

# 2017 **GOLF ILLAWARRA**

## JUNIOR PENNANT CONDITIONS


The 2017 NSW State Junior Pennant is administered by Jack Newton Junior Golf

NOTE: Age is under 18 as at 1st day of the Golf **Illawarra** competition



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## 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. In these Conditions, unless the context indicates otherwise:

"Club" means a club competing in the State Junior Pennant (JP)

"DGA" means a District Golf Association involved in the regional events

"Match" means the competition between two players who are members of a Club or DGA team.

"Contest" means the competition between teams from two Clubs or DGAs

"Composite Team" means a team consisting of players from 2 or more Clubs and/or DGA's

"JNJG" means Jack Newton Junior Golf

"Host Club" means the Club nominated in the Draw to host the Contest

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

## 2. THE COMMITTEE

2.1. The Junior Pennant is governed by the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee**.

2.2. The Host Club(s) Match Committee shall represent the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** and provide decisions on the Conditions of the Junior Pennant or the Rules of Golf during play of preliminary rounds. Please see pages 60 and 61 of the R&A's "Guidance for Running a Competition" which is copied in Appendix 1.

2.3. Any decision on Rules, required during play of the preliminary rounds, will be given by the Match Committee of the Host Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

2.4. No member of the Host Club who is playing or Team Manager shall make or take part in making such decision.

2.5. The playing of all rounds will be under the control of **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** representative(s) together with any nominee(s) of the Host Club as necessary.

2.6. The **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** reserves the right to alter or vary these Conditions at any time

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

## 3. ENTRY

3.1. Conducted annually with the finals series being played in Dec-Jan, the State Junior Pennant competition is open to the winner of the Sydney Metropolitan Junior Pennant and DGA's who are members of Golf NSW.

3.2. The Junior Pennant is for male and female members of affiliated golf clubs who are under 18 years of age as at the date of the first round of the DGA competition.

3.3. A DGA may combine with another DGA to enter a team in the regional knockouts.

## 4. ADVICE

- 4.1. Permission to appoint a person as provided under the Note to Rule 8 - Nomination of Teams, is given. The appointed person is to be identified to the relevant Match Committee in charge of the venue prior to the commencement of the Contest. A nomination of a Team Manager on the Team nomination form is sufficient notice for this purpose.
- 4.2. This person must not be a participant in any Individual Match. This person is not permitted to provide advice on the line of putt. The penalty for a breach is a loss of hole.
- 4.3. Caddies are not permitted.
- 4.4. Distance measuring devices (DMD's) are permitted, providing that it does not indicate slope or wind speed and direction. See condition 13.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 5.1. Players must be under 18 years of age as at the date of the first round of the **Golf Illawarra** competition.
- 5.2. Players must be amateur golfers who are, and have been, financial members of the Club they are to represent for 3 months prior to the start of the event, and are in a category of membership which allows them to compete in their Club's Open or Junior Championship.
- 5.3. Daily Handicap Limits (maximum) - Boys - 27, Girls - 36 (Players are **INELIGIBLE** to play if their GA handicaps are above 27 - Boys, 36 - Girls).
- 5.4. A player may play Junior Pennant for one Club, and then in the same season play **Golf Illawarra** Pennant for a different Club, provided the player was a member of both Clubs for a minimum of 3 months. A player who has played Eric Apperley or any other scratch match play team event may play Junior Pennant in the scratch position only.
- 5.5. A player may not play in the Junior Pennant for more than one Club in any one season.
- 5.6. Any player who has their golf playing membership or handicap at the date of the Contest suspended by Golf NSW, any Club who is a member of Golf NSW, or a District Golf Association, is not eligible to participate.

### **Penalty - ineligible player**

- 5.7. The penalty for an ineligible player competing in a Contest is a forfeit of the specific Individual Match to the opposing Club. In addition, all subsequent Individual Matches whose team position is affected by the play of the ineligible player will be forfeited to the opposing Club. For example, should a team field an ineligible player at position No. 3, the Individual Matches at 3,4 5 and 6 will be forfeited to the opposing Club.

## 6. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. The Junior Pennant is governed by the **Golf Illawarra** Match Committee.
- 6.3. The Junior Pennant is a Contest between the two Clubs consisting of Six (6) Individual Matches played over 18 holes of match play. No. 1 & 2 playing without the benefit of handicap, and No. 3,4,5 & 6 playing handicap match play. (Refer to App. 3 - **Golf Illawarra** Match Play Index) If an Individual Match is square after 18 holes, the Individual Match shall be declared halved. If the contest result is 3-3, the No.1 players will play "hole by hole" to determine the winning team.
- 6.4. In the semi-finals and final, each individual match will continue until one player wins a hole. If the contest result is 3-3, the No.1 players will play "hole by hole" to determine the winning team.

6.5. The finals matches are played at neutral venues determined by the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee**.

6.6. Where a penalty for a breach of a Condition is not stated, the penalty shall be determined by the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee**.

6.7. Individual Matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the Host Club, and should be the Member's competition of the day. (see exceptions in 6.9 below)

6.8. In the handicap positions (3,4,5,6), when a girl is playing against a boy, the girl's handicap is adjusted using the formula:

Girl's Daily handicap = Calculated Daily handicap + (Women's Scr rating - Men's Scr rating).

For instance, if a girl's handicap is 20, the Women's Course Scr is 74 and the Men's Scr is 70, the calculation is  $20 + (74 - 70) = 24$ .

6.8.1. The girl's handicap is adjusted before team playing order is established

6.8.2. The par for each hole is irrelevant following this adjustment.

6.8.3. There will be NO adjustment to tee positions for the handicap match play positions.

6.9 In the scratch positions (1,2), when a girl is playing against a boy, the girls play off the Women's competition tees of the day and the boys play off the Men's competition tees of the day.

**Exception:-** *On a hole where the par is different for men and women, the tee positions will be adjusted as per Appendix 4.*

## 7. DATES AND TIMES OF PLAY

7.1. Contests must be played by the dates fixed by the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee**, however,

(a) The **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** may alter the date of a preliminary round round at its sole and absolute discretion.

(b) Any proposed changes by a Host Club to the date or times shown in the Draw must have the prior approval of the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee**.

7.2. The dates for 2017 event will be set out when the draw is published.

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

8.1. The Captain or Manager of each Club shall advise the official representative of the Host Club the names of the players in playing order at least ten (10) minutes before the nominated starting time. The Team Nomination Sheet must also name the Team Manager.

8.2. If a Club fails to provide the Team Nomination Sheet within ten (10) minutes the penalty shall be the loss of Individual Match No 6.

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

## 9. ABSENCE OF PLAYER(S)

9.1. If, after the names of Teams have been handed in, a player fails to appear or is unfit or otherwise unable to play, the match is forfeited.

9.2. A player will be considered absent, if he/she is not ready to start at the time that his/her Individual Match is due to hit-off.

## 10. ORDER OF PLAY

10.1. The playing position of each player shall be in the order of whole number GA handicaps with No. 6 player having the highest handicap and No. 1 player the lowest. The player's current daily handicap (after adjustment to the slope rating of the course being played) will be used. The girl's handicaps are adjusted to the par of the course (see 6.8) first, then any adjustment relating to maximum handicap (see 5.3) is applied, then players are put in handicap order from 1 (lowest) to 6 (highest).

10.2. 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 honour at the starting tee for all Individual Matches in that Contest.

10.3. If individual Matches are played in fours. Teams will hit-off in order beginning with the No. 6 and the No.5 players, followed by the No. 4 players and the No. 3 players and concluding with the No. 2 and No.1 players hitting off last.

If individual Matches are played in twos, teams will hit-off in order with No. 6 players hitting off first, then the No. 5 players, etc

### **Penalty - incorrect team order**

10.4. Once play has commenced, the penalty for any player playing in an incorrect team position will be as follows. The player competing out of order in a Contest will forfeit the specific Individual Match to the opposing Club. In addition, all subsequent Individual Matches whose team position is affected by the player being in an incorrect team position will be forfeited to the opposing Club. For example, should a team field a player at position No. 3 out of position then the Individual Matches at 3,4,5 and 6 will be forfeited to the opposing Club.

## 11. WINNER - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

11.1. Individual Match Points are awarded for each Individual Match as follows:

(a) One (1) Individual Match Point is awarded to the Club for each Individual Match win.

(b) One half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Individual Match Point is awarded to each Club for each drawn Individual Match.

11.2. The Club that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest. If the contest result is 3-3, the No.1 players will play "hole by hole" to determine the winning team.

## 12. WINNER - KNOCKOUT ROUNDS/SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

12.1. Individual Match Points are awarded for each Individual Match as follows:

(a) One (1) Individual Match Point is awarded to the Club for each Individual Match win. Should a match be square at 18th hole, the players will continue starting at the 1st hole until a result is determined.

12.2. The Club that secures the greater number of Individual Match Points is the winner of the Contest. If the contest result is 3-3, the No.1 players will play "hole by hole" to determine the winning team.

## 13. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

13.1. Irrespective of any local rule at the host club, distance measuring devices (DMD's) of any kind are permitted provided they do not indicate temperature, slope, wind speed or wind direction.

13.2. A player who uses a DMD which indicates temperature, slope, wind speed or wind direction is in breach of rule 14.3 regardless of whether any such functions are actually used.

### **Penalty - Disqualification**

## 14. SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY

14.1. Every effort should be made to play the Contest on the scheduled day and time. If it is necessary to delay the commencement of play or suspend play because of weather conditions, play should not be suspended for the day until such time as it would not be possible for the last match to be concluded on that day. The decision on this matter rests with the responsible designated Match Committee of the Host Club(s) for Preliminary Rounds and with the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** during any Finals.

14.2. Course conditions, remaining time available and of course player safety should all be taken into account when considering whether to continue, suspend or cancel play for the day.

14.3. If resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the matter will be referred to the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** that will determine the action to be taken. The **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** may find an alternate date with play recommencing in accordance with the Rules of Golf (i.e. 33-2d and 6.8b).

## 15. TRANSPORTATION

15.1. Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** or based upon the provision outlined in condition 15.2.

15.2. The following must be produced to gain exemption:

(a) a certificate or letter from a **Medical Practitioner** specifying:

i. the medical practitioner's opinion that the disability necessitates the player requiring the use of automotive locomotion in order to participate in the Junior Pennant;

(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.

15.3. The **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** accepts no responsibility for the availability of transportation at venue Clubs, or as to whether or not permission is granted to use transportation.

15.4. If the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** authorises a person to use transportation it is on the proviso that, during the stipulated round:

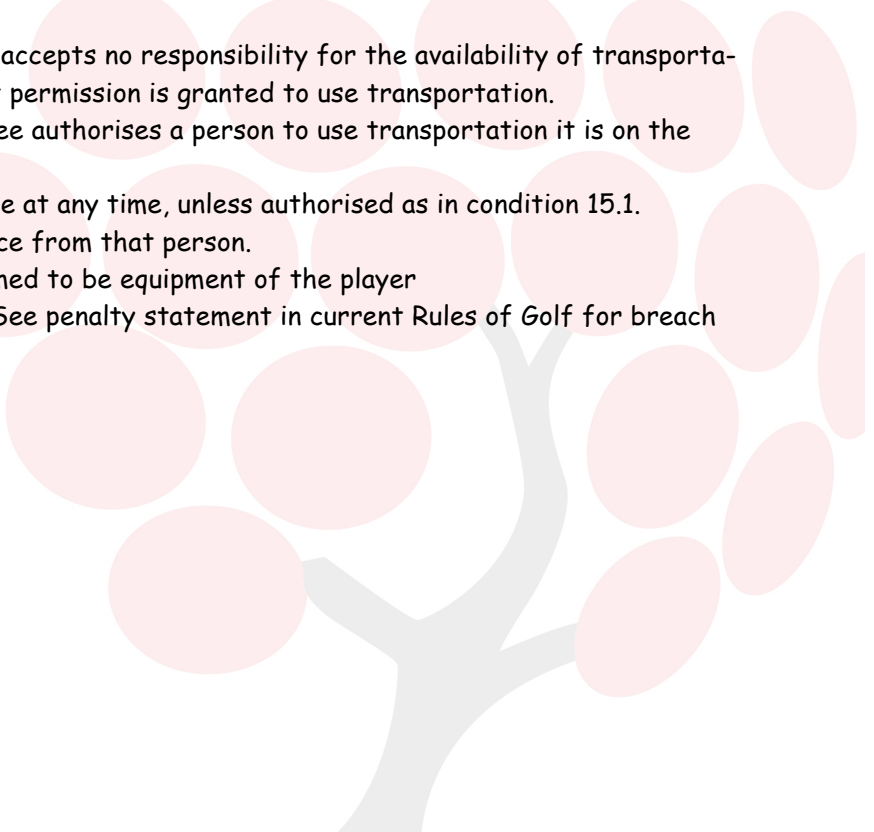
(a) The player does not accept a ride at any time, unless authorised as in condition 15.1.

(b) The player does not accept advice from that person.

(c) The motorised transport is deemed to be equipment of the player

15.5. Penalty for breach of this Condition: See penalty statement in current Rules of Golf for breach of Transportation Condition.

## 16. PACE OF PLAY (SEE APPENDIX 2)



## 17. MOBILE PHONES

- 17.1. Mobile Phones must be turned off during the match. The Penalty for a breach of this Condition is:
- (a) Accidental ringing of phone - warning for 1st offence. For a second offence - loss of hole
  - (b) Deliberate act causing distraction - loss of match
- 17.2. A mobile phone may be used as a distance measuring device if it conforms with condition 13.1, AND the phone communication facility is turned off.

**Note:** The relevant Match Committee should refer to Decision 33-7/8 "Meaning of Serious Breach of Etiquette" on page 504 of the R&A Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2008-2011 for further guidance in determining whether any penalty of disqualification should be applied under 22.2 (b) above.

## 18. DRUG TESTING

- 18.1. All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, will be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline - 1800 020 506, or from [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au).
- 18.2. The penalty for use of banned substance(s) will be at the discretion of **Golf Illawarra Match Committee**.

## 19. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

- 19.1. The consumption of alcohol by players and team managers on the course during their Contest is strictly prohibited.
- 19.2. The penalty for a breach of this Condition is:
- (a) Breach by Player - loss of match
  - (b) Breach by Team Manager - loss of contest

## 20. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 20.1. The current **Golf Illawarra Code of Conduct** applies to all players participating in the Junior Pennant.
- 20.2. Breaches of **Golf Illawarra's Code of Conduct** reported during Junior Pennant shall be subject to action by the **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** under its disciplinary procedures contained in the Code of Conduct. The **Golf Illawarra Code of Conduct** and disciplinary process is available from **Golf Illawarra** website at [www.golfillawarra.com.au](http://www.golfillawarra.com.au)

## 21. PROTESTS

- 21.1. Within two (2) days after each match, the protesting Club must notify **Golf Illawarra Match Committee**, in writing (The Captain, Golf Illawarra PO Box 2176, Wollongong NSW 2500) OR via email to [captain@golfillawarra.com.au](mailto:captain@golfillawarra.com.au) 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 his authorised representative.



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

21.3. **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** 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 Match Committee** at its discretion. The **Golf Illawarra Match Committee** may take further evidence as required.

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

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

22.1. The By-laws, Club rules and dress regulations of the Host Club shall apply.

22.2. It is the responsibility of visiting Team Managers and/or Captain to ensure their players, caddies and officials adhere to this Condition.

22.3. To ensure this Condition is complied with, clubs must advise their players, and supporters accordingly (i.e. Spikes, dress regulations, wide wheel buggies, smoking restrictions).

22.4. Host club officials constituting the Match Committee of the day should not permit any player attired in a manner which breaches the Club dress regulations to commence play.

22.5. 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.

## **23. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **Results and Ladders**

23.1. All results, ladders and feature articles on **Golf Illawarra Junior Pennant** can be found on the **Golf Illawarra** website [www.golfillawarra.com.au](http://www.golfillawarra.com.au)

### **Equipment**

23.2. It is recommended that Team Managers check with host Clubs prior to the Contest and enquire whether or not any specific conditions of play are in place.

### **Sponsor's Logos**

23.3. A Sponsor's Logo is acceptable provided it appears only once on each piece of the player's clothing. The logo must not exceed a perimeter measurement of 220 mm (this does not include the Club logo)

## **24. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

When hosting a pennant competition, Clubs should program the member's competition on the day to be a Par or Stableford event to promote minimal round times.

### **Buffer Zones**

For play in fours, there will be no requirement for a buffer zone. For play in twos, Clubs are required to provide a 30 minute buffer zone. Clubs are requested to ensure that Contests hit off on time and are not held up by the groups in front and thus an extended buffer zone may be employed to ensure that this occurs, depending upon the type of event being played in front of the Contests.

**Penalty: As determined by the Golf Illawarra Match Committee.**

### **Course presentation**

It is expected that each Club involved in the Junior Pennant will present its course in a condition of the high standard that the Junior Pennant deserves.

The course set-up should be no harder than that used for club medal day competition.

The Golf Australia guidelines regarding hole positions should be strongly adhered to for all Junior Pennant contests, 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 two or three feet around the hole should be as level as possible. Effort should be made to ensure holes are not positioned within three metres 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.
- Where the par of the hole is different for men and women, and the adjustment of tee positions (condition 6.9) is necessary, it is the responsibility of the host club to put out the additional tee markers and they need to be a different colour to the Men and Women's markers so there is no confusion. See Appendix 4.

### **Match Committee**

It is the responsibility of the Host Club(s) to see that at least one or preferably two members of their Committee (constituting the Match Committee for the day unless otherwise stated) are available during play, to ensure that the Conditions are adhered to, and to adjudicate on any queries that may be raised. A participant (player, caddie or manager) cannot be a member of this Match Committee.

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.
- The Match Committee should ensure that they have a copy of these Conditions with them.
- 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.

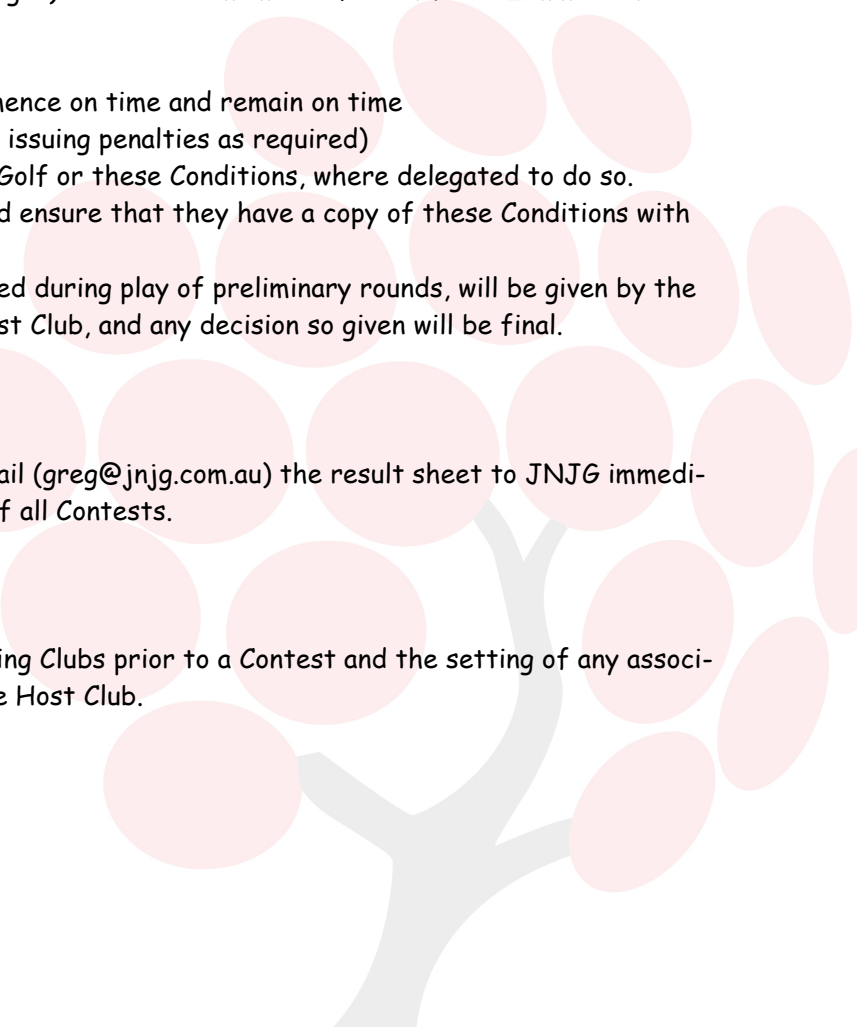
### **Results**

It is the responsibility of the Host Club to:

- Fax (fax: 9567 7720) or email ([greg@jnjpg.com.au](mailto:greg@jnjpg.com.au)) the result sheet to JNJG immediately after the completion of all Contests.

### **Practice rounds**

The availability of Practice Rounds for visiting Clubs prior to a Contest and the setting of any associated green fees are at the discretion of the Host Club.



## **APPENDIX 1 - EXTRACT FROM GUIDELINES FOR RUNNING A COMPETITION**

### **FROM PAGES 60 AND 61 - CHAPTER 7 DUTIES OF A RULES OFFICIAL - 4. COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

When Committee Members are watching play either by chance or through having been assigned to a particular place on the course, their duties are different from those of a referee. In match play, the players in a particular match are there to protect their own interests and there is no reason for a Committee member to take any notice of a breach of the Rules that he may observe, unless he is satisfied that the opponent is not in a position to observe the breach. If the opponent was not in a position to observe the breach, the Committee member should bring the player's breach to the attention of the opponent. It is then a matter for the opponent to decide if he wishes to make a claim (see Decision 2-5/1). Otherwise, the Committee member's presence on the course is solely to assist players in the event of a claim - see Rule 2-5. His handling of the situation will depend on whether the Committee has granted individual members unlimited authority to represent the Committee and make final decisions. This is an issue that the Committee should clarify in advance. However, deferring a decision should be resorted to only in exceptional circumstances since it is a principle of match play that each side is entitled to know the state of the match at all times.

## **APPENDIX 2 - GUIDELINES FOR PLAYING INDIVIDUAL MATCHES IN FOURS**

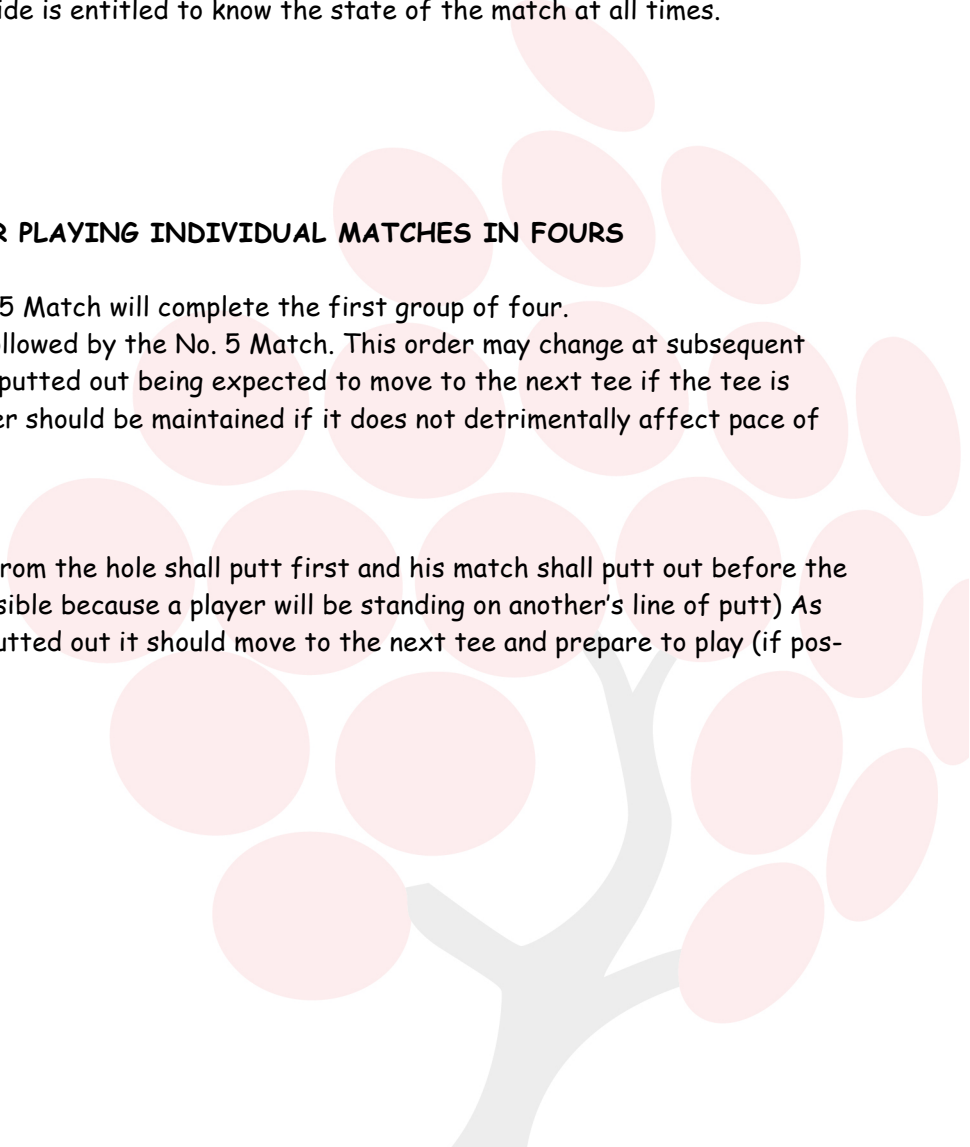
From the tee:

At the first tee the No. 6 and No. 5 Match will complete the first group of four.

The No. 6 match is to play first, followed by the No. 5 Match. This order may change at subsequent tees, with the first match to have putt out being expected to move to the next tee if the tee is clear and play is possible. This order should be maintained if it does not detrimentally affect pace of play.

On the green:

The player whose ball is furthest from the hole shall putt first and his match shall putt out before the other match (unless this is not possible because a player will be standing on another's line of putt) As noted above, once one match has putt out it should move to the next tee and prepare to play (if possible).



### APPENDIX 3 - MATCH INDEX

The following match index must be used.

If the starting hole is other than hole No. 1, the match index must be changed to ensure that the shots given are in the same order as the index below.

<b>Strokes given</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Hole taken</b>	8	12	4	16	10	6	14	2	18	7	11	3	15	5	13	9	17	1

<b>Hole</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Match Index</b>	18	8	12	3	14	6	10	1	16	5	11	2	15	7	13	4	17	9

### APPENDIX 4 - TEE POSITION CHANGES (SCRATCH POSITIONS ONLY)

When a boy plays against a girl in team position 1 and 2, and the par of the hole is different, the tee positions will be adjusted as per the table below. The hole will then be deemed to have the same par for both boys and girls. Basically, the length of the hole will be changed so that the ratio of the length is

5:4 (boys:girls). If the par of the hole is the same, no change is necessary.

**NOTE:- It is the responsibility of the host club to put out the additional tee markers and they should be a different colour to the Men and Women's markers so there is no confusion.**

<b>MENS PAR 4</b> Existing Length	<b>WOMENS PAR 5</b> <b>TO PAR 4</b> New length	<b>MENS PAR 3</b> Existing Length	<b>WOMENS PAR 4</b> <b>TO PAR 3</b> New length	<b>MENS PAR 5 TO</b> <b>PAR 4</b> New length	<b>WOMENS PAR 4</b> Existing Length
410	328	210	168	438	350
400	320	200	160	425	340
390	312	190	152	412	330
380	304				
370	296				

## APPENDIX 5 - PACE OF PLAY - INDIVIDUAL MATCHES IN FOURS

Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it and maintain the time requirement specified on the Pace of Play Time Chart issued to players at the course. If a time chart is not issued, the following time schedule for the completion of each hole applies:

Par 3 Holes	13 minutes
Par 4 Holes	15 minutes
Par 5 Holes	17 minutes

In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather/playing conditions), the Match Committee has the authority to extend this time requirement.

The first match to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the cumulative time prescribed by the above time schedule. Any following match will be considered out of position if it

- (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and
- (b) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or reaches the tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.

Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

### Pace of Play Penalties - Match Play

An out of position match may be monitored and timed. Anytime a match is being monitored and timed they will be notified of such timing by a Match Committee representative or a Rules Official.

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a match being timed who takes more than the allotted time (see below) to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- 1st breach - warning
- 2nd breach - loss of hole
- 3rd breach - 2nd warning
- 4th breach - disqualification

### Timing

When a match is being monitored and timed each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments from his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Repeated infringements of the pace of play guidelines in the 2017 season will be referred to the **Golf Illawarra** Match Committee for further consideration and may see a player subject to further action including suspension from further representation of his Club for the season.

**NOTE 1: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a "bad time" to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his match get back in position. An example of this would be a player who unduly delays play between shots.**

**NOTE 2: If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that stipulated round in the event that the match requires additional monitoring.**

**Golf Illawarra reserves the right to amend these Rules as required to cover unforeseen circumstances that might arise.**

