

**ANNEX C TO
2026 CONSOLIDATED PENNANT REGULATIONS**

2026 GIRLS' AND BOYS' PENNANT REGULATIONS

1. The Competition

- 1.1** The competition will consist of four Boys' divisions and four Girls' divisions.
- 1.2** Each division will consist of a maximum of four teams except for Boy's divisions 1, 2 and 3 which will consist of eight teams.
- 1.3** The competition will be played over a maximum of four rounds.
- 1.4** Boy's divisions 1 and 2 and Girl's divisions 1 and 2 will play individual match play in groups of four with the format of the groups as per below and this will confirmed by GolfWA:
 - Number 1 and 2 players from both teams.
 - Number 3 and 4 players from both teams.
 - Number 5 players will form a group of four as advised by GolfWA.

2. Divisions – *Note the below off the stick and handicap conditions for each division may be adjusted to provide fairness and equity of play for competitors.*

2.1 Boys' Division One

Will consist of **FIVE** players positions one to two will be played "off the stick" and positions three to five will play off $\frac{3}{4}$ of the variance in player's daily handicaps rounded to the nearest whole number.

2.2 Boys' Division Two

Will consist of **FIVE** players and all matches will play off $\frac{3}{4}$ of the variance in player's daily handicaps rounded to the nearest whole number.

2.3 Boys' Division Three

Will consist of **FIVE** players and all matches will play off $\frac{3}{4}$ of the variance in player's daily handicaps rounded to the nearest whole number.

2.4 Boys' Division Four

Will consist of **FOUR** players and all matches will play off $\frac{3}{4}$ of the variance in player's daily handicaps rounded to the nearest whole number. Matches three and four will play a nine-hole match play if one of the participating player's daily handicap is greater than 36. Note that GolfWA reserves the right to alter this subject to the players that are available for each round.

2.6 Girls' Division One

Will consist of FIVE players positions one to two will be played “off the stick” and positions three to five will play off $\frac{3}{4}$ of the variance in player’s daily handicaps rounded to the nearest whole number.

2.7 Girls’ Division Two

Will consist of **FIVE** players and all matches will play off $\frac{3}{4}$ of the variance in player’s daily handicaps rounded to the nearest whole number.

2.8 Girls’ Division Three

Will consist of **FIVE** players and all matches will play off $\frac{3}{4}$ of the variance in player’s daily handicaps rounded to the nearest whole number. Matches four to five will play a nine-hole match play if one of the participating player’s daily handicap is greater than 40. Note that GolfWA reserves the right to alter this subject to the players that are available for each round.

2.9 Girls’ Division Four

Will consist of **FOUR** players and all matches will play off $\frac{3}{4}$ of the variance in player’s daily handicaps rounded to the nearest whole number. Matches three to four will play a nine-hole match play if one of the participating player’s daily handicap is greater than 40. Note that GolfWA reserves the right to alter this subject to the players that are available for each round.

3. Manager:

All junior teams must be accompanied by a manager. Only the appointed team manager is permitted to provide advice as per Rule 24.4 and 10.2b of The Rules of Golf.

Team managers must be prepared by the club to execute this role and have an understanding of the position they are undertaking. GolfWA has provided a ‘Team Manager Guide’ to assist with this which can be found on the Junior Pennant webpage [HERE](#).

4. Eligibility:

Only players

- i) Under the age of eighteen at the first day of January 2025,
- ii) Who are below the handicap maximums outlined below, and
- iii) Understand the format of matchplay (with regards in particular to pace of play and concession of holes)

are eligible to participate.

Handicap Maximums

Maximum GA handicaps will be as follows:

- Male – 36.0
- Female – 45.0

Where clubs have more than one team players will not be eligible to play for the lower division once they have played two or more matches in a higher division.

Exception: GolfWA reserves the right to use discretion on this matter.

There is a significant responsibility on clubs and junior coordinators to appropriately prepare their players for the pennant season. Players should be educated on and capable of playing matchplay golf in a reasonable timeframe and without needing coaching on course.

5. Weekly Player Nominations:

Players in all divisions must be listed in daily handicap order (i.e. lowest handicapped player at number one and so on) and teams submitted to GolfWA **via the online documents provided by 3pm the Thursday prior to the round.**

6. Match 'All Square':

Should a match finish 'all square' at the completion of the relevant number of holes (i.e 9 or 18) the match will be treated as a half.

7. Caddies:

Caddies are permitted for Boys and Girls Pennants **HOWEVER** the role of the caddie is restricted to the below:

- Transporting the players bag, and
- Assisting in caring for the course (e.g. raking bunkers, filling divots)

GolfWA endeavours to encourage players to become independent in their golf game and will allow caddies in these instances for the purpose of increasing speed of play and caring for the course.

Listed below are tasks/cues CADDIES **MAY NOT** assist with:

- i) Teeing the ball on the teeing ground.
- ii) Verbal cues while player is taking their shot.
- iii) Technique coaching on course.
- iv) Club selection
- v) Caddies are not permitted on the green and may not assist with shot alignment.

For further information, please see the GolfWA Junior Caddie Policy which can be found [HERE](#).

8. Parents/Guardians/Spectators:

As a parent/guardian of a player/participant in any activity held by or under the auspices of GolfWA, a member association or an affiliated club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event.

Failure to do so may result you and your child being penalized, disqualified or subject to disciplinary action.

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours. Do not pressure them.
3. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Never ridicule or yell at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
5. Show appreciation for good performance and skilful play by all players (including opposing players).
6. Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example. Be a positive role model.
7. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
8. Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, umpire etc.)
9. **Parents/Guardians and spectators are required to stay 30m distance from groups and to the side of the fairway.**

It is your responsibility to understand the potential repercussions if you breach this code of conduct.

GolfWA have introduced an on-course procedure for a breach of the above code of conduct which is outlined below.

GolfWA Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

If the above code of conduct is breached, the following infringements will be imposed:

- (i) A warning will be issued for a first breach. A GolfWA staff member or tournament official can give this warning, the tournament committee/GolfWA will be informed immediately.
- (ii) A second breach will incur a two-shot penalty or loss of hole for the relevant player. A GolfWA staff member or tournament official can issue this infringement, the tournament committee/GolfWA will be informed immediately.
- (iii) A third breach will result in the offending parent/guardian and/or spectator being asked to leave the course, should they refuse, the relevant player will be disqualified and required to leave the course. A GolfWA staff member or tournament official can issue this infringement, the tournament committee/GolfWA will be informed immediately.

Infringements will be tallied on a twelve (12) month rolling basis, meaning they carry over from event to event. E.g. A first breach warning is issued at the Junior Masters, a breach at the Drummond Golf Junior Amateur Championships will be considered a second breach and the player will be penalized. Should multiple infringements be recorded, further infringements will be imposed on the offending party and their player in accordance with Golf Australia Member Protection Policy in addition to the GolfWA Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures.



For further information, please see the GolfWA Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct which can be found [HERE](#).