



Brisbane & District Ladies Golf Association Incorporated

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PENNANT REGULATIONS

2012

These Regulations are to be in force, unless altered or rescinded, for all Pennant Competitions held under the auspices of the Brisbane and District Ladies Golf Association Incorporated (Inc) for the calendar year.

The acceptance of a Club's nomination(s) to compete in the District's Pennant Competition is contingent upon the availability of its course to host pennant rounds.

The Management Committee reserves the right to substitute, alter or add to these Regulations at any time and shall have the power to deal with any matter referred to it, or not provided for, herein.

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ELIGIBILITY

- a) A player must hold a current Women's Golf Australia Handicap.
- b) A player must be a Financial Female Member of the Club she is representing.
- c) A female player can participate in only ONE pennant competition in a calendar year – MIDWEEK GOLD & PLATINUM, OR MIDWEEK BRONZE, OR WEEKEND.
- d) Exceptions to (c) include
 - i The Junior Competition where a junior girl may compete in another Pennant Competition providing she meets the appropriate criteria.
 - ii On two occasions only, a Club may use the services of a potential Bronze player in the Midweek Gold and Platinum Competitions. Each player may be used twice before becoming ineligible for Bronze pennants.
- e) A Player wishing to compete in Pennant Competition may play for any Club of which she is an Annual Member provided her Home Club lies within the B&DLGA Inc area.
- f) A player may represent ONE Club only in a calendar year. The exception being that a Junior may play for any Club of which she is a member.
- g) "Home Club" is where her handicap records are held.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a) The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited will apply, together with such Local Rules of the Club on whose course the match is being played, which are approved by the B&DLGA Match Committee.
- b) Matches shall be played according to the Official Draw and at the discretion of the B&DLGA Inc Match Committee.
- c) The Team Captain may be a playing or a non-playing member. Each team may appoint one additional person who may give advice to members of that team. The opposing Team Captain must be notified if such a person is present.
- d) Matches finish at the 18th hole.
- e) In the event of bad weather, the Venue Club must be contacted.
- f) If the Venue Course is considered to be “Unplayable”, the decision to play or not is made by the Secretary/Manager of the Club (or his/her representative) and Team Captains must abide by the decision. It is the decision of a player under Rule 6.8a[ii] to discontinue play if she believes there is danger from lightning.
In these circumstances the matches must be rescheduled, at the direction of the B&DLGA Match Committee.
- g) Points will be allocated as follows:
 - i Two (2) points for a Team Win;
 - ii One (1) point for each Team for a Draw;
 - iii Zero (0) points for a Team Loss.
- h) Should there be a Tie in any Division a count back will be done, initially on the overall number of individual matches won: if still tied, when the teams played each other.
- i) Each Division/Zone winner will be awarded a silver pennant AND a felt pennant.

MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- a) Mobile phones must be turned off or in the Mute Mode at all times while on the course. Use of mobile phones on course (emergencies excepted) is a serious breach of etiquette. [Rule 33-7] Penalty: First occasion – loss of hole being played; subsequent occasion – loss of match.
- b) The use of approved electronic measuring devices is permitted.

MOTORISED CARTS.

- a) Players 65 years and over, and those with a Medical Certificate are permitted to use a cart. Any player wishing to use a cart must provide their team captain a copy of verification. This needs to be shown to the opposing team captain when team sheets are exchanged. By reason of the player's age or disability, the buggy must be used for the whole match.
- b) A caddy does not require a Medical Certificate to use a motorised cart.
- c) Any player may sit in a stationery motorised cart. Additionally, an unauthorised player may be transported in a motorised cart in extenuating circumstances, but only with the prior consent of her playing opponent.
- d) The B&DLGA Inc takes no responsibility for the availability of Motorised Carts at the Venue Club, or any directive from the Club refusing the use of a motorised cart.

TEAM LISTS

- a) The Team List shall name the players with their handicaps as determined by the WGA Handicapping Regulations.
- b) Order of play shall be in handicap order with the lowest handicap player to hit off first. The Captain or designated person shall exchange team lists in handicap order not less than 10 MINUTES prior to the Team's scheduled starting time.
- c) Alterations can be made to Team Lists only to ensure players play in their **correct handicap order** before any misplaced players hit-off.
- d) A reserve player may not be included, after the team sheets have been exchanged.
- e) The name of the Captain, whether playing or non-playing, must be shown.

FORFEITS

- a) Should a Club find it is unable to field the full team of players, the Team Captain must contact the Opposing Captain and inform her of the number of players in her team. All forfeits will be to the last place(s).
- b) A Player shall be at the Tee and ready to play when her Match is called by the starter on the tee block; or, in the absence of a starter, when her match is deemed ready to commence. Penalty is forfeit of the Match. All subsequent players will move up, with the forfeit awarded to the last player to hit off.
- c) If a player who is not listed or not eligible is played, or plays in an incorrect position in the team, that player will forfeit her Match.
- d) The penalty for a breach of the WGA Handicapping Regulations shall be the FORFEIT OF THAT MATCH AND ANY OTHER MATCHES WHICH ARE THUS WRONGLY PLACED. The Opposing Team shall thereby gain the forfeit(s) and the points for any match or matches so affected.
- e) If, during the season, a Club's circumstances change so that it is unable to continue participating, all points for and against that Club are cancelled.
- f) A Club will not give an Opposing Team a walkover if it is able to raise four players (Gold), three players (Platinum/Bronze/Weekend) or two players (Junior).
- g) A FORFEIT, once given, cannot be recalled unless all matches on the day are cancelled.

CONTRAVENTION OF REGULATIONS

- a) If a team is seen to be contravening Regulations, the captain of any team may (prior to hitting-off at the commencement of the following day of competition) bring the matter to the attention of the B&DLGA Inc Match Committee.
- b) The "Dispute Resolution Procedure" document is to be followed when making a protest.
- c) The Match Committee will investigate the circumstances of the complaint and decide on what course of action must be adopted.
- d) The decision of the B&DLGA Inc Match Committee shall be final.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR GOLD PENNANTS

- a) The minimum age for the competition is 15 years on the first day of Competition.
- b) Matches will be played OFF THE STICK.
- c) Placement of teams in these divisions will be decided by the Match Committee of the B&DLGA Inc.
- d) At the end of the season, the winning team in Gold Divisions 2 and 3 will be promoted and the last place getter in Division 1 and 2 will be relegated.
- e) There will be seven players in a team.
- f) The maximum handicap is 22.
- g) A Club may enter up to TWO teams in Gold Competition.
- h) Where a Club nominates a second team in the Gold Competition, the first FOUR PLAYERS in the Club's first team will be the REGISTERED PLAYERS. If the Club nominates a Gold and a Platinum team, the first SIX PLAYERS in the Gold team will be the REGISTERED PLAYERS.
- i) REGISTERED PLAYERS may not play for any other team. Names are to be submitted on or before, the first day of play.
- j) A Club must not introduce any player into its second Gold team, who has a handicap lower than any Registered Player.
- k) Where a Club has two teams in a Pennant competition of equal ranking in the Gold competition, the first FOUR players in each team will be considered the CORE players and will not be interchangeable. Core players submitted as per (g) above.
- l) Where a Club has two teams: Once a player has two (2) games in a higher division, she will be ineligible to play for the lower division. If a Club has two equal teams: in addition to core player regulations as shown in (h), once any other player has had two games in one team she will be ineligible to play for the other team.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PLATINUM PENNANTS

- a) The minimum age for the competition is 15 years on the first day of Competition.
- b) Matches will be played OFF THE STICK.
- c) Placement of teams in these divisions will be decided by the Match Committee of the B&DLGA Inc.
- d) A Club may enter one Platinum team only.
- e) There will be five players in a team.
- f) The maximum handicap will be 24.
- g) The first THREE players in the Platinum team will be the REGISTERED PLAYERS and will not be permitted to play for any other team.
- h) Where a Club has a Platinum and a Gold team, once an eligible player has two (2) games in the Gold Pennants, she will be ineligible to play for the Platinum team.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR BRONZE PENNANTS .

- a) Bronze Pennants will be played in Zones organized by the B&DLGA Inc.
- b) Teams shall consist of FIVE players, within the handicap range 20 to 36.
- c) The format will be Handicap Match Play, using $\frac{3}{4}$ of the difference in handicaps.
- d) A Club may nominate more than one team.
- e) Where a Club has two teams in the competition, the first THREE players in each team will be considered the CORE players for that team and will not be interchangeable.
- f) Juniors are eligible to play providing they are 15 years old on the first day of competition.
- g) Strokes will be taken according to the Match Index of the Host Club, the number being the $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap difference. (If the Match Index of the Host Club is the Balanced Index, and players commence the competition from the 10th Tee, the Balanced Index will be applied as though they had played from the 1st Tee).
- h) Where a Club has two teams: in addition to the core player regulation, once a player has had two games in one team she will be ineligible to play for the other team.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR WEEKEND PENNANTS

- a) Weekend Pennants will be played in Divisions organized by the B&DLGA Inc. Teams shall consist of FIVE players, and will play off a maximum WGA Handicap of 34.
- b) At the end of the season, the winning teams in Divisions 2 and 3 will advance and take the last place of the teams in Divisions 1 and 2 for relegation in the following year.
- c) The format will be Handicap Match Play, using $\frac{3}{4}$ of the difference in handicaps.
- d) A Club may nominate more than one team.
- e) Where a Club has two teams in the competition, the first THREE players in each team will be considered the CORE players for that team and will not be interchangeable.
- f) Where a Club has two teams: Once a player has two (2) games in a higher division, she will be ineligible to play for the lower division. If a Club has two equal teams: in addition to the core player regulation, once a player has had two games in one team she will be ineligible to play for the other team.
- g) Juniors are eligible to play providing they are 15 years old on the first day of competition.
 - h) Strokes will be taken according to the Match Index of the Host Club, the number being the $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap difference, with the lowest marker going to zero. (If the Match Index of the Host Club is the Balanced Index, and players commence the competition from the 10th Tee, the Balanced Index will be applied as though they had played from the 1st Tee).

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR JUNIOR PENNANTS

- a) Junior Pennants will be played in Zones organized by the B&DLGA Inc.
- b) The age limit for Junior Pennant is under 18 at the start of the competition.
- c) Teams shall consist of THREE players, playing off maximum handicap of 42.
- d) Any Junior girl who is a member of a Club affiliated with the B&DLGA Inc is eligible to play. Girls must hold a WGA handicap [not a 9-hole handicap]. If a Junior girl's Club [of which she is a financial member] fields a team, she must represent that Club if required. Any player must only represent one Club in any one season.
- e) Strokes will be taken according to the Match Index of the Host Club, the number being the 3/4 handicap difference, with the lowest marker going to zero. (If the Match Index of the Host Club is the Balanced Index, and players commence the competition from the 10th Tee, the Balanced Index will be applied as though they had played from the 1st Tee.)
- f) ORDER OF PLAY - Lowest markers for each team are to hit off first.
- g) The winner of each Zone will receive a felt pennant, and all players who have played for the winning team will receive a memento.
- h) Where a Club has more than one team in a the Junior Pennant competition, the first TWO players who compete in each team on the first day of competition will be considered the CORE players for that team and will not be interchangeable.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

It is emphasized in the Pennant Regulations that a dispute is to be brought before the Match Committee of the B&DLGA, only if it cannot be resolved during the game, or at the venue. Furthermore, if a match is declared in dispute during play, the match shall continue until all possibilities of a result, can be determined.

On the rare occasion that a dispute needs to be referred to the B&DLGA Match Committee, the following procedures are to be used as a guideline.

1. Lodgement of the dispute to the Match Committee. It is preferable that lodgement occurs as soon as possible. The latest time that a dispute can be lodged is immediately prior to hitting off on the following day of competition.
2. On the day of play, lodgement can take the form of verbal communication, but it is to be followed by a written submission.
3. Any subsequent lodgement within the time restriction needs to take the form of a written submission.
4. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the opposing team captain, by the B&DLGA Match Committee or its representative.
5. The opposing team captain will be given the opportunity of a timely right of reply.
6. The B&DLGA Match Committee will decide on what course of action will follow. If a meeting of the two parties is required, it will be at a mutually agreeable time.
7. The decision of the B&DLGA Match Committee is final.

Match Committee

Brisbane & District Ladies Golf Association Inc.

DUTIES OF PENNANT CAPTAIN

- a) Check your team's scheduled starting time in the Official Draw and ensure all your players know the time they should arrive.
- b) Consult with the Club Handicap Manager and each player to ascertain handicaps are correct and the Players are in the correct position in the team.
- c) Prepare 4 copies of the Team List with lowest marker number 1 player and highest marker number 5 or 7 and the others in order of play. One list is for the Opposing Captain, another for the Hostess and the third for the Starter.
- d) The name of the Team Captain (Playing or Non-Playing) must appear on the list. A contact phone number for the team captain is requested for the official result sheet.
- e) In handicap matches, ensure that the fractional handicap chart is available for reference. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the difference in handicaps to be used.
- f) Ensure all players have read the Regulations and are carrying a Rules of Golf Book.
- g) Ensure team lists are handed in at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled hit-off.
- h) Remind players to read the Local Rules Board.
- i) Introduce player to opposing player.
- j) The Club listed first in the draw has the HONOUR.
- k) Notify your Club Captain of the result.
- l) SIGN THE RESULTS SLIP BEFORE LEAVING THE VENUE. Contact Phone Number requested on the result sheet.

It is the intent of the B&D LGA that this competition is to be played within the spirit of the game of golf, and that disputes are to be brought before the B&D Match Committee, only if they cannot be resolved during the game, or at the venue.

The "Dispute Resolution Procedure" document on page 8 is to be followed when making a protest.

DUTIES OF THE CLUB CAPTAIN/HOSTESS

- a) Ensure a copy of the current Pennant Regulations is available at the venue.
- b) Check that the Local Rules are prominently displayed. Attach a copy of any additional Local Rules to the scorecard.
- c) Provide visiting teams with the required number of scorecards.
- d) In handicap matches, if the Club does not have a Match Index, that a Balanced Index is attached to each card.
- e) In handicap matches, ensure that the fractional handicap chart is available for reference. $\frac{3}{4}$ difference in handicaps to be used.
- f) Ensure the Starter has Starting Sheets and knows the correct intervals between matches.
- g) It is the responsibility of the Venue Club to ensure that the pennant matches proceed uninterrupted.
- h) Write names, handicaps and results of matches on a display board in the Clubhouse.
- i) Fill out the Official Results Form and ensure all Captains sign it before leaving. (N.B. Please use the CURRENT form sent to you before the season begins and destroy all old ones)
- j) In the event of any queries or problems arising on the day, firstly refer to the Pennant Regulations, and if still unsolved, contact a Match Committee Member of the B&DLGA Inc
- k) Fax Result Forms A.S.A.P. after the finish of play to the appointed member of the B&DLGA Inc.

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The "Dispute Resolution Procedure" document on page 8, is to be followed when making a protest.

DUTIES OF PLAYERS

- a) Know the Rules of Golf and be familiar with the current Pennant Regulations as forwarded to your Club.
- b) It is strongly recommended that you arrive at the Venue at least 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S SCHEDULED HIT-OFF TIME. Remember, the Venue Club has allotted these times and cannot hold them for late players. (Rule 6-3a)
- c) Confirm with your Captain that your Handicap, and therefore your place in the Team, is correct.
- d) In handicap matches, ensure that you have checked the fractional chart to know $\frac{3}{4}$ of the difference in handicaps.
- e) You should play without undue delay. (Rule 6-7)
- f) Players are reminded that they are responsible for their caddie adhering to the rules of golf, pennant regulations and the dress requirements of the venue club.
- g) If there is a dispute in any Match, players must declare that they are in dispute, but continue their match until all possibilities of a result can be determined. This will be viewed by the Match Committee.

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