

SA SENIOR PENNANT – 2020 SEASON

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

References

The references listed including the most updated version/s are the basis of the Competition Conditions.

- a) The Rules of Golf – effective January 2019
- b) Official Guide to the Rules of Golf – effective January 2019
- c) Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status – Effective January 2016
- d) Competition Administration & Competitions Conditions - Golf Australia Recommendations – 2014
- e) Course Management, Marking the Course & Course Set-up Procedures – Golf Australia Recommendations 2014
- f) Singles Competitions played from Multiple Tees & Mixed Gender Singles Competitions – Golf Australia 2013
- g) Local Rules and Terms of Competition for Golf Australia Amateur Championships - 2019
- h) Golf Australia Policies
 - I. Golf Australia Member Protection Policy
 - II. Codes of Conduct
 - III. Complaint Handling Procedure
 - IV. Golf Australia Extreme Weather & Heat Policy

History

In 2007 eight golf clubs under the driving force of Mike Jackson (Mt Osmond GC) put together the concept and implemented Seniors Pennant Golf Competition. Key to the success of the original concept was the support and sponsorship of Paradise Motors Mazda after which the major trophies were formally named in the event's initial stages.

The founding clubs were Mt Osmond, Blackwood, Flagstaff Hill, The Vines, Tea Tree Gully, Riverside (West Lakes), Thaxted Park and Mt Lofty (The Stirling). The Competition expanded over time as interest was generated amongst senior players in clubs.

The Senior Pennant Competition now stands at eighteen clubs and is open to both male and female players aged 55 years and above as of the day of play.

Definitions

- a. **Golf Australia - SA (GA - SA)** means the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) for golf in South Australia. GA – SA is responsible for the conduct of all Competitions and Events.
- b. **Host Club Match Committee (Match Committee)** means the Committee established at the Host Club and responsible for the conduct of a minor round of the Competition.
- c. **Senior Pennant Sub-Committee** means an appointed Committee established by GA - SA whom GA - SA may refer.
- d. **'Contest'** means the competition between two Clubs
- e. **'Match'** means the contest between individual players of opposing teams
- f. **'Club'** means an affiliated club or district (per Schedule 1 & 2 of the Golf SA Constitution) competing in the SA Senior Pennant Competition.
- g. **'Rules of Golf'** means the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status (current at the time of the event).

1 COMPETITION

- 1.1 **Competition Format:** The Golf Australia SA Senior Pennant Competition (the Competition) will be conducted in three (3) divisions. Each division will comprise of six (6) teams and will play minor rounds, a Semi Final and a Final.

- a. **Semi Final:** A Semi Final will be played between the 1st placed team versus the 4th placed team, and the 2nd placed team versus the 3rd placed team in each division at the end of the minor rounds. The winners of the Semi Final will progress to the Final. Semi Final matches will be played out to a result.
- b. **Final:** A Final will be played in each Division between the winners of the Semi Final.

1.2 **Designated Tees:** Men will play off the designated men's tee and women will play off the designated women's tee. The player with the lowest score on the hole wins, irrespective of gender.

1.3 **'Off the Stick':** All matches are to be played 'off the stick.'

2 TEAM COMPOSITION

2.1 **Team Composition:** Each team is to comprise of seven (7) eligible players. Males and females are eligible to compete.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION

3.1 **Player Eligibility:** A player is eligible to play in the Golf Australia - SA Senior Pennant Competition if he/she is an Amateur Golfer whose Club that he/she represents is affiliated to Golf Australia - SA and meets the following three (3) criteria:

- a. Has been a financial member of that golf club for at least three (3) months prior to the first day of the competition.
- b. Has playing rights defined by that club's constitution and/or rules.
- c. Is 55 years or over on the day of play.

3.2 **Represents Only One Club:** A player may only represent one Club in any one pennant season in the SA Senior Pennant Competition.

3.3 **Club May Appeal on Behalf of Player:** A club may appeal to GA - SA on behalf of a player in exceptional circumstances if that player falls outside the stated Player Eligibility criteria in 3.1. An exemption to play may be granted in exceptional circumstances and then only with the support of the player's 'previous' club.

3.4 **Player Eligibility for Finals (including Semi Final):** A player must have played at least one (1) minor round match to be eligible to play in any Finals (including semi-finals).

Note: a reserve player in any competition is not considered as "played a match" if they are simply named as reserve and do not play

3.5 **Playing an Ineligible Player (Minor Round):** A Club that plays an ineligible player during the minor rounds, will result in that team losing the individual match involving the ineligible player. A score of 10 & 8 will be recorded for that match.

3.6 **Playing an Ineligible Player – Finals (including Semi Final):** A Club that plays an ineligible player in a Final (including semi-final) will result in the team being disqualified.

4 PLAYER REGISTRATION

4.1 **Club to Register Player List:** Each Club is required to register a list of eligible players, using the provided template, to Golf Australia – SA no later than Monday 5th October 2020.

- 4.2 Adding Player/s to the List:** Eligible players may be added throughout the season by contacting Golf Australia - SA prior to that player playing a minor round match.
- 4.3 Player Audit:** From time-to-time Golf Australia – SA may conduct a player eligibility audit. Clubs may be requested to provide proof of eligibility in the form of a copy of relevant clauses of their constitution and by-laws, membership applications and payments as substantiation.

5 CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

- 5.1 Host Club Match Committee:** The Host Club Match Committee will comprise of three (3) members nominated by the Host Club. One of these members must be an accredited Rules Official. The Host Club Match Committee is responsible for the conduct of the Competition at that venue.
- a. **Host Club to Advise Team Managers:** A Host Club is to advise Team Managers of the appointed Host Club Match Committee (including contact details) prior to commencement.
 - b. **Decisions on Rules:** Any decisions on the rules required during play will be given by the appointed Host Club Match Committee in accordance with the Rules of Golf. If the appointed official requires assistance with a ruling, they may contact Susan Seja (Golf Australia) on Ph. 0411 557 771.
- 5.2 Golf Course:**
- a. **Course Set-Up:** A Host Club is requested to present the course in a manner like that used for the Club's main competitions with due consideration given to conditions prevailing on the day of play.
 - i. If the pars of a hole are different for men and women (for example one hole is a Par 5 for women and a Par 4 for men). The women's tee must be moved forward and played as a Par 4. Golf Australia recommends an 85% ratio to be used. That is, the women's hole to be 85% in length of the men's. For example, women's 400m and men's 470m.
 - b. **Tees & Times:** Matches will commence from the designated tees and at the appointed times in the order listed in the Golf Australia – SA Competition Draw unless otherwise advised by Golf Australia – SA.
 - c. **Tee Closure:** A Host Club is requested to ensure that tees are closed at the appropriate time prior to the start of the first match.
- 5.3 Teams:**
- a. In keeping with the Spirit of the Competition clubs are requested to select their teams based on players ability.
 - b. **Team Lists:** Team Lists are to be provided to either the Pro-Shop or the Host Club Match Committee representative on the prescribed form at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first match.
 - i. **Penalty:** The penalty for late or non-submission of Team lists is:

Within 16-30 minutes prior to scheduled tee-off time.	No. 7 Player will lose the first hole of his/her match. Play in that match to start on the 2nd hole.
Within 15 minutes prior to scheduled tee-off time.	No. 7 Player (7 Person Team) will lose his/her match.
Team List not Submitted prior to scheduled tee-off time.	Team disqualified with all matches recorded as 10/8 loss

- c. **The Honour:** The honour on the 1st tee will be decided by a toss of the coin between representatives of the competing Clubs.
- d. **Order of Play:** In keeping with the spirit of the competition clubs are requested to select their teams based on players ability. Players will hit off in reverse order of the Team List. i.e. No. 7 player first through to the No. 1 player last. Play is in groups of four (4). **Except:** one match at the host club's discretion must be played as a two-ball.
- e. **Reserve Player:** The nominated reserve player may be substituted for a player who does not arrive on time. The reserve player is to play in the same designated position on the Team List as the listed player.
- f. **Reporting to Starter:** The first players from each Team due to tee off must report to the starter at least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled hit-off time. Subsequent players are to report to the starter immediately after the preceding match leaves the tee.
- g. **Player Arrives Late:** (Rule 5.3) If a player arrives late at his/her starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after his/her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 5.3a Exception 3, the following Penalties will apply:
 - i. **Penalty:** Failure to start on time: Loss of first hole. Play to start from the next tee.
 - ii. **Penalty:** Lateness beyond five (5) minutes: Disqualification.
- h. **Player Withdraws During Match:** Where a player withdraws from a match for any reason after it has commenced, the remaining holes will be forfeited to the point where a result is achieved.
- i. **Practice:** Rule 5.2a is modified in this way; a player is not permitted to practice on any part of the course except for the designated practice areas for the day of a pennant match, as determined by the host club.
 - i. **Penalty First Breach:** General penalty applied to the players first hole
 - ii. **Penalty Second Breach:** Disqualification
 - iii. **Note:** The host club is to advise the manager/captain (in writing) of all competing teams of the designated practice areas and conditions.

5.4 Results:

- a. **Game All Square:** Where a match is '...all-square...' after 18 holes, a square will be recorded for the match result.
- b. **Match Abandoned:** If a contest is abandoned by the decision of the Host Club Match Committee, the result will be a tie with the score recorded as three and a half (3 ½) matches to each team.
 - i. **Except:** If a Team has established a winning position when the contest is abandoned, i.e. a minimum of four (4) matches won, that result will stand with any remaining matches being halved.
- c. **Protests:** (See Condition 8).

5.5 Match Points

- a. A team win will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) contest point.
- b. A draw between two teams (3 ½ match points each) will result in each team being awarded half (0.5) of a contest point.
- c. An individual win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) match point.
- d. An individual match which is square at the 18th hole shall be scored as a draw (sq) and each team awarded half (0.5) of a match point.

6 FINALS

- 6.1 **Semi-Final:** A Semi Final will be played between the 1st placed team versus the 4th placed team and the 2nd placed team versus the 3rd placed team at the end of the minor round. The winners of the Semi Final will progress to the Final. Semi-finals matches will be played out to a result. **Except:** When a team has established a winning position (i.e. a minimum of four (4) matches won in seven match contest) then the contest is considered won and any remaining matches in progress will be halved irrespective of their match score at that time.

- 6.2 Final:** The Final will be played between the winners of the Semi-Final. Final matches will be played out to a result. **Except:** When a team has established a winning position (i.e. a minimum of four (4) matches won in seven match contest) then the contest is considered won and any remaining matches in progress will be halved irrespective of their match score at that time.
- 6.3 Abandoned Finals:**
- a. If the Semi Final is abandoned for any reason, the teams placed 1st and 2nd in each division at the end of the minor rounds will automatically progress through to the Final.
 - b. If the Final is abandoned for any reason, the Final will be played out on the following week at the same venue or a venue as directed by Golf Australia – SA. If rescheduling is not possible, then Golf Australia – SA will determine the winner.
- 6.4 Trophies:** Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winners of each South Australian Senior Pennant division.
- 7 PROMOTION, RELEGATION AND ENTRY INTO COMPETITION**
- 7.1 Promotion & Relegation:**
- a. **Promotion:**
 - i. The winning team in Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1
 - ii. The winning team in Division 3 will be promoted to Division 2
 - b. **Relegation:** The team finishing last at the completion of minor rounds in:
 - i. Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2
 - ii. Division 2 will be relegated to Division 3
- 7.2 Entry into the Competition:** Any Club per Schedule 1 & 2 of the Golf SA Constitution may apply to enter a team/s into the Golf Australia – SA Senior Pennant Competition.
- 6 PROTESTS & DISPUTES**
- 8.1 Lodgement:** The Team Manager is responsible for lodging a protest with the Host Club Match Committee and informing opposing Team Manager within 15 minutes of the completion of the final match.
- a. Full details of any protest must be lodged by the protesting club in writing to Golf Australia – SA by 5:00pm of the Tuesday following the round.
- 8.2 Determination of Protest:** The GA - SA will determine any protest under the:
- a. Golf Australia – SA Senior Pennant Terms of the Competition
 - b. Rules of Golf & Amateur Status
 - c. Golf Australia Policies (as appropriate)
 - d. Golf SA Constitution & Regulations.
- 8.3 Golf Australia – SA May Refer:** GA – SA may refer a matter to a GA appointed Senior Pennant Sub-Committee for determination.
- 8.4 Decision Final:** A decision given by Golf Australia – SA on any protest by any competing club will be considered final and binding on all competing clubs in line with the Rules of Golf.

9 ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Team Manager/s

- a. **Appoint a Team Manager:** Each team is to appoint a Team Manager who is to be identified on the Team List submitted prior to the start of the contest.
- b. **Duties:** The duties of the Team Manager include:
 - i. Monitor the conduct of the players in his/her Team in accordance with the appropriate Codes of Conduct
 - ii. Lodge any protest/dispute (in accordance with Condition 8) if necessary
 - iii. Reporting any incident in writing to GA - SA that occurs during the contest that may potentially lead to a breach of Codes of Conduct
- c. **Score Sheets:** Ensure that the result sheets are correct and signed/counter-signed.

9.2 Host Club:

- a. **Provide Starters:** The Host Club is required to provide a Starter for each tee as per the Scheduled Draw. Starters must be provided with Team Lists & Local Rules.
- b. **Local Rules:** The Host Club must prepare a 'Local Rules' sheet for each Tee Starter for handing to players/officials prior to the start of each match.
- c. **Carts for Rules Officials/Managers:** Carts for Rules Officials and/or Managers (to share) should be provided at the discretion of the Host Club.
- d. **'Envelopes':** The Host Club is to provide 'envelopes' to be collected by visiting Managers at either the Pro-Shop or with the Host Club Match Committee representative containing:
 - i. Results Sheets
 - ii. Local Rules

9.3 Post-Match Catering: There is no requirement for the Host Club to provide free of charge catering. In the spirit of the competition however, teams are encouraged to support the host venue in purchasing food and beverage before/after their match in a show of camaraderie.

10 RULES & GOLF ETIQUETTE

10.1 Advice: Rule 10.2 and Rule 24.4: Other than a player's caddie, the Team Manager or Non-Playing Captain, who is appointed prior to the start of the contest, is the only person who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of the team.

Penalty: Loss of hole

10.2 Transportation: A player or player's caddie is not permitted to ride on any form of transportation during a match.

- i. **Penalty:** The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.
- ii. **Except:** Ride-on buggies will be permitted only on medical evidence and by permission of the venue Club. Applications and approvals to be forwarded to Golf Australia - SA at time of registration. Caddies are not permitted to use ride-on buggies

10.3 Caddies:

- a. There are no restrictions as to who may act as a caddie.
- b. A player who had been nominated to play in a particular **contest** may, whilst that **contest** is in progress and after their own **match** has been decided, act as caddie for another member of their team playing in the same **contest**.

10.4 Mobile telephones: Mobile phones may be used on the golf course during competition to access a distance measuring device application or to call for a ruling only.

10.5 Alcohol: The consumption of alcohol by a player or a caddy during a game is strictly prohibited.

Penalty: Refer Golf Australia Code of Conduct

- 10.6 Smoking:** Players and caddies are NOT permitted to smoke cigarettes, e-cigarettes or the like during the stipulated round of a pennant match.
Penalty: Refer Golf Australia Code of Conduct
- 10.7 Measuring Devices:** A player may obtain **distance** information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated match, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.
- 10.8 Dress Code:** Players and caddies must adhere to the dress code of the Host Club.
- 10.9 Conforming Golf Balls & Conforming Driver Heads:** The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards to Conforming Golf Balls and Conforming Driver Heads.
- 10.10 Code of Conduct:** The Golf Australia Code of Conduct applies to players, caddies, managers, and other club officials at the pennant venue.
- 10.11 Golf Australia – SA May Refer:** GA – SA may refer a matter to a GA appointed Senior Pennant Sub-Committee for determination.
- 10.12** Golf Australia – SA has full power at any time to alter or vary any one of the Conditions in fairness to the competition.
- 10.13 Database of Competitors’ Details:** The personal data contained in this team nomination is permanently retained by GA. This data may be utilised by GA or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time to time players may be sent entry forms, event literature, the GA e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of GA events, or information about events conducted by GA approved bodies. Upon receipt by GA of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

2020 SENIOR PENNANT TEAM / RESULTS SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS – HOST CLUB

1. **Results Notification to Golf Australia (SA):** Process results on online system. Complete and return results sheet to Alicia Smith immediately after play by email – alicias@golf.org.au
2. **Media Notification:** Results are to be sent to *The Advertiser* immediately after the completion of the contest – editservices@adv.newsltd.com.au

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Note: Please show results in column of winning player

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_____ **MATCHES TO** _____

Club Official Name

Club Official Name

Club Official Signature

Club Official Signature