

## GOLF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)

### 2026 CONSOLIDATED PENNANT REGULATIONS

#### 1. Competitions

These regulations relate to the following Pennants competitions:

- a. Men's
- b. Women's
- c. Junior's
- d. Senior Men's Individual and 4BBB
- e. Senior Women's 4BBB

#### 2. Eligibility

##### 2.1 Clubs

All clubs represented in a GolfWA Pennant competition must have either attained Metropolitan Club status with GolfWA or have approval from GolfWA.

##### 2.2 Players

Players may only be selected from Amateur financial playing members of the club they are representing and must possess a normal GA Handicap.

**Penalty:** *Loss of individual match.*

#### 3. Club Representation

**3.1** A player may play in multiple pennant competitions throughout the year but may only represent one club in the same competition except for junior pennants a player may represent multiple teams for the purpose of ensuring the key objective of participation is fulfilled throughout the season. GolfWA approval is required which can be either verbal or in writing.

**Penalty:** *Loss of individual match.*

**3.2** It is expected that, where possible, all players remain at the host venue until the completion of all matches and announcement of results.

#### 4. Conditions of Play

##### 4.1 Rules of Golf

All matches are to be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf, the local rules of the host club and the GolfWA generic local rules;

*Where a GolfWA representative is not in attendance, host clubs are responsible for any rules queries.*

##### 4.2 Code of Conduct

All players are subject to the GolfWA Player Code of Conduct. A full copy of which can be found on the GolfWA website at [www.golfwa.org.au](http://www.golfwa.org.au)

#### 4.3 Team Nomination Forms

Team nomination forms are to be submitted to the host club or GolfWA official (where available) at least 30 minutes prior to the designated start time of their match with the exception of Junior Pennants which is as per the nomination process detailed in the Junior Pennant Annex E.

#### 4.4 Player Failing to Report to the Tee

If, after the team nomination form has been submitted, a player fails to report to the tee within five minutes of their starting time then the reserve may take their position.

*Note – the reserve must play in that player’s position and will incur the penalty of a player reporting late to the tee – General Penalty ie. Loss of Hole (refer Rule 5.3a).*

**To clarify “The starting time” this is as follows:**

- **For the first match it is as per the fixtured time**
- **For the second and subsequent matches it is when the match is free to play (eg. when the fairway or green is clear)**

#### 4.5 Honour for the Day

The honour for the day will be decided by the toss of a coin between the two opposing captains.

#### 4.6 Order of Play

A reverse order of play will apply (eg. Match seven followed by match six etc).

*Exception: Boys’ Divisions Three, Four, and Girls’ Division Two*

#### 4.7 Finals

Where an individual match is all square after the final hole play must continue, from the first hole played, until a result is achieved. *Note – Handicap strokes given recommence.*

*Exception - Where the outcome of a contest has already been determined individual matches may be treated as a half.*

### 5. Host Club Responsibilities

Host clubs are responsible for controlling all elements of the competition and for ensuring a safe environment for all players, caddies, officials and spectators in the same way as they would for all competition and social play at their club. This responsibility applies before, during and after play.

#### 5.1 Officials

Host Clubs must provide **a minimum of two officials/Golf Operations personnel** and provide the names and contact details to GolfWA a minimum of 48 hours prior to the fixture date via the link of the GolfWA website (refer link: [Host Club Officials Contact Names and Details](#)).

These officials must have the knowledge and authority for the following:

- Monitor/control and enforce **pace of play** of all competitors plus importantly ensure that any players or competitions that are run prior to a PM fixture do not

impact the starting time or pace of play of any afternoon pennant fixture.

Guidance for Pace of Play for all Pennant fixtures are as per below:

- **Individual Matches** are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum of 3 hours and 45 minutes (average of 12 and a half minutes per hole).
- **4BBB Matches** are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum of 4 hours and 21 minutes (average of 14 and a half minutes per hole).
- Monitor weather forecasts and conditions, including lightning, extreme heat or high winds relative to course playability and the safety of players, caddies, officials and spectators.
- Action and promptly communicate any suspensions and restarts of play required due to course playability and safety issues.
- Receive the team sheets at least 30 MINUTES prior to hit off. Retraction or alterations to teams will not be accepted after this. Please ensure there are enough helpers to convey lists to starters. A copy of the combined team sheet is to be provided to each captain prior to the first tee time. While there is not currently a penalty for late submission of a team sheet please adhere to the time frame as a courtesy to the host club officials and the opposing team.
- Organise starters, if possible, to supervise the toss of the coin for the honour for each match with the Team Captains at the tee and monitor tee times.
- Enter respective teams in the results sheets together with final scores of individual matches via the link provided by GolfWA.
- Handle rules queries when a GolfWA Official is not present (should clarification be required, in the absence of a GolfWA Official, the host club official should contact GolfWA as soon as possible via the contact details that are provided).
- Display scores and read out match/contest results following the completion of all matches.
- Be on duty until the last results are posted.

## 5.2 Local Rules

GolfWA Generic Pennant Local Rules and Local Rules of the Host Club must be clearly displayed.

## 5.3 Catering

Provide, post round, for each player, caddie and club official:

AM matches: A *minimum* of sandwiches/wraps/rolls.

PM matches: A *minimum* of multiple finger food selections.

*Exception – Junior Pennants. Host clubs are required to provide food for purchase.*

Tea/coffee should be made available where appropriate.

Teams requiring additional catering must contact the host club directly and organise this at their own cost.

## 5.4 Results

Host clubs are responsible for entering all pennant competition results via the links provided on-line immediately following the conclusion of play.

*Exception* – Where a GolfWA staff member is present at Junior Pennant matches they will input scores.

Please note that standings tables are not able to be updated until all results have been entered.

Host clubs are required to keep hold of signed results sheets until the end of the pennant season, should GolfWA require them for score clarification.

### 5.5 Course Presentation

Clubs are required to present their course in the best condition possible. GolfWA reserves the right to inspect courses, and where a course is considered unfit for play the GolfWA will determine the procedure for alternative arrangements.

### 5.6 Practice

Clubs are not required to provide practice rounds.

*Exception* – Clubs hosting finals may be required to allow a complementary practice round in the week prior to the final however this is subject to the availability of the course and is not mandatory.

### 5.7 Daily Handicap Look up Charts

Host clubs are requested to advise visiting clubs of the slope rating of the course to be played prior to the fixture. A sufficient number of look up charts should be displayed.

### 5.8 Code of Conduct – Spectators

Please ensure your team and club members are aware of the following, outlined in GolfWA's Code of Conduct:

Spectators of an activity held by or under the auspices of GolfWA, a member association, an affiliated club or an affiliated special interest group must meet the following requirements in regard to conduct during any such activity or event:

- Respect the performances and efforts of all people
- Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.
- Respect the decisions of officials and administrators.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.

## 6. Count Back Procedure

### *Definitions*

**Contest** is the fixture between two Member Clubs' teams.

**Match** is the individual competition between two players.

**Team** is the players selected by a Member Club to represent it in a Contest.

A Pennant table shall be established by awarding Teams two (2) points for winning a Contest, one (1) point for halving a Contest (where applicable) or no points for losing a Contest.

The higher-placed Team is the one that has the greatest number of Contest Points. Where two or more teams have an equal number of Contest Points, their relative positions on the table shall be decided:

1. Firstly, by the total number of Matches won in all contests;
2. If still equal, then by the total number of Matches won in Contest/s between the tied Teams
3. If still equal, then by the number of Matches won by the player or players who played in the number one position in all contests throughout the season.
4. If still equal, then by the number of Matches won by the player or players who played in the number two position in all contests throughout the season and so on;
5. If still equal, the matter will be referred to the GolfWA for a decision.

**7. Claims and Disputes**

Claims, disputes or protests must be lodged in writing with GolfWA within two days of the fixture, otherwise the result of the match shall stand. The GolfWA will adjudicate and announce the decision as soon as possible. This decision will be final.

**8. Breach of Pennant Regulations**

For any breach of the Pennant Regulations for which there is no specific penalty, the GolfWA will consider the nature of the breach and, if deemed necessary apply an appropriate penalty. The decision will be final.

**9. Match Index**

The host clubs Match Play Index is to be used at all times. Failing the host club having an index specific to Match Play, the generic Golf Australia Match Play Index will be utilised.

**10. Motorised Carts**

The motorised cart policy applies. A copy of the policy is available on the GolfWA website.

**11. Additional Regulations**

Regulations unique to each competition are contained in their relevant annex listed below.

- Annex:**
- a.Men's
  - b.Women's
  - c.Junior's
  - d.Senior Men's
  - e.Senior Women's

**12. Situations not covered by these Regulations**

Any situation not provided for explicitly in these regulations shall be referred to GolfWA for consideration.

**13. SMOKING & CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL**

Please note that GolfWA and the development of golf is supported by Healthway and GolfWA encourages all participants to follow healthy food and drink options.

As such players and caddies are requested to refrain from smoking and/or consuming alcohol during a round. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like).

The Championship Play Committee may impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.

- 14.** GolfWA staff and/or GolfWA Rules staff will have the sole management and control of the Pennants with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions.