



GMGZ
SENIOR GOLFERS ASSOCIATION
PENNANT COMPETITION
CONDITIONS OF PLAY 2024

1. TEAMS

The number of teams in the 2024 Pennant competition will be 7. The teams are:

- (a) Beerwah
- (b) Bribie Island
- (c) Caboolture
- (d) Kilcoy
- (e) Maleny
- (f) Pine Rivers
- (g) Woodford

Because of the odd number of teams, the host club for each round will have a bye.

Each team is to comprise eight (8) players for each round and the final unless unforeseen circumstances, such as player illness, prevent attendance by one or more players. In the event that a team has fewer than 8 players, that team will forfeit the match that the missing player would have contested.

Players may be selected from Club members who meet the selection criteria. Reserves may be used throughout the Pennant season, but only 12 Pennant flags will be awarded to the winning team.

2. HANDICAPS

- Daily Handicaps, calculated in accordance with Golf Australia (GA) guidelines, will apply.
- A player with any GA handicap up to 36.4 may play, but a GA handicap of 24.0 will be the maximum handicap used in determining the Daily handicap applicable to any player.
- The order of play within each team will be ascending order of Daily Handicaps.
- Where two players have the same Daily Handicap, the Team Captain may determine the order in which those players are listed on the team sheet.
- In each pairing, the player with the lower Daily Handicap will play off zero strokes and will concede to his opponent the number of strokes equivalent to the difference between his handicap that of the other player.
- Those players matched with the lowest handicaps shall hit off first.
- Any player playing in an incorrect position shall forfeit his match.

3. PREPARATION

- Games are to be played as per the approved Pennant draw.
- The approved draw will contain the allocated tees and starting times for each team match.
- The use of motorized carts is approved. If, on a day scheduled for play, the use of motorized carts is prohibited by the host club because of weather conditions, etc., all matches will be postponed.
- All matches are to be played in groups of 4 to allow for the efficient use of motorized carts and to avoid monopolizing use of the host course for any longer than necessary.
- A captain (playing or non-playing) is to be appointed for each team.
- The captain or the GMGZSGA Delegate of the host club is to ensure that times are available on the day scheduled for the matches.
- There will be a charge to players. Each team member is to pay a fee of \$5 to partially compensate the host club for use of its course. The fee is to be collected by the Team Captain.

4. STROKE INDECES OF HOST COURSE TO APPLY

Golf Australia's Standard Matchplay Index (SMI) will **not** apply to matches played throughout the 2024 Pennant season. Where there is a difference between handicaps of opposing players, strokes will be conceded by the lower handicapper according to the Stroke Indices recorded on the host course's normal scorecard.

5. SCORING

- A Pairing is a competition between two players.
- A Match is the aggregation of the results of each of the individual pairings.
- The winner of each pairing is awarded two (2) points. (One (1) point each in the event of a draw).
- The team winning the Match will receive two (2) bonus points (one (1) point each in the event of a drawn Match).
- The final points total for a Match must equal 18.
- The captain of the winning team is to ensure that the Results Sheet is completed, signed and delivered to the Secretary/Scorer as soon as possible after the conclusion of the Match.
- Blank Results Sheets, in Excel format, showing the email address of the Secretary/Scorer are available from the GMGZ Seniors website. See link below:
https://820e5848-c72a-41ec-b02f-a27f1d081e10.filesusr.com/ugd/a16444_1793bd94db7d4e84a48955ee03931335.xlsx?dn=Seniors%20Pennant%20Result%20Sheet.xlsx

If a round of the competition is to be abandoned on any day, the round is to be rescheduled at the same venue if at all possible.

Where this cannot be arranged, the Match Committee is to reschedule the round to an alternative venue that minimizes any advantage to a particular team.

Where rescheduling at any venue on a suitable day is simply not possible, the points will be split evenly between teams (i.e. 9 points each).

6. THE COMPETITION

- The Rules of Golf governing match play competitions will apply. Players are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the provisions of Rule 6.4a and other relevant rules.
- A round robin series of matches will be played.
- At the end of the series, the TWO teams highest on the points table will play off in a final at a club to be determined.
- In the event of a tie in determining the qualifiers for the final, the following countback system will apply:
 - (a) The winner of the match in which the teams played each other in the round robin series will advance;
 - (b) If that match was a draw, the team to advance will be the one with the highest number of wins throughout the Pennant season.
- **Finals**
 - (a) Each pairing will be played to a conclusion. If it is squared after 18 holes, it will continue until a player wins a hole (i.e. “sudden death”);
 - (b) If the Match ends as a draw (i.e. 4 pairings apiece), the Match will be decided by a playoff (handicap match play) between the Number One players from each team;
 - (c) The winner of the playoff will be the first player to win a hole.

7. MATCH COMMITTEE

At each of the round robin matches, the Match Committee will comprise the captains of the first 4 teams to tee off. That committee will have the same discretionary powers and responsibilities as those held by a club’s Match Committee.

The Match Committee for the Pennant Final will comprise the members of the current GMGZ Seniors Match Committee as appointed at the most recent AGM.

8. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

The host club is to support the running of the day as provided for herein and, in conjunction with winning team captains, is to ensure that the match Result Sheets are submitted to the designated GMGZSGA representative after the event.

9. PRESENTATIONS

The Seniors Association will provide the 12 Pennant flags. A shield will also be presented to the winning team.

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