonable Delay of Play) or Rule 5.6b (Prompt Pace of Play) of the Rules of Golf.
iii. A player arrives late to his or her first tee (see Rule 5.3 of the Rules of Golf).
iv. A player’s search for a ball reaches three minutes (see Rule 5.6a of the Rules of Golf and definition of “Lost”.

When making a ruling at the request of a player, the referee should always confirm that the request for the ruling was made in time (see Rules 20.1b(2) and 20.1b(3) of the Rules of Golf).

25. Pace of Play

Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it and maintain the time requirement specified on the Pace of Play Time Chart issued to players at the course. If a Time Chart is not issued, the following time schedule for the completion of each hole applies:

- Par 3 Holes – 12 Minutes
- Par 4 Holes – 14 Minutes
- Par 5 Holes – 16 Minutes

In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather/playing conditions), the Committee has the authority to extend this time requirement.

The first match to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the cumulative time prescribed by the above time schedule. Any following match will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or reaches the tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

Pace of Play Penalties – Match Play

An out of position match may be monitored and timed. Any time a match is being monitored and timed they will be notified of such timing by a Committee Representative or Referee.

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a match being timed who takes more than the allotted time (see below) to play a stroke after timing of the player’s stroke begins:

- 1st offence – warning
- 2nd offence – loss of hole
- 3rd offence – loss of hole
- Subsequent offence – disqualification.

Timing

When a match is being monitored and timed each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins. The first player to tee off, play the second shot, chip or putt is allowed an additional 10 seconds.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when they have had a reasonable opportunity to reach their ball, it is their turn to play, and they can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining distances will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace their ball and make certain improvements allowed on the putting green in accordance with Rule 13.1c of the Rules of Golf. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Repeated infringements of the pace of play guidelines in the season will be referred to the Golf NSW Golf Committee for further consideration and may see a player subject to further action including suspension from further representation of their Club for the season.

Club Officials who would like more information on timing players are invited to contact Andrew Robb at Golf NSW
Email: andrew.robb@golfnsw.org.au

Note 1: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the Committee deems it necessary.
Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a "bad time" to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his match get back in position.
An example of this would be a player who unduly delays play between shots.

Note 2: If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that stipulated round if the match requires additional monitoring.

ADVERSE COURSE CONDITIONS

As per Term 27 of the Standard Terms of Competition for Pennant Play, it is imperative matches be completed and a result obtained on the day. The following are guidelines in deciding if the course is playable:

- Provided a minimum of 9 holes are available for play, in accordance with the Rules of Golf, then play should proceed. The matches are still to be played over 18 holes, however a hole or holes can be played more than once.
- It is acceptable that a composite course be used.
- Preferred lies can be in place, even throughout the General Area.
- Bunkers can be out of play; in which case the Committee should define the affected bunkers as part of the General Area and as ground under repair.