



Masters Pennant Competition 2012

Conditions of Entry

The Match Committee of the Masters Pennant reserves the right to alter or vary these Conditions at any time.

CONDITION 1 - STYLE of PLAY

The competition will be conducted along the lines of normal singles pennant match play without the benefit of handicap and principally played on Sundays, with any exception to be agreed to by all affected teams in that Division. Teams are expected to be played in order of ability thus retaining the spirit of The Masters Pennant. **Nomination fee must be paid when a club nominates in order to be considered in the Draw.**

CONDITION 2 – GAME and TEAM

A game is the contest between two clubs and each team shall consist of seven (7) individual matches, {value 1 point} and a number 8 match {value ½ point}, played over 18 holes with play terminating if the match is square at the 18th hole. Players **MUST** cease play when a match result has been reached. The team with the highest match points is the winner of the game. Match points **MUST** total 7½. If the points are shared evenly then the game is halved and each team receives ½ game point.

CONDITION 3 - TEAM SIZE

Matches in Divisional rounds are to be played in groups of four (4) or (2) at host club discretion. During the Finals Series, played in pairs (2) where host clubs permit. The No.8 player does not need to participate in Finals play. All matches to be played out to achieve a team result.

CONDITION 4 – ORDER of PLAY

Order of play is 8 & 7, 6 & 5, 4 & 3, 2 & 1. The team captain / manager shall provide the host club official starter with the team nomination, in order of play, 15 minutes prior to hit-off time. The no. 8 player may take the place of any player who will not be available for his tee time Team captains and managers are responsible for players playing in the correct order with the order as played being the result.

CONDITION 5 - PUTTING ORDER AND PROCEDURE AFTER PUTTING OUT

- a) Putting order to be determined for each separate match, when playing in fours. Distance from the hole and interference with another player's putting line should be considered. The match which commences putting first should- complete putting out.
- b) After completing the hole, the match that has putted out **MUST** move **immediately** to the next teeing ground and prepare to play. Failure to comply may result in a penalty under Rule 4 below.

CONDITION 6 – HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Green Fees

No green fees are to be charged

(b) Teeing Ground

The teeing ground should be at the discretion of the host club **BUT** the total course length should not exceed 6,000m with the teeing ground not be too far forward. Middle tees would be preferred.

(c) **Match Official**

In order to improve the situation during the season we respectfully request that on the day the host club make available a Match Official/s to control the game, monitor the speed of play and where necessary take action to improve the pace of play and also act as a “Rules Official”.

(d) **Decisions**

Any decisions, given by the “Rules Official” on the Rules of Golf shall be final unless he wishes to refer to the Masters Pennant Match Committee.

(e) **Tee Times**

- i) Any tee times outside the designated time frames, 8:00 – 11:30 (last hit-off) MUST be ratified by the Masters Pennant Match Committee. If the actual tee time is later than 11:30 and matches do not finish due to lack of light the following will apply: all unfinished holes are awarded to the visiting player until a match result is achieved. E.g. If host player is dormie 3 the remaining holes will be awarded to the visiting player with a resultant square match. Providing there are no other mitigating circumstances (e.g. suspension of play), a visiting player will be entitled to consider Pennant play for the next hole not possible when any of the following conditions exist:

1)	Clear sky	10 minutes after designated sunset
2)	Overcast	At designated sunset
3)	Heavy cloud/rain or mist	10 minutes before designated sunset

If play of a hole has commenced before the time limit as above in either 1 or 2, or 3, then that hole must be resolved.

The designated Rules Official, Convenor, and or Team Captain is to be responsible for monitoring the above. At any time when there is any discrepancy, and/or unresolved disagreement, judgement is to be ruled against the host club.

- ii) Any alteration to advertised starting times MUST be conveyed to the Divisional Convenor and all clubs affected by the alteration with at least two (2) weeks notice.
- iii) No practice or buffer time is to be provided on the day of the match. Host clubs are requested to provide practice time prior to the programmed date of matches.

(f) **Results**

The Host Club shall notify the Sydney AAP newspapers of the results of the Competition, and additionally, notify the Masters Pennant Committee by fax/post within one working day.

(g) **Discontinuance of Play**

- i. In the event of play being discontinued due to darkness or inclement weather, the players are to continue from the point where the play was stopped and play the normal course. All completed matches will stand
- ii. In the event of play being discontinued **or not possible due to course closure**, the Masters Pennant Match Committee will decide whether to complete the game; this will be conditional upon the game having a bearing on the competition and a game result has not been reached. If a game result has been achieved, then all completed matches will stand and incomplete matches will be halved for the purpose of Divisional Winner Seedings if necessary.
- iii. Any unplayed, or unfinished game **MUST** be completed by the final date of divisional play otherwise each team will be awarded a halved game. The reserved date for divisional play-off CANNOT be used for this purpose **under any circumstance**.

CONDITION 7 – DIVISIONAL WINNERS AND SEEDINGS

(a) Divisional winners to be determined on:-

- (1) **Games** won (1 point) and halved (½ point) - (i.e. team wins including halves), if even,
- (2) **Total points scored** – (i.e. individual matches, including ½ and # eights), if even
- (3) **Total points scored** – (i.e. individual matches, excluding # eights), if even
- (4) **Total points scored** – (i.e. individual matches, excluding ½ and # eights), if even
- (5) The highest number of Matches won when the tied teams played each other.
- (6) By play-off

(b) Seedings

The teams will be seeded using the following formula:-

$$\frac{\text{Games Won \& Halved}}{\text{Actual Games Played}} \quad \times \quad \frac{\text{Matches Won \& Halved}}{\text{Actual Games Played}}$$

That is, the number of **games** won & halved is divided by the number of **games** played; this is then multiplied by the number of **matches** won and halved divided by the number of **games** played.

In the event of tied seedings a count back will apply using the Divisional Winners procedures 1 to 4 and then by coin toss.

CONDITION 8 – COURSE AVAILABILITY

All participating clubs must make their course available (if required), for Final series games by reserving an appropriate 30 minute tee time, at 11:00 am or earlier, on at least one of the play-off dates of their choice at the time of nomination. A Divisional winning team failing to do so may not be allowed to proceed in the play-off series.

This condition is necessary to ensure that the required number of suitable courses can be allocated fairly to all clubs involved in the Final Series and will be made at the Masters Pennant discretion.

CONDITION 9 - GENERAL

- (a) **Dress Rules:** All players and caddies should be aware of, and **MUST** abide by, the dress regulations both on course and in clubhouse of the Host Club.
- (b) **Provision of Shirts and Balls:** The provision of shirts and balls to players will be at the discretion of each club.
- (c) **Divisional Dinner:** Each division may have its own dinner at the end of the season; regular caddies who are an integral part of the team should be invited. The cost of the dinner is to be charged to each club as per their nominated attendees.

The Host Club should be advised prior to the final match of the number of persons attending from each club.

- (d) **CADDIES** - Caddies are acceptable.

CONDITION 10 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

Clubs should register players on the website www.masterspennant.com.au with the following:

1. Player Surname
2. Player Given Name
3. Player DOB (Month / Year)
4. Player Email address (if available)
5. Player Golfink Number
6. Player Current Handicap
7. Player that Club will represent
8. Post Code where Player domiciled

RULES of PLAY

RULE 1 - ELIGIBILITY

(a) To be eligible a player must be a male amateur golfer, 50 years of age, on or before the first day of play of his Clubs Divisional competition. He must be at least a financial 6 day member on or before the 1st January of the year of competition and current for the duration of the relevant Masters Pennant Competition and must be eligible to play in all Sunday competitions throughout the year without restriction or limitation.

(b) A player can only play for one Masters Team within a season.

(c) A player MUST have played at least one match in Divisional rounds to be eligible for the Finals Series

Penalty: Loss of match where breach occurs.

RULE 2 - FAILURE TO PROVIDE A TEAM

A Club that has entered the competition and then fails to provide a team after one game:-

(a) Could be disqualified from the competition, subject to the Masters Match Committee ruling.

(b) Their opponents will be awarded a 7½ - 0 result for that game.

RULE 3 - TIME OF STARTING

If a player is not ready to start at the designated time Rules of Golf, Rule 6-3 applies. Refer to Note in Rules of Golf, Rule 6-3.

RULE 4 - SLOW PLAY

Note: Rules of Golf, Rule 6-7 applies to Match Play and individuals may be penalised in accordance with the Rule. After completing the hole, the match that has putted out **MUST** move immediately to the next teeing ground and prepare to play. Any player not conforming to this Rule will be deemed to be delaying play between holes and could be penalised accordingly.

In the absence of "Pace of Play" conditions from the host club, the following is a guide for the host club to apply: if they deem it necessary.

Par 3 12 minutes

Par 4 14 minutes

Par 5 16 minutes. Typically 4 hours 12 minutes for 18 holes

Host club may deny any practice after completion of any hole during a match, as a "Local Rule" on day of play, at their discretion.

RULE 5 - USE OF TRANSPORT (As per NSWGA)

Players will not generally be permitted to ride in, or on, any form of automotive locomotion, during the play of a hole. An exception will be made in the case of a player affected by a disability, which makes it necessary for the player to use automotive locomotion. It will be necessary for the player seeking exception, to produce on the day of play, the following:

- (a) A certificate or letter (current within 12 months) from a Medical Practitioner specifying
- i) The disability by which the player is affected;
 - ii) The medical practitioner's opinion that the disability necessitates the player requiring the use of automotive locomotion in order to participate in the competition;
- (b) In the case of a permanent disability a letter from the Secretary of the Club, confirming that the player does not participate in any games of golf at that Club except with the assistance of automotive locomotion; or

(c) In the case of a temporary disability a letter from the Secretary of the Club confirming that the player does not presently participate in any games of golf at the Club except with the assistance of automotive locomotion and nominating the period for which permission to use automotive locomotion is granted.

The Masters Pennant Committee accepts no responsibility for the availability of automotive locomotion at venue Clubs, or as to whether or not permission is granted to use automotive locomotion. If the course is open for play, the game MUST proceed.

The Match Committee of the Masters Pennant shall allow caddies to use transportation provided:

- (i) The player does not accept a ride at any time.
- (ii) The player does not accept advice from any other person travelling with the caddie.

Penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification of the player: See penalty statement in the current Appendix I Part C9 of the Rules of Golf for breach of Transportation Condition.

RULE 6 - CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL (As per NSWGA)

The consumption of alcohol by players and caddies on the course during a stipulated round is strictly prohibited.

Penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification of the player.

RULE 7 – MOBILE TELEPHONES

Notwithstanding any host club local rule if a player's/caddie's mobile telephone is activated (for either incoming or outgoing calls) during the match then the player incurs a penalty of Loss of Hole at which the breach occurs, if between holes then at the next hole played. **Exception: Medical emergency or calling for a Rules Official.**

RULE 8 – DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

Distance measuring devices are permitted. Irrespective of any Local Rule which may be in place, and they must conform to R and A Specifications.

Addendum: When any situation arises, which is not specifically covered under these Rules, The Masters' Match Committee will make a decision in equity

PROTESTS

All protests must be advised in writing by email/fax to the Captain or Vice Captain – The Masters Pennant within twenty four (24) hours of the Game for determination.

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