

PENNANT RULES

2017

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The order of Pennants shall be: ---

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| 1. "Illawarra" Pennant | open handicap |
| 2. "B" Pennant | from GA 6.5 |
| 3. "C" Pennant | from GA 13.5 |
| 4. "White Horse Cup" | up to GA 24.4 handicap |
| 5. "Encourage Shield" | from GA 7.0 handicap for both Boys and Girls |

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Terminology: ---

Game is the contest between two club teams.

Match is the contest between two individual players.

Round is all the games scheduled for one day for a Pennant.

Finals Series includes Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals

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Nomination for Competition: ---

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.
2. In respect to all **Golf Illawarra** Inter-Club Events, after nominations are accepted and the draw is completed for all Events, should any Club withdraw from an Event for any reason whatsoever before the Season starts, the Penalty imposed could take the form that such Club shall not be eligible to nominate a Team for that Event for that year and the following year.

3. The "Illawarra" Pennant is limited to one (1) team per club and will be played in two (2) divisions.

Division 1: the four (4) semi finalists from 2016 (The Heads, Links Shell Cove, Wollongong, Port Kembla) 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.

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.

5. Except for the "Illawarra Pennant", the nomination of 2 (two) teams by a Club in any competition will be subject to the impact on the draw.

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Tee Times: ---

1. Clubs are to reserve Dates listed in the Pennant Draw. Times reserved should be relatively early, and **MUST** take into account Visiting Clubs' travel times and a free tee time of $\frac{3}{4}$ (three quarters of an hour) before the commencement of play.

2. Clubs can choose to host Games on a Saturday but all clubs involved must be in agreement.

2. Any Club entering Teams in more than one (1) Pennant may, if they desire, host more than one Pennant at their Club course on the same day in which case the above tee time range does not apply.

3. The suggested allocation of tee times is between 6:30 – 8:30am. Later start times can be arranged in consultation with others clubs involved. No Games are to start before sunrise.

4. The Host Club will provide **Golf Illawarra** with tee times, and the starting tee, for all Pennant matches they are conducting in 2017 by **November 30, 2016**.

5. 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.

6. It is the responsibility of each Team Manager/Captain to verify tee times with the Host Club during the week prior to the round.

7. Should it be necessary for any reason to conduct Pennants playing in fours (4s), the group of 4 (four) **MUST** consist of 1 (one) player from 4 (four) different clubs. Where there are six (6) teams in the draw, the other two (2) teams can also play in fours (4s).

Team Composition: ---

1. Teams shall consist of 5 (five) Players except for the White Horse Cup and Encourage Shield which shall consist of teams of 6 (six). The Players are to be full playing male members or in the case of the Encourage Shield, junior boy or girl playing members of the Club concerned. No restricted, provisional or country members are permitted.

Penalty – Loss of two (2) winning Matches.

2. Any club with 2 (two) Teams in the same Pennant Competition cannot interchange players in either Team after the first Game is played.

Penalty – Loss of all Matches on the day.

3. All Clubs must submit a list of participating Players, with their GA handicaps to the **Golf Illawarra** Captain **2 (two) days prior to the start of the first round** of the season. Similarly, subsequent additional Players must have proof provided of their handicap, as of **2 (two) days prior to the start of the first round**, to the **Golf Illawarra** Captain.

4. In all Pennants, except the “Encourage Shield”, Players will play off their current **GA Handicap 2 (two) days prior to the start of the first round**. In the case of Players on the lower limit reducing their handicaps by a maximum of 1 (one) stroke after this date, they may remain in the team but will give 1 (one) stroke to their opponents as determined by the Balanced Distribution Match Play Index.

5. A Player may play 1 (one) Game in a higher Pennant, (see “Order of Pennants”). Should he play more than 1 (one) game in a higher Pennant he cannot return to a lower Pennant.

Penalty – Team disqualification.

6. To be eligible to play in any Game in the Finals Series in any Pennant unless he/she has played either 1 (one) game in that particular Pennant if there are 4 Games or at least 2 (two) games if there are 5 or more Games in that particular Pennant during the course of the Season.

Penalty – Team disqualification.

7. No player shall represent more than one (1) club during the Pennant season unless special circumstances are shown to exist and authorisation has been granted by **Golf Illawarra**.

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Conditions of Play: ---

1. Multiple tees may be used for starting but only the 1st and 10th **MUST** be used unless approval to use alternative tees is obtained.

2. The Host Club **MUST** provide a Starter.

3. During the preliminary rounds, it is the responsibility of the Host Club to appoint at least one person to act as the Match Committee for the **entire period of play**. No member of the

Host Club who is playing or acting as a caddie shall make or take part in making a decision.

In the absence of a **Golf Illawarra** representative, the Host Club's Match Committee will determine any matter within their designated responsibilities:

- ensuring that matches commence on time and remain on time
- monitoring slow play (and issuing penalties as required)
- adjudicating on any Rule of Golf, or these Pennant Conditions, where delegated to do so.

The Host Club is also responsible for bringing to the **Golf Illawarra** Match Committee's attention any breaches of these Conditions.

4. Play is to take place on the day scheduled unless the Host Club declares the Course unplayable. A minimum of 9 (nine) holes may be played for a Round to be completed, provided all Teams scheduled to play are informed of the change before hit off. In Handicap Match Play, the Balanced Distribution Match Play Index takes shortened matches into account.

5. In the "Illawarra" Pennant, players may play in **ANY** order. In "B" and "C" Pennants, the lowest handicapped Player plays at Number 1, the others can play in any order. Matches are played without the benefit of handicap.

Penalty - Loss of two (2) winning Matches.

6. In "White Horse Cup", Players play in GA handicap order 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 Number 6 Players hitting off first and then, in order, to the Number 1 Players.

Penalty - Loss of two (2) winning Matches.

7. In the "Encourage Shield" the JNJG Conditions will be applied.

8. The Teams shall be nominated to the starter at least 15 (fifteen) minutes prior to their tee times and shall be numbered 1 (one) to 6 (six) with handicaps and **GOLF Link** numbers shown.

Penalty – Loss of two (2) winning Matches.

9. Any Team playing a Players in the wrong order or off a higher handicap than **as determined by Team Composition Rule 4**, will **lose those matches plus a penalty of another match**.

10. Any Team playing an ineligible Player will **be disqualified**.

11. The playing order cannot be altered on the starting sheet after it has been submitted to the Starter except in the case of unexpected absent players.

Penalty - Loss of any changed Match.

12. If a Team has less than the required number of Players at the time of the first scheduled match, the available players must play in descending order, from # 1. The team will lose each Match for which a player is absent.

13. Any Player not teeing off within 10 (ten) minutes of being called to the tee by the starter shall forfeit his match and, in the meantime, the following match will proceed.

Penalty – Loss of that Match.

14. If, after the Team list has been submitted, a player is absent or otherwise unable to play a “substitute” player may take his place but must play in the same team position as the Player for whom he is substituting. This should be noted on the Results Form. Should there be no spare player that match is forfeited.

15. In all Pennant Matches, play **MUST** cease immediately after the completion of the match. The result is to be given to the official scorer **immediately** upon returning to the clubhouse by the person winning the match.

16. In Preliminary Rounds, no Match shall proceed past the 18th hole. A Match that is square at the 18th hole shall be shared with a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) to each Player and should be marked on the Results Sheet.

17. In a Finals Series Match, any squared Match will continue until 1 (one) Team has achieved a clear winning margin.

18. 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 will have the option to take the honour at the starting tee for all Individual Matches in that Contest.

19. Slow Play Rules of Golf Rule 6-7 applies to Match Play and individuals may be penalised in accordance with the Rule. After completing the hole, the Match must move immediately to the next teeing ground and prepare to play. Any Player not conforming to this Rule will be deemed to be delaying play and could be penalised accordingly by the loss of the next hole. In the event of a match losing its place on the course, the Host Club may instruct the Match to cease playing the current hole, registering a squared hole, and to move on to the next hole.

20. Host Clubs may, at their discretion, deny practice after the completion of a hole by Local Rule on the day of play. Host Clubs may have their own 'Pace of Play' conditions.

21. Players, Officials (and Caddies where applicable) must comply with the Host Club Dress Regulations both on the course and in the clubhouse. Prior to the start of the Competition Season, each Club should ascertain the requirements of all Clubs to be visited and advise their Team Members and Caddies.

22. In all matches in “White Horse Cup” and “Encourage Shield”, where the Balanced Distribution Match Play Index is used, strokes will also be given in accordance with the index for all extra holes played in Finals Series Matches.

23. Junior boys are permitted to play any Pennant competition. Their supervision shall be the responsibility of the respective Team Captain.

24. In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before the start of the Season, the draw will be rearranged if possible. If a Team withdraws during the Season, a BYE will be introduced with no points awarded for all Matches against that team.

25. 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.

26. The opponent of any player granted permission by **Golf Illawarra** to use a Golf Cart may also use a cart, at personal expense, if one is available.

Penalty – Loss of that Match.

27. A Player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance. The player is **NOT** in breach of Rule 14-3 (page 81) if the distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) is used providing those features are **NOT** used.

Penalty - Loss of that Match.

28. The audible emission or unauthorised use of a mobile telephone by a Player or Caddy during the course of a Pennant Match is a serious breach of etiquette and is strictly prohibited - Rule 33-7. However, a mobile telephone may be used for medical or other serious reason where prior permission has been obtained his opponent.

Penalty - Loss of that Match.

29. The consumption of alcohol by Players, or their Caddies, on the Golf Club premises during a scheduled Pennant Round is strictly prohibited. Enforcement of this Rule shall be the responsibility of the Host Club and the Team Manager of the Player in the case of no **Golf Illawarra** official being present.

Penalty - Loss of that Match.

30. 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 and with responsibility with the **Golf Illawarra** Captain during any finals.

Every effort will 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. Provided a minimum of 9 holes are available for play, in accordance with the Rules of Golf, then play should proceed. The matches are still to be played over 18 holes, however, a hole or holes can be played more than once.

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.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, Players in an individual match may agree to discontinue play and the match will be recorded as square. If only one player wishes to stop playing, that Player will forfeit the match to their opponent.

This rule does not interfere with a player's right to discontinue play if he believes there is a danger from lightning. In such cases an individual match should be suspended until danger of lightning has passed at which time it should resume. If resumption of play is not possible then the match will be halved.

Preliminary rounds will not be rescheduled and teams will be awarded one game point each.

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

31. In the case of extreme weather conditions throughout the district, the **Golf Illawarra** Match Committee has the right to make the final decision

32. In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom, advice may be asked under Rule 8), as the Team Manager, who is authorised to give advice to his team members during the Contest.

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.

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.

Only a player's caddie or the person nominated in accordance with this Condition 8 may give advice. Other Players and spectators are not permitted to give advice to a Player during an Individual Match.

Penalty: Loss of hole by the Team Manager (if a Player). Any player receiving advice in breach of this condition is also subject to the penalty if he fails to take action to stop further breaches.

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Results: ---

1. Host Clubs are responsible for the preparation of the official **Golf Illawarra** Results Forms, clearly showing the Team Names, individual Players' Names and Handicaps, and Results and Margins, obtaining the Team Captains' signatures before giving a copy to each Captain and emailing/faxing the original to the **Golf Illawarra** Captain before 6:00 pm.

2. Any protest on the result of a Match must be lodged in writing to the **Golf Illawarra** Captain within four (4) days of play.

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Points Awarded:

- 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.
- 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.

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Finals Series Matches: ---

1. If there is a tie 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 play-off.
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.
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.
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.
5. For the Encourage Shield, the Final will be played between the #1 qualifier and the #2 qualifier.

6. In the event of Semi-finals not being played due to bad weather, the winner of each Division will progress to the final.

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.

If any division has an unequal number of teams, a multiplying factor will be used to balance the results.

7. In the event of the Final being washed out, an attempt will be made to find an alternative date and venue otherwise joint winners will be declared.

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

Golf Illawarra reserves the right to amend these Rules as required.

