



ACT MONARO DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

2010 PENNANT CONDITIONS

SENIOR MASTERS PENNANT (SCRATCH AND HANDICAP DIVISIONS)

PRELIMINARY

Club Captains, Host Club Match Committee persons, Pennant Manager(s) and Players **must** inform themselves about these Conditions.

It is recommended each Club provide a copy of these Conditions to each of the above person(s) involved in the Pennant competition and provide a briefing session for all persons involved prior to the commencement of the Pennant competition.

THE CONDITIONS

ACT Monaro District Golf Association Pennants are governed by the Match Committee of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association, and in these Conditions, where the word "DGA Match Committee" is used, it means the Match Committee of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association.

Any decision on Rules, required during play of the preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club, and any decision so given will be final. The playing of all Finals (Semi-Final and the Grand Final) will be administered by the Match Committee representative(s) of the ACT Monaro DGA together with a nominee of the Host Club as necessary.

No member of the Host Club who is playing or acting as a caddie shall make or take part in making such decision.

The Match Committee of the ACT Monaro District Golf Association reserves the right to alter or vary these Conditions at any time.

A Contents page is included at the back of these conditions to assist Clubs.

DATES PLAY

Contests between Clubs will be played on dates fixed by the DGA Match Committee, including all Finals which will be played on neutral courses, but;

- the dates of a round of matches may be altered by the DGA Match Committee; and
- in the event of any Club refusing or neglecting to play on the dates fixed, the Club will have deemed to have forfeited the Contest.

In the event of a Club not participating in the entire competition during the Pennant season, the results shall be amended to award a victory by the maximum number of Pennant Table Points and Individual Match Points to every other Team in that Section.

TEE-TIMES

The appointed starting times for all Senior Masters Pennant Contests will be fixed by the DGA Match Committee commencing at approximately 11.15am-11.45am. Tee-times are advised to all Clubs when the Draw is completed.

All play MUST commence from the 1st tee unless approved by the DGA.

Senior Masters Pennant (Scratch and Handicap) is played as two Individual Matches per time slot.

TEEING GROUND

All play should be from as close as possible to the **Championship markers** as set by the Host Club on the day unless adverse course conditions prevent the setting up the course in this manner. (Play **MUST not** be from the **Black tee markers**).

MATCH COMMITTEE

During the preliminary rounds it is the responsibility of the Host Club to act as the Match Committee for the **entire period of play**.

The DGA Match Committee or their designated representative(s) will act as the Match Committee for all Finals (Semi-Final and the Grand Final) matches. Any decision so given that day will be final.

HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Course presentation

It is expected that each Club involved in Pennant competition will present its course in a condition of the high standard that Pennant golf deserves.

Provision of Match Committee during Preliminary Rounds

During the preliminary rounds it is the responsibility of the Host Club to appoint at least one person to act as the Match Committee for the **entire period of play**. No member of the Host Club who is playing or acting as a caddie shall make or take part in making a decision.

The Host Club is also responsible for bringing to the DGA Match Committee's attention any breaches of these Conditions.

The Host Club's Match Committee can determine any matter within their designated responsibilities and authority under these Conditions.

The Match Committee is responsible for:

- Ensuring that matches commence on time and remain on time
- Monitoring slow play (and issuing penalties as required)
- Adjudicating on any Rule of Golf or these Pennant Conditions, where delegated to do so.

Any decision on Rules required during play of preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club, and any decision so given will be final.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

General

Only **male** golfers with an official AGU handicap are eligible to play in Senior Masters Pennants.

A player taking part in the Pennant competition must be an amateur golfer and a bona-fide member of the Club he represents. A bona-fide member is one who is eligible to participate in the Club Championships of the Club he is representing.

No player may represent more than one Club during in Senior Masters Pennant covered by these Conditions during 2010.

Where a Club has two Senior Masters Handicap Pennant Teams a player may only play for one Team.

Age limits

A player is eligible to play in Senior Masters Pennant provided *he has reached the age of 50 years on the date of play*.

Eligibility to play in Scratch Division and Handicap Division

A player may play in either Senior Masters Scratch Pennant or Senior Masters Handicap Pennant at any time during the 2010 Senior Masters Pennant Season.

Requirement for Finals

All players in the finals must have played at least one game for their club in that division during the current season. The DGA Match Committee reserves the right to waive this rule if there are special circumstances.

Penalty – The Team fielding an ineligible player (under the above conditions) shall forfeit the Individual Match to the opposing Team.

HANDICAPS

A maximum AGU handicap limit of **36** will apply for the Senior Masters Handicap Pennant.

Penalty – The Team fielding a player who plays off a higher handicap in accordance with these Conditions shall forfeit the Individual Match to the opposing Team.

Allocation of handicap strokes

In Senior Masters Handicap Pennant the order of holes at which handicap strokes are to be given or received shall be in accordance with the **Members or Mens** Match Play Index as applicable on the Score Card of the Host Club.

Where these Conditions require a Handicap Match Play match that ends all square after 18 holes to continue (i.e. Senior Masters Handicap Pennant Semi Finals and the Grand Final) the play-off should start at the hole where the match began (i.e. the 1st hole) and handicap strokes should be allowed as in the prescribed round until one player wins a hole.

FORMAT OF PLAY

The competitions between Teams will be known as Contests. All Contests will be played under the Rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and Local Rules in force at the Host Club and in accordance with these Conditions.

Individual matches will be played over 18 holes or unless the match result is decided earlier.

If an Individual Match is square after 18 holes, the match shall be declared halved, except in Semi Finals and the Grand Final. (see Exception for Finals)

Exception for Finals:

In a Final (i.e. Semi Finals and the Grand Final), if an Individual Match is square after the completion of 18 holes play shall continue at the hole where the match began (i.e. the 1st hole) until one player wins a hole.

Note: In a Final (i.e. Semi Finals and the Grand Final) the Captains of both Teams may agree that a Contest shall terminate without further play, if the Team result has been decided.

PLAYER NUMBERS

Pennant Teams will comprise of the following Individual Matches:

<i>Pennant Division</i>	<i>Individual Matches</i>	<i>Type of Match Play</i>
• Scratch	6	scratch
• Handicap	8	handicap

ORDER OF PLAY

Players can be listed in any order on the Team sheet for Scratch Division. (i.e. there is no requirement to select a Team in order of handicap)

In the Handicap Division players **must** be listed in ascending order of handicap on the Team sheet for players 1-7. (i.e. lowest handicap plays at No 1).

Player number 8 in Handicap Division is not required to have the highest handicap as his Individual Match only counts for half points (see below).

Teams will hit off in reverse order to the Team list (i.e. No 6 players for Scratch Division, No 8 players for Handicap Division first and No 1 players last).

The honour shall be decided by the toss of a coin between representatives of the competing Clubs.

WINNER OF THE CONTEST

The Team that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest. (Refer to "Match Points and Pennant Table" for details on the allocation of Match Points for the respective position number of each player in a Team).

END OF THE INDIVIDUAL MATCH

A player who has completed his or her Individual Match should cease playing and **may not continue to practice on the course by playing additional holes.**

Penalty – Where a breach of this Condition is reported to the DGA Match Committee, the DGA Match Committee reserves the right to declare the player ineligible to compete for his Club for the remainder of the Season.

NOMINATION OF TEAMS TO BE PROVIDED TO OPPOSITION AND HOST CLUB STARTER

The Captain or Manager of each Team shall advise the official representative of the Host Club and the opposing Club the names of the players in playing order at least ten (10) minutes before the nominated starting time. (i.e. provide Team sheets)

If a Club is unable to submit a full Team, the opposing Captain or Manager must be notified that the Team shall consist of a certain number of players, who must play in descending order from number one position. The Team will forfeit last place, or places, not represented.

Team Forfeits

If a Club forfeits a round, the maximum Pennant Table Points and Individual Match Points allocated to its opposition on that day will equate to the maximum points achieved by a Team from within its respective Section for Senior Masters Handicap Pennant or by a Team for Senior Masters Scratch Pennant.

Where a Club fails to field a full Team in a Contest the DGA Match Committee may request an explanation for such an occurrence. Should the explanation be unsatisfactory the DGA Match Committee may impose an appropriate penalty on the Club. Such penalty may include a monetary fine or loss of competition points or both.

Failure of player to appear

If, after the names of the Teams have been handed in, a player fails to appear or is unfit or otherwise unable to play the respective Individual Match Point relevant to that position shall be awarded to his opponent.

A player will be considered absent, if he is not ready to start at the time that his match is due to hit-off.

A Club that plays less than the stipulated number of players will be regarded as having lost as many Individual Matches as there are players absent.

Players are reminded that they are not permitted to act as a caddie for a fellow Team member at any time, even when their Individual Match has been completed. *Refer to the Condition on Caddies.*

INDIVIDUAL MATCH POINTS AND PENNANT TABLE POINTS

The following allocation of Individual Match Points and Pennant Table Points will operate for all preliminary rounds and Finals (i.e. Semi Finals and the Grand Final).

Individual Match Points

- (a) One (1) Individual Match Point is allocated for each Individual Match won by a player competing at numbers 1-5 in Scratch Division, numbers 1-7 in Handicap Division.
- (b) One half (1/2) Individual Match Point is allocated to each Team for a drawn match at numbers 1-5 in Scratch Division, numbers 1-

- 7 in Handicap Division.
- (c) One half (1/2) Individual Match Point is allocated for a win by a player competing at No 6 in Scratch Division, No 8 in Handicap Division.
- (d) One quarter (1/4) Individual Match Point is allocated to each Team for a drawn match at No 6 in Scratch Division, No 8 in Handicap Division.

Pennant Table Points

The Team that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest.

Two (2) Pennant Table Points are allocated for each Contest win during the preliminary rounds.

One Pennant Table point is allocated to each Club for a drawn Contest.

FINALS SERIES AND PENNANT WINNER

In the Finals the winner of the Contest is the Team that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points.

Scratch and Handicap Division

The Club that secures the greatest number of Pennant Table Points at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds in Section I and Section II is the respective winner of that Section.

If two or more Clubs have an equal number of Pennant Table Points at the end of the preliminary rounds then the Countback arrangements for Pennant Table will be used to determine each Club's respective position on the Pennant Table.

The respective winners each Section will proceed through to play in the Final.

Final Series

- **Semi-Final No. 1**
Winner of Section I versus Runner-up in Section II.
To be played at Winner of Section 1s course.
- **Semi-Final No. 2**
Winner of Section II versus Runner-up in Section I.
To be played at Winner of Section IIs course.

The winner of Semi-Final No 1 and the winner of Semi-Final No. 2 will play in the Grand Final at a Neutral Venue determined by the DGA.

The winner of the Pennant will be the Team that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points in the Grand Final.

COUNTBACK ARRANGEMENTS FOR PENNANT TABLE

The following Countback arrangements will apply

to Scratch Division and Handicap Division of Senior Masters Pennant in determining relative positions on the Pennant Table to play in the Finals.

In the event of two or more Clubs having an equal number of Pennant Table Points, then the Club having the highest number of Individual Match Points shall be the higher placed Club on the Pennant Table.

In the event of a further tie, then the Club which achieved the higher number of Individual Match Points in the Contest(s) between the tied Clubs in the Pennant shall be the higher placed Club on the Pennant Table.

In the event of a further tie, or the Clubs did not play against each other during the Pennant, then the Club winning the highest number of Individual Matches throughout the Pennant shall be the higher placed Team on the Pennant Table.

In the event of two Clubs still being unable to be separated, the matter will be referred to the DGA Match Committee for decision.

SLOW PLAY

Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it.

Any match with a clear hole in front of it will be considered out of position. Loss of hole penalties will be issued by the Match Committee to individuals in such matches who by their pace of play contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

If both players in a match are equally contributing to an unacceptable pace of play situation, they will be "walked" a hole(s) until they are considered to be in position.

Repeated infringements of the pace of play guidelines in the 2010 season will be referred to the ACT Monaro Match Committee for further consideration and may see a player subject to further action including suspension from further representation of his Club for the season.

CADDIES

A player who is taking part or has taken part in an Individual Match **IS NOT permitted to act as caddie for another player on his Team** on the day of the Contest.

When playing in fours, players are reminded that fellow players in your Team are not your partner and therefore **you must not to give advice (i.e. act as a caddie)**. Similarly, players are not to seek advice from each other.

Caddies are permitted to use transportation.

Penalty – A player who uses an ineligible caddie in accordance with these Conditions shall forfeit his or her Individual Match to the opposing Team.

MOBILE PHONES

The use of a mobile phone or portable phone by a player or his caddie whilst on the golf course during a stipulated round is distracting and inconsiderate and the use of a mobile phone is therefore not allowed. If the player or his caddie is in the possession of a mobile or portable phone it should be turned off.

If the phone rings it will be deemed to be in use and the penalty outlined will apply.

Penalty – Breach of this Condition is loss of hole.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during the match a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (eg, gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

Penalty – Breach of this Condition will be forfeiture of the individual match by the player breaching the rule.

ALCOHOL

The consumption of alcohol by a player or his caddie on the course during a match is prohibited.

Penalty – Breach of this Condition will be forfeiture of the individual match by the player(s) breaching the rule.

LOCOMOTION

Players are permitted to ride on any form of automotive locomotion during the play of a hole.

The DGA Match Committee accepts no responsibility for the availability of motorised transport, or whether or not permission is granted to use personal mechanical transport at Host Clubs.

PRACTICE ON COURSE

Players are not permitted to practice on the course on the day of competition prior to the commencement of their match. During play, practice is permitted in accordance with Rule 7.2.

Penalty – Breach of this Condition will be forfeiture of the Individual Match by the player(s) breaching the rule.

PROTESTS

A Club may protest in writing to the DGA Captain within **two (2) days** after a match, stating why they consider an incident during a match or after a match should be reconsidered for possible overturning of an Individual Match or overall Contest result.

The DGA Captain may determine the protest himself within his own right or refer the protest to the DGA Match Committee for further consideration. The DGA Captain or DGA Match Committee may determine the protest in any manner thought fit.

Protests can not be lodged against a decision given by a Host Club Match Committee on the Rules of Golf during play.

RESULTS TO BE SENT TO DGA

Within **TWO** days after each Contest the **WINNING Club**, or in the event of a tied result, the first named Club in the draw must notify the result thereof to the DGA Match Committee nominee below.

If results are not received within the stated time the offending Club(s) may have one Pennant Table point deducted for each offence.

DGA Match Committee Nominee for completed "Pennant Result Forms".

Results are to be sent or faxed to:

❖ To be determined.

WITHDRAWAL OF CLUB AFTER FINAL DRAW COMPLETED

Any Club that withdraws from any Division of Pennant after the final draw has been compiled and circulated may be prohibited from participating in that Division of Pennant for up to two (2) years.

If a Club withdraws from the Pennant at any time during the Season any Team scheduled to play that Club in preliminary rounds shall be awarded a forfeit and awarded the maximum Pennant Table Points and Individual Match Points achieved by a Team from within its respective Division or Section of that Pennant.

All previous Contest results involving the Club that withdraws from the Pennant shall stand.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Entertainment/catering

All Pennant players should be made honorary members of the Host Club for the day.

Any catering arrangements for lunch or snacks should be agreed upon by negotiation of the Clubs in each Division.

Dress rules

Each Club entering a Team in a Pennant competition and the manager of each Team should ensure that Team members comply with the dress regulations of the Host Club.

The Host Club has the right to refuse any player entry on to the course or into the Clubhouse if such player's dress does not conform to the dress rules of the Host Club.

Note: The penalty for non-compliance would be no start or disqualification.

Practice rounds

Practice Rounds, prior to the Pennant are at the discretion of the Host Club.

Logos

A Logo is acceptable provided it appears only once on the player's clothing. The logo must not exceed a perimeter measurement of 220 mm.

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