



# **PENNANT CONDITIONS**

**2019**

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**Order of Pennants shall be: ---**

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| <b>1. "Illawarra" Pennant</b> | <b>open handicap</b>                             |
| <b>2. "B" Pennant</b>         | <b>from GA 5.5</b>                               |
| <b>3. "C" Pennant</b>         | <b>from GA 12.5</b>                              |
| <b>4. "White Horse Cup"</b>   | <b>up to GA 24.4</b>                             |
| <b>5. "Encourage Shield"</b>  | <b>from GA 7.0 for both Boys and Girls (TBC)</b> |

## **DEFINITIONS**

In these Conditions, unless the context indicates otherwise:

**"Club"** means a club competing in any Pennant Competition.

**"Final Draw"** means the draw published on the Golf Illawarra Website as notified to participating Clubs. If an amendment is necessary to the Final Draw, any amendment(s) will be noted on the Final Draw with the date of the change.

**"Final Series"** includes all Semi-finals and Finals Games.

**"Game"** means the competition between two Clubs.

**"Golf Illawarra"** means Golf Illawarra as the governing body for amateur golf in the Illawarra Golf District.

**"Golf Illawarra Board"** means the Board of Golf Illawarra.

**"Host Club"** means the Club nominated in the Draw to host the Games.

**"Match"** means the individual play between two players.

**"Match Committee of the Host Club"** means the Match Committee of the Host Club in charge of a Game during a Preliminary Round of the Pennant Competition.

**"Pennant Competition"** means all Pennant competitions being conducted.

**"Round"** means all the games scheduled for one day for a Pennant.

**"Rules of Golf", "Rules" and "Rule"** means the Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status, current at the time of the event and related Decisions published and approved by the R&A Rules Limited, current at the time of the Pennant competition.

**"Starting Hole"** means the hole on which the Match commences.

**"Team Manager"** means the person appointed or nominated under these Conditions.

## **1. ENTRY INTO PENNANT COMPETITIONS**

- 1.1 Entry is open to all Golf Clubs who are members of Golf Illawarra.
- 1.2 Each Club may apply to enter any Pennant Competition they choose.
- 1.3 Clubs will automatically be included in the following year's Pennant Competition unless they advise the Golf Illawarra Board by 30 June of the preceding year.
- 1.4 The Golf Illawarra Board reserves the right to exercise its discretion in the areas of entry into any particular Pennant Competition and allocation of Clubs to Divisions.
- 1.5 Clubs agree that from time to time they may be required to host a Finals Series Games.
- 1.6 Inclusion in the Final Draw will confirm that the Club agrees with and will comply with the Conditions laid down by the Golf Illawarra Board.

## **2. NOMINATION FOR PENNANT COMPETITIONS**

- 2.1. Golf Illawarra reserves the right to accept or reject any additional Team into a Pennant Competition where the Club already has a Team entered in that particular Pennant. The acceptance of the nomination of two (2) teams by a Club in any Competition will be subject to the impact on the draw.
- 2.2 In respect to all Golf Illawarra Pennant Competitions, after nominations are accepted and the draws have been completed, should any Club withdraw for any reason whatsoever before the Season starts, the Penalty imposed could take the form that such Club will not be eligible to nominate a Team for that Competition for the following year.
- 2.3. Subject to the number of teams nominated, the "Illawarra" Pennant will be played in two (2) divisions.
  - Division 1: The first three placed teams in Division 1 in the previous year and the winner of Division 2 in the previous year will play on a Home and Away basis.
  - Division 2: comprising all other nominated teams. The draw will be created to suit the number of teams nominated.
- 2.4. Requests to form a composite team comprising two or more clubs will be considered only when a club is unable to field a team from its own members. All such requests are to be made in writing to the Golf Illawarra Captain.

## **3. THE PENNANT COMPETITION**

- 3.1. The Golf Illawarra Pennant Competition is governed by the Golf Illawarra Board.
- 3.2. The Golf Illawarra Board reserves the right to alter these Conditions at any time.

- 3.3. The Match Committee of the Host Club(s) shall represent the Golf Illawarra Board and provide decisions on these Conditions or the Rules of Golf during play of the Preliminary Rounds.
- 3.4. No member of the Host Club who is a Player, acting as a Caddie or a Team Manager shall make or take part in making such decision(s).
- 3.5. Where a penalty for a breach of a Condition is not stated, the penalty shall be determined by the Golf Illawarra Board.
- 3.6. The conducting of the Finals Series will be under the control of the Golf Illawarra Board representative(s) together with any nominee(s) of the Host Club as necessary.

**Note: There is no right of appeal/protest against any decision by a Rules Official or Individual Member of the Golf Illawarra Board or the Host Club Match Committee.**

#### **4. THE DRAW, DATES AND TIMES OF PLAY**

##### **The Draw**

- 4.1. The Draw for the Pennant Competition will be determined by the Golf Illawarra Board.
- 4.2. The Final Draw will be posted on the Golf Illawarra website. Clubs will be advised of publication of the Final Draw and any amendments. If an amendment to the Final Draw is necessary, any amendment(s) will be noted on the Final Draw with the date of the change.
- 4.3. Host Clubs will provide the Golf Illawarra Board with tee times, and the starting tee, for all Pennant Competitions they are conducting in 2019 by **November 30, 2018**.
- 4.4. Official tee times will **ONLY** be posted on the Golf Illawarra website. It is each club's responsibility to check the website for tee times prior to each Game.

##### **Withdrawal of Club after Final Draw Completed**

- 4.5. A Club must not withdraw, or fail to field a Team, from the Pennant after the Final Draw has been published.
- 4.6. In the event that a Club does not participate for the entire season, all Contest Points and Individual Match Points received in Contests against that Club will be disregarded. The Golf Illawarra Board will determine the appropriate Countback Procedure should this situation arise.

## Dates of Play

- 4.7. Games will be played on Sundays unless the Host Club has gained prior agreement from all Clubs involved and permission has been granted by the Golf Illawarra Board to play on a Saturday. Clubs granted permission to play on Saturdays will be noted as such in the Final Draw.
- 4.8. Games must be played on the dates set and times approved by the Golf Illawarra Board. Any changes by a Host Club to the date or times shown in the Final Draw must have the prior approval of the Golf Illawarra Board.
- 4.9. Any Club failing to play on the date and at the time fixed by the Golf Illawarra Board will forfeit all Matches in the Contest to the Club drawn against.

## Tee Times

- 4.10. Clubs are to reserve Dates listed in the Pennant Draw. Tee Times **MUST** take into account Visiting Clubs' travel times with a free tee time of around three quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of an hour before the commencement of play being available.
- 4.11. Clubs may host more than one Pennant Competition at their Club course on the same day.
- 4.12. The starting Tee Times for any Game shall be no earlier than 6:30am and with no Games commencing after 12 noon unless prior agreement has been reached between the clubs.
- 4.13. Individual Matches must strictly adhere to designated starting times. All Individual Matches are to start at the published time, with the first Individual Match to commence at the advertised starting time for the Game, and each subsequent match to commence at intervals thereafter as set by the Host Club.

## 5. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. A player is eligible for the Pennant Competition if:
  - (a) he is a male amateur golfer and a current financial member of the Club he represents on the date of play; and
  - (b) in a category of membership which allows him to compete in the Club Championship of the Club he represents.
  - (c) he has been a financial member of the new Club, with playing rights as above, for a minimum period of 3 months prior to the date of the first round of the Pennant.
- 5.2. Any player who has his golf playing membership or handicap on the date of play suspended by Golf NSW, any Club who is a member of Golf NSW, or a District Golf Association, is not eligible to participate on that date of play.

- 5.3 A junior girl may play in the Encourage Shield providing she meets requirements equivalent to these in Section 5.1.
- 5.4. No player shall represent more than one (1) club in the same year unless special circumstances are shown to exist and authorisation has been granted by the Golf Illawarra Board.
- 5.5. All Clubs must submit a list of participating Players, with their GA handicaps to the Golf Illawarra Captain **seven (7) days prior to the start of the first round** of the season. Subsequent additional Players must have proof provided of their handicaps, as of **seven (7) days prior to the start of the first round**, to the Golf Illawarra Captain.
- 5.6. In the case of Players on the lower limit in the “B” and “C” Pennant reducing their handicaps by a maximum of one (1) stroke after **seven (7) days prior to the start of the first round**, they may remain in the team but will give one (1) stroke to their opponents as determined by the **Balanced Distribution Match Play Index**.
- 5.7. Issues regarding incorrect handicaps must be addressed prior to the completion and signing of the Result Sheet by the opposing Team Manager/Captain.
- 5.8. To be eligible to play in any Game in the Finals Series in any Pennant a Player must have played either one (1) game in that particular Pennant if there are up to four (4) Games or at least two (2) Games if there are five (5) or more Games in that particular Pennant during the course of the Season.  
Any Rounds that are unable to be played due to reasons approved by the Golf Illawarra Board will count towards eligibility to play in the Final Series.  
**Penalty – Team disqualification.**

## 6. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 6.1 Teams shall consist of five (5) Players except for the “White Horse Cup” and “Encourage Shield” teams which shall consist of six (6) Players.
- 6.2. Any club with two (2) Teams in the same Pennant Competition cannot interchange players from one team to the other Team after the first Game is played unless prior approval has been granted by the Golf Illawarra Board.  
**Penalty – Team disqualification on the day.**
- 6.3. All Teams and Players will be listed on the Golf Illawarra website prior to the first round being played.

## 7. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 7.1 All Contests and Individual Matches will be played under the Rules of Golf, the Local Rules in operation at the Host Club and in accordance with these Conditions.

- 7.2. Where a penalty for a breach of a Condition is not stated, the penalty shall be determined by the Golf Illawarra Board.
- 7.3. All Individual Matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the Host Club. The tees should be in Medal positions where possible unless it is deemed inappropriate for a particular Pennant.
- 7.4. When at least four (4) teams are involved, should it be necessary to play a Pennant in fours (4s), the group of four (4) **MUST** consist of one (1) player from four (4) different clubs. Where there are six (6) teams in the draw, the other two (2) teams may also play in fours (4s).
- 7.5. The Illawarra Pennant **SHOULD** be played in pairs.
- 7.6. During Games, there should **NOT** be a break in play at half way.

#### **Format**

- 7.7. All Individual Matches will be played over 18 holes of match play without the benefit of handicap except for the “White Horse Cup” and “Encourage Shield”.
- 7.8. If an Individual Match in a preliminary round is square after 18 holes, the Individual Match shall be declared halved.
- 7.10. A result must be achieved in all Finals Series Individual Matches.
- 7.11. If the result in a Finals Series Game for the White Horse Cup or Encourage Shield is tied at three (3) Individual Matches to each team, the #1 players of each team will play off from the Starting Hole until a result is determined.

#### **The Honour**

- 7.12. The Honour on the tee shall be decided by the toss of a coin between representatives of the competing Clubs. The Club that wins the toss shall have the option to take the Honour at the starting tee for all Individual Matches in that Game.

#### **Order of Play**

- 7.13. In the “Illawarra”, “B” and “C” Pennants, players can play in **ANY** order. Matches are played without the benefit of handicap. Teams will hit-off in descending order, concluding with the #1 Players hitting off last.
- 7.14. In the “White Horse Cup”, Players play in GA handicap order, rounded to the nearest whole number, from lowest to highest with the benefit of handicap with strokes taken as determined from the **Balanced Match Play Index**. Matches will start with the #6 Players hitting off first and then, in order, to the #1 Players.



### **Penalty - Loss of two (2) winning Matches.**

- 7.15. In the “Encourage Shield” the JNIG Conditions will be applied. These Conditions will be made available to Clubs by the Golf Illawarra Board when they are finalised by JNIG.
- 7.16. Once play has commenced, the **penalty for any Player playing in an incorrect team position will be disqualification (loss of the Individual Match).**

## **8. ADVICE**

- 8.1. In accordance with the Note to Rule 10 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom, advice may be asked under Rule 10), such as the Team Manager, who is authorised to give advice to his/her team members during the Game.
- 8.2. The appointed person is to be identified to the relevant Match Committee of the Host Club prior to the commencement of the Game. A nomination of this person as a Team Manager on the Team Nomination form is sufficient notice for this purpose.
- 8.3. The person nominated as Team Manager may also be a Player but must not give advice to other Players in the team during his stipulated round. Any player receiving advice in breach of this condition is also subject to penalty if he fails to take action to stop further breaches.

### **Penalty - Loss of hole on which advice was received.**

- 8.4. The person nominated as Team Manager must not change during a stipulated Game, unless that Game is suspended/postponed and resumes another day, or unless there are exceptional circumstances. In these circumstances, the relevant Match Committee in charge of the Game must first be consulted.
- 8.5. Only a player’s Caddie or the person nominated in accordance with this Condition 8 may give advice. Fellow players, even when their match is completed, and spectators are not permitted to give advice to Players during their Individual Matches.
- 8.6. A Players must not accept advice from persons other than their Team Manager or their Caddies as for Rule of Golf 10.2.

### **Penalty – Loss of that Hole**

- 8.7. If a Player that has already been penalised for receiving advice from an unauthorised person again breaches this Rule, **the penalty will be disqualification from the Match.**

## **9. CADDIES**

- 9.1. There is no restriction as to who may act as a caddie.

## 10. NOMINATION OF TEAMS TO OPPOSITION AND HOST CLUB

10.1. The Captain or Team Manager of each Club must advise the official representative of the Host Club the names of the players in playing order, at least twenty (20) minutes before the nominated starting time. The Team Nomination Sheet must also name the Team Manager.

**Penalty – Loss of two (2) winning Matches.**

10.2. If a Club is unable to submit a full Team, the opposing Captain or Team Manager and the relevant Match Committee must be notified that the Team shall consist of a certain number of players. The Team will forfeit their last position and any other position not represented in descending playing order.

## 11. ABSENCE OF PLAYER(S)

11.1. If after the names of Teams have been handed in a player fails to appear or is unfit/otherwise unable to play, another player may take his place but he must play in the same team position of the player for whom he is substituting. If a player is substituting for another player named in the team, a notation must be made on the result sheet. If this results in a Player in the “White Horse Cup” playing out of handicap order, no penalty will apply.

11.2. A player will be considered absent, if he is not ready to start at the time that his Individual Match is due to hit-off - Rule 5.3a applies. Note: If a Team does not arrive at a time within the Rules to play, then Condition 4.9 applies.

11.3. Should another player in the Individual Match be required to take the place of an absent team member he must be ready and able to play at the time scheduled for the absent player’s match. The Substitute Player must be ready to play within 5 minutes of the appointed time.

**Penalty - Loss of the Individual Match.**

## 12. USE OF EQUIPMENT

12.1. A player may use equipment (Rule 4.3) to help his or her play during a round, **except** that a player must not create a potential advantage by:

- using equipment (other than a club or a ball) that artificially eliminates or reduces the need for a skill or judgment that is essential to the challenge of the game, or
- using equipment (including a club or a ball) in an abnormal way in making a stroke. “Abnormal way” means a way that is fundamentally different than its intended use and is not normally recognized as part of playing the game.

**Penalty - Loss of that Hole for first offence and Loss of that Match for subsequent offences.**

### **13. TRANSPORTATION**

- 13.1. Golf Carts/ride-on buggies may **ONLY** be used upon the production of a current doctor's certificate to the Golf Illawarra Captain and certification from a Club Official supporting that a Golf Cart/ride-on buggy is required to be used at the time of Team nomination. Battery-operated buggies are NOT Golf Carts/ride-on buggies.

### **14. DRUG TESTING**

- 14.1. The Drugs condition as outlined in the General Conditions for Golf NSW State Events (effective 1 January 2017) is applicable to all rounds of the Golf Illawarra Pennant Competition. (The General Condition is available from the Golf NSW website)
- 14.2. The penalty for use of banned substance will be at the discretion of the Golf Illawarra Board in accordance with the Golf Illawarra Code of Conduct.

### **15. CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS**

- 15.1. Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by The R&A.

This list is regularly updated and is found at [RandA.org](http://RandA.org).

**Exception - Pre-1999 Driver Heads:** A driver with a clubhead that was made before 1999 is exempt from this Local Rule.

**Penalty: Disqualification.**

### **16. CONFORMING GOLF BALLS**

- 16.1. Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by The R&A.

This list is regularly updated and is found at [RandA.org](http://RandA.org).

**Penalty: Disqualification.**

### **17. SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY**

- 17.1. **Every effort should be made to play the matches on the scheduled day and time.** However, it could be necessary to delay the commencement of play or suspend play because of weather conditions.

For Preliminary Rounds, the Match Committee of the Host Club will determine whether or not the course is fit for play prior to the start or at any stage during play. The

responsibility for Finals Series matches rests with the Golf Illawarra representative present or their nominee/s.

Play should not be cancelled for the day until such time as it would not be possible for the last match to be concluded on that day.

The following are requirements in deciding if the course is playable:

- provided a **minimum** of 9 holes are available for play, in accordance with the Rules of Golf, then play **is to** proceed. The matches are **still** to be played over 18 holes.
- it is acceptable that a composite course be used and that a hole/s can be played more than once.
- Preferred Lies can be in place, even in the General Area.
- bunkers can be out of play

17.2. It is the role of the Host Club to determine if play needs to be discontinued during Preliminary Rounds. For Finals Series matches, the responsibility rests with the Golf Illawarra representative present or their nominee/s.

If Preliminary rounds are cancelled, they will not be rescheduled and teams will be awarded one Game point each.

If it is not possible for a Game to resume as per Condition 19.1, or if the Game did not start, the result of the Game and allocation of Game Points and Individual Match Points will be awarded as follows:

(a) if a Club has secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Game then the following points will be awarded:

- i. two Game Points for the winner of the Game
- ii. for completed matches - Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective Match
- iii. for incomplete Matches - Individual Match Points will be divided between the Clubs

(b) if a Club has not secured sufficient Individual Match Points to win the Game then the following points will be awarded:

- i. one Game Point to each Club
- ii. for completed Matches - Individual Match Points to the winner of the respective Match
- iii. for incomplete Matches - Individual Match Points will be divided between the Clubs

(c) Golf Illawarra reserves the right to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete one or more Games in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

17.3. If a Semi-Final, Final has not started or where resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the Golf Illawarra Board will determine the action to be taken.

17.4. Where the course is closed or where play has been abandoned or cancelled, the Golf Illawarra Board must be notified as soon as possible.

17.5. In the case of extreme weather conditions throughout the district, the Golf Illawarra Board has the right to make the final decision regarding the cancellation of all Games.

## 18. PACE OF PLAY

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

18.2 The first Match to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the following time schedule for the completion of each hole:

- Par 3 Holes – 13min
- Par 4 Holes – 15min
- Par 5 Holes – 17min

Any following Match will be considered out of position if it

- (a) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; or
- (b) reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or
- (c) reaches the tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.

## 19 PROTESTS

19.1 A Club must notify the Golf Illawarra Board in writing, by 5:00pm two (2) days after each Game, of any protest or matter which is considered in breach of the Conditions. Such written notification will be deemed to be a protest and must be made by the Club Captain or representative authorised by the Club.

19.2 The Club lodging the protest **MUST** also provide a copy of the protest to the Host Club where the Game was played and to the opposing Team's Club Captain on the same day it is lodged with the Golf Illawarra.

19.3 The Golf Illawarra Board may contact the Club(s) concerned seeking a statement of facts to be supplied by a fixed date. The matter will then be considered and dealt with by the Golf Illawarra Board at its discretion.

19.4 A decision given by the Golf Illawarra Board or its appointed delegate(s) on any protest by any competing Club will be considered final and binding on all competing Clubs.

19.5 Once the Result Sheet has been signed by both Captains/Managers the result is binding and a protest cannot be entered by either club.

## **20. BY-LAWS, CLUB RULES AND DRESS REGULATIONS**

- 20.1 The By-laws, Club Rules and Dress Regulations of the Host Club shall apply.
- 20.1 It is the responsibility of visiting Team Managers/Captains to ensure their Players, Caddies and Officials adhere to this Condition.
- 20.3 To ensure this Condition is complied with, Clubs must advise their Players, Caddies and Supporters accordingly (eg. spikes, dress regulations, wide wheel buggies, smoking restrictions).
- 20.4 Host Club officials constituting the Golf Committee of the day should not permit any Player attired in a manner which breaches the Club Dress Regulations to commence play.
- 20.5 Any Player not meeting Host Club Dress Regulations will be considered absent and the Individual Match awarded to the opposition in accordance with the Absence of Players Conditions.

## **21. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **Results and Ladders**

- 21.1 All Pennant results, ladders and feature articles on Pennant can be found on the Golf Illawarra Website.

### **Equipment**

- 21.2. It is recommended that Team Managers check with host Clubs prior to the Game and enquire whether a condition requiring buggies to be equipped with wide wheels or a restriction relating to metal spikes in golf shoes applies.

### **Undefeated Player Award**

- 21.3. To be eligible to receive an Undefeated Player Award, a Player must have competed in **ALL** Preliminary Rounds and have won or squared all of the respective Individual Matches.

## **22. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 22.1. When hosting a Pennant Competition, the preferred time is early Sunday morning. If there is Member or Social Play ahead of Pennant Games, Clubs should program the Member's Competition on the day to be a Par or Stableford event to promote minimal round times.

## **Buffer Zones**

- 22.2. It is a Condition that the Host Club provides a minimum buffer zone of 15 minutes.  
**Penalty - As determined by Golf Illawarra**

## **Course Presentation**

- 22.3. It is expected that each Club involved in Pennant Competitions will present its course in a condition of the high standard that the Pennant Competition deserves.
- 22.4. The course set-up is not to be set up harder than that used for club Medal day competition and, more importantly, relevant to the Pennant Competition/s being hosted.
- 22.5. The Golf Australia guidelines regarding hole positions should be strongly adhered to for all Pennant Competitions, particularly on days of inclement weather. The guidelines provide the following advice:
- the hole should be positioned at least four metres from any edge of the green. If a bunker is close to the edge, or if the ground slopes away from the edge, the distance should be greater.
  - an area of approximately 1m diameter around the hole should be as level as possible. Effort should be made to ensure holes are not positioned within 3m of a very severe slope or ridge or of a recently cut hole.
  - consider the condition of nearby turf, especially taking care to avoid old plug holes.
  - ensure there is a balanced selection of holes for the entire course with respect to left, right, central, front and back positions.

## **Match Committee**

- 22.6. It is the responsibility of the Host Club to see that at least one member of their Committee is available to act as the Match Committee during play, to ensure that the Conditions are adhered to, and to adjudicate on any queries that may be raised.
- 22.7. A participant (Player, Caddie or Team Manager) cannot be a member of this Match Committee.
- 22.8. The Match Committee is responsible for:
- ensuring that Matches commence on time and remain on time
  - monitoring Pace of Play (and issuing penalties as required)
  - adjudicating on any Rule of Golf or these Conditions, where delegated to do so.
- 22.9. The Match Committee is required to ensure that they have a copy of these Conditions with them.

22.10. 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.

### **Results**

22.11. It is the responsibility of the Host Club to file the Result Sheet immediately after the completion of all Contests and enter the results into the Online Pennant Result System (GolfBox).

22.12. Host Clubs are responsible for the preparation of the official Golf Illawarra Results Forms, clearly showing the Team Names, individual Players' Names, Golf Link numbers and Handicaps, and Results and Margins, obtaining the Team Captains' signatures before giving a copy to each Captain. The Host Club will also be responsible for entering the results into the GolfBox.

### **Practice Rounds**

22.12. The availability of Practice Rounds for visiting Players prior to a Game and the setting of any associated Green Fees are at the discretion of the Host Club.

## **23. CONDUCT EXPECTED OF ALL PLAYERS**

23.1. The Golf Illawarra Code of Conduct applies during the Pennant Competition.

23.2. All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- acting with integrity – for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- showing consideration to others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
- taking good care of the course – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.

There is no penalty under the Rules for failing to act in this way **except** that the Board may disqualify a player for acting contrary to the spirit of the game if it finds that the player has committed serious misconduct.

Penalties other than disqualification may be imposed for player misconduct only if those penalties are adopted as part of the Code of Conduct under Rule 1.2.

## **24. WINNER OF THE CONTEST**

24.1. The Club that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Game.



## 25. CONTEST POINTS AND INDIVIDUAL MATCH POINTS

- 25.1. The following allocation of Game Points and Individual Match Points will apply for all preliminary rounds:
- 2 (two) points to a Team whose aggregate of wins and halves in a game is greater than their opponents' aggregate of wins and halves or receives a forfeit.
  - 1 (one) point to each Team whose aggregate result is equal.
  - 1 (one) point to each Team scheduled to play on a day in which play does not commence or is not completed.
  - 0 (nil) to a Team whose aggregate of wins and halves in a game is less than their opponents' aggregate of wins and halves.
  - 0 (nil) to a Team with a scheduled BYE.
  - Minus 2 (two) points if a Team forfeits a day's Matches.

## 26. FINALS SERIES GAMES

### Qualification for Finals Series

- 26.1. If two (2) or more Teams are on equal Competition Points after the completion of the Pennant Rounds, qualification for a Finals Series Match will be determined by:
- I. Total individual Matches won and halved; if equal,
  - II. Total individual Matches won excluding halves; if equal,
  - III. Highest number of Matches won when the tied Teams played each other; if equal.
  - IV. By toss of a coin.
- 26.2. For both "Illawarra" Pennant Divisions, the #1 qualifier will progress straight to the Final with the #2 and #3 qualifiers playing in the Semi-Final for the right to progress to the Final.
- 26.3. For the "B" and "C" Pennant, the Winner of Division I will play the Runner-Up in Division II and the Runner-Up in Division I will play the winner of Division II in the Semi-Finals. The two winners of the Semi-Finals will progress to the Final.
- 26.4. In the "White Horse Cup", the Winner of Division I will play the Winner of Division III and the Winner of Division II will play the Winner of Division IV in the Semi-Finals. The two winners of the Semi-Finals will progress to the Final.
- 26.5. For the "Encourage Shield", the Final will be played between the #1 and the #2 qualifiers.

- 26.6. If it is known in advance that both weekends of the Final Series will not be able to be played as scheduled, an attempt will be made to find alternative dates and venues for both the Semi-Finals and Finals.
- 26.7. In the event of Semi-Finals unable to be played, the winner of each Division will progress to the final. If there is only one (1) Division, the top two teams will progress to the final.
- 26.8. However, for the White Horse Cup the teams to progress to the Final will be determined by:
- I. Total points for Team wins and halves; if equal,
  - II. Total individual Matches won and halved; if equal,
  - III. Total individual Matches won excluding halves; if equal,
  - IV. Highest number of Matches won when the tied Teams played each other; if equal,
  - V. Toss of a coin.
- If any division has an unequal number of teams, a multiplying factor will be used to balance the results.
- 26.9. In the event of the Final being unable to be played, an attempt will be made to find an alternative date and venue otherwise joint winners will be declared.

## **PENNANT FLAGS**

All Pennant Flags are to be returned to the Golf Illawarra Captain fourteen (14) days prior to the finals of the Pennant Competition.