

NRDGA PENNANT 2023

Conditions of Entry & Participation



1. The NRDGA Match Committee reserves the right to modify, interpret and rule on these conditions and its decision will be final.
2. Any protests must be sent by email to the NRDGA Match Committee Chairman by 5.00 pm on the Monday after an incident occurs, so that any decision can be made prior to the next round of matches.
3. Players must be Amateurs and have a current Golf Australia (GA) handicap.
4. Players must conform to the dress regulations and local rules applying at the club where their game is scheduled.
5. Team handicap limits are not applicable. However, rules exist around player substitution (see rules 12 to 14).
6. If a team from a club fails to turn up with 7 players, a full team, the club will be asked to show just cause as to why it should not be disciplined. If the whole team fails to turn up (i.e. forfeits) then the team will be removed from the pennant series and the club asked to show just cause why the club should be able to participate in the next year's competition.
7. All clubs must make their course available. If the course is unavailable, that club may be removed from the competition.
8. The Match Committee of the host club shall be the controlling body for pennant matches played at its club. It is the host club's responsibility to declare the course unplayable to the NRDGA Match Committee Chairman as soon as possible.
9. Each host club must provide a starter and/or a referee to rule upon any disputes, which might arise, and to notify each team captain of this fact.
10. Each host club must make available a daily handicap lookup chart and match play handicap index to the visiting captains.

Nomination & player substitution

11. Clubs will nominate their teams consisting of 7 players with no restriction of handicap order or range, Division 1 included.
12. Clubs are required to nominate teams in GA handicap order at the date of nomination, correct to 1 decimal place (*please do not submit using Daily Handicap*).
13. Each Division will consist of 4 teams, with Division 1 having the lowest combined handicap total, Divisions 2 and above numbered by increasing combined handicap totals.
14. Once nominations are received, the Match Committee in conjunction with affected clubs will assess the makeup and structure of play for Div.1 and Div.2. In the circumstances an alteration to the conditions of play may yet occur.
15. If a player is unable to play, any substitute player may be used.
16. As we are playing handicap match play, except for Div. 1 which is a scratch play contest, there will be natural variations in handicaps between competitors. In the spirit of play replacement players should be as close as possible to the original player.
17. A nominated player can play as a substitute player in another Division, however, if he plays more than 1 game, he cannot return to his original team. Penalty for a breach of this rule is loss of match for offending player

Rules of play

18. Each Division will comprise 4 teams and each team will play the other 3 teams in their Division.
19. The pennant series will be conducted as a Handicap Match Play competition, with the exception of Division 1, which is a scratch contest.
20. Each team captain must check the GA handicap of team players on the day and convert to a Daily Handicap by applying the slope rating for the host club for each pennant fixture.
21. The team captain must submit his team to the starter using Daily Handicap in descending order from 7 to 1, at least 10 minutes before the first player is due to hit off. After submitting, no changes can be made.
22. Play will be conducted in pairs, off the championship tees, with the No. 7 players to hit off first followed by the rest of the team in descending Hcp order, at 7-minute intervals. Note: This order of play includes Division 1 teams.
23. If a player is late, his opponent will wait for him, and they will play at the end of the field. If the player has not reported by the time the last player has left the tee, then he shall forfeit the game – in this circumstance the game result will be recorded against the offending team as a 3/1 loss. If the whole team is late then it shall forfeit the match.
24. Squared <or halved> matches are allowed – players MUST NOT continue to the 19th hole (see exception for finals – rule 31).
25. At the conclusion of the match, the two captains must fill out the result sheet, sign it and arrange for a photo of it to be sent via text message to the mobile number on the result sheet ASAP or no later than 5.00 pm that day.
26. The NRDGA Match Committee Chairman will collate results which will be posted on the NRDGA website on the Monday following the match.
27. Any practice on the course prior to play, except for designated practice areas, must be played with a maximum of 2 balls. (i.e. if practice is allowed on the course by the host club).
28. Motorised carts may be used but must be booked in advance with the host club. Players own carts may only be used with the host club's prior approval. In the event that the host club does not allow cart access on the day of play e.g. due to wet weather, then clubs must effect substitutions to submit a team capable of walking the course on the day.

Finals

29. The two teams with the most wins in their Division will advance to the final. In the event of a tie following preliminary rounds, the finalists will be decided on the aggregate of the margins of the team wins. If there is still a tie the team to advance shall be decided on the aggregate of the margins of the individual wins e.g. if player A wins 5/4 his team receives 5 points.
30. To be eligible to play in the final a player must have played at least one game prior to the final and must fulfil the requirements of the previous rules. If a club is unable to meet this requirement, and should extenuating circumstances exist, then the NRDGA Match Committee is to be contacted to discuss the situation and the club's proposal.
31. To determine the pennant winner, one or more squared matches may be required to proceed to the 19th hole to decide the match outcome by sudden death.

Wet Weather

32. If one day of the pennant is unable to be played, due to course or weather conditions at a division level, the clubs involved will receive half points each for that day.
33. If 2 or 3 days of pennant is unable to be played, due to course or weather conditions at a Division level the pennant series will be played as an Eisenhower Cup style tournament will be held on the date of the pennant finals.