## PENNANT RULES 2024

- 1. Clubs affiliated with GNSW, RWGA and located within the RWGA District may enter one or more teams in the Association inter-club competition. Registration forms will be sent out and returned to the Secretary by the end of November each year.
- 2. Where a club enters more than one team, players are not permitted to inter-change between the teams.
- 3. Entry fee: The fee for each team is set at the Match Committee meeting prior to ADM.
- 4. The fee currently is \$20.00 per team per club and must be paid with registration.
- 5. At the same time as registration/payment each Club must indicate their willingness to host and advise RWGA Secretary any date their course is **NOT** available.
- 6. A player who is a member of more than one club must nominate the club she will play for during the season.
- 7. Teams consist of 5 players and before the match:
  - Team Captains *must* provide a printed GA handicap list for team members. The maximum daily playing handicap is 45 for Pennant regardless of GA handicap.
  - The Team Captains will fill in their own team and result sheets, it is **not** the duty of the host club,
    Committee members or players.
  - The Team Captains shall simultaneously exchange team lists, in daily playing handicap order, of the nominated players for the matches.
  - The matches should be played in this order. If a player is not available to start her match in the position as listed, all other matches are to continue in order and her match will be played last. However, if the player is not available within 30 minutes of the start of the first match, her opponent will receive a walkover
  - Caddies are not permitted for the duration of the pennant competition.
- 8. Matches are to be played over 18 holes using players' daily handicap for the course being played using the **International Index.** Tables will be provided for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees. Refer to these to see where strokes are given.
- 9. If after 18 holes, the match is tied (Square) players will continue playing taking strokes again as marked for the match until the match is decided.

## 10. No tied results for matches, semi – final or final.

- 11. If a club plays an ineligible player, or plays in an incorrect handicap position in the field, that player and any other players who are subsequently wrongly placed shall be disqualified, giving the opposing team a walkover for any match or matches affected.
- 12. A club must play on the fixed date as per draw even if the team captain can nominate a team of only 3 players for the match, if the team captain is unable to nominate a team (less than 3) the team captain must notify the RWGA Pennant Co-ordinator as soon as possible to explain the situation. If there are no extenuating circumstances, the team must then forfeit the match. If there are extenuating circumstances that are acceptable to the RWGA Match Committee, the match must be played on a date approved by teams in that zone, within 5 days of the original date.
- 13. The Hosting Club must notify the RWGA Pennant Co-ordinator if any course renovations or changes to the course are to be made prior to an RWGA event.
- 14. (a) Matches to be abandoned **ONLY** in the event of the host club's course being declared **CLOSED** by the person at that club authorised to make decisions. If a host club person is unavailable to make a decision the team captains should make a consensual decision to abandon the match. Wet weather washed out matches will not be replayed. No Points allocated.
  - (b) Wet weather washout during Finals series. The Semi Final will be played within 5 days of the scheduled date at either the original designated course or at an available neutral course. If the matches cannot be played the Match Committee will refer to point 17 to decide which teams progress to the final.

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- (c) A forfeit given by a club cannot be recalled. The team receiving the forfeit will be awarded a 5-0 win and 2 points.
- 15. Each zone must have all matches completed by the date set down by the RWGA Match Committee.
- 16. The number of ROUNDS won during the Pennant Competition decides the winning team in each zone. Team Captains must record accurately the number of matches won and lost. The winning team is responsible for forwarding the scores to the co-ordinator. Results must be forwarded within 24 hours of the round, for the recording to the person designated by RWGA Match Committee. POINTS WIN 2 LOSS
  - 0 WASHED OUT MATCHES 0.
- 17. The final positions in each zone will be awarded to the club with highest total points for Rounds won. If two or more teams are on the same point score then the greater number of games won applies. If teams are still equal, divide the number of games won by the number of games lost. The team with the highest percentage average will be deemed winner of that zone. If the percentage average is the same a playoff for the zone winner will occur.
- 18. To play in the final series a player must play at least one match over the Pennant series. A club must seek permission from the RWGA Pennant Co-ordinator before an unqualified player may participate.
- 19. The Finals matches will be played on neutral courses to be decided by the Match Committee.
- 20. Pennant Finals format.
  - Semi Finals Match 1 Winner Zone 1 v Winner Zone 4 and Match 2 Winner Zone 2 v Winner Zone 3. Final Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2.
- 21. **The Winning team** receives the Pennant Flag and the individual team members receive individual lapel pennant flags. Presentation of these will be given at the RWGA Open Amateur Championships.
- 22. The Captain of any team entered in the competition may protest against a breach of the Rules of Golf or the Inter Club Pennant Rules. The protest must be lodged in writing to the RWGA Match Committee within five days of the breach. A breach of the RWGA Inter-Club Rules may result in disqualification from the match or from the competition.
- 23. The RWGA Match Committee decision on protest is final.

All players to be familiar with the specific Rules of Match Play.