

**RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF  
MEN'S HANDICAP PENNANT MATCHES**

- 1 **Teams** shall consist of 6 players. **Players** must have full playing rights at the Club they are representing. Players in any one season may play in the competition for only one Club, unless a transfer is applied for and approved by the TGA Men's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have discretion in allowing Clubs to amalgamate to form a team or teams for entry in the Competition.
- 2 Teams shall be selected in handicap order (**handicap index**), i.e., lowest handicapper will play No.1 and highest handicapper at No.6. Team lists when submitted to the supervisor shall include player's handicap index. **The maximum playing handicap shall be 24.**
- 3 A Committee member of the Association shall be Convenor of the Competition and shall be available each round of the Competition. The Convenor (as Chairman) and the members of the Match Committee of the host Club shall be the Committee in charge of each round of the Competition.
  - i. A dispute or concern not covered by the Rules of Golf should be referred to the Match Committee/Convenor.
  - ii. Decisions made on the day by the Convenor of the event and the host match committee on any matter of dispute shall be final.
  - iii. If they are unable to arrive at a decision the matter shall be passed on to the TGA Men's Executive to make a final decision.
- 4 Members of the Host Club shall be appointed to supervise at starting tees and to record the match results. Two tees are to be used wherever possible for starting matches.
- 5 Each match between teams shall comprise of 6 singles matches and 3 fourball best ball matches which shall be played concurrently with the singles matches. All matches shall be played on handicap with golfers taking their allotted strokes on those holes they are entitled to receive strokes. *E.g. A golfer on a playing handicap of 12 will receive a stroke on stroke holes 1-12; his opponent on a playing handicap of 15 will receive a stroke on stroke holes 1-15. In effect the winner of the hole will be the golfer/four ball with the lowest net score.*
- 6 **Order on the tee:** Singles will be from No. 6 to No.1, i.e., the number 6 players will tee off first, followed by the number 5 players, etc. Each four will consist of two players from one Club with two players from the opposing club.
- 7 All games in the Competition shall be conducted and played in accordance with the Rules of Golf, the Local Rules of the Host Club, and the TGA Rules for the Conduct of Men's Handicap Pennant Competition. Teams are reminded of their responsibility to ensure all matches are conducted in the spirit of the game and are played in a competitive manner.
- 8 The holding of competitions in conjunction with this Competition other than "holes in two" shall not be permitted.
- 9 Matches will be played over 18 holes. A match which finishes all square after 18 holes will be deemed a halved match.

- 10 Points shall be scored as follows: 1 point for each singles match won and 1 point for each fourball match won and a ½ point each for matches finishing all square. The team having the most match wins will score two points. Teams finishing equal will score one point each.
- 11 It is the responsibility of the team named first in the draw to complete the results sheets provided. Should a team fail to complete and return the results sheet the team will receive a warning. Should a team fail to return a scoresheet again during the season the team shall receive a deduction of 1 point from their points tally in the section that they are in. Should they have 0 points at the time of the penalty the point deduction shall be recorded as a minus.
- 12 At the end of section play, the winner and runner-up of each division shall qualify for the quarter finals. If teams are equal on match points, Their position shall be decided in the following order:
- The greater number of game points won.
  - The greater number of singles game points won.
  - The greater number of holes won.
  - If still equal the position will be determined by lot.
- 13 The winner of each quarter final shall go forward to the semi-finals to decide the finalists. In the event of 2 teams from the same club reaching the semi-finals, these teams will play each other in order to ensure the final is played between two different clubs.
- 14 If at the end of the quarter finals, semi-finals or finals, teams are equal on games won (i.e. 4½-4½) the number one player of each team shall play a sudden death play-off over such holes as the convenor shall decree.
- 15 Team Captains are responsible for checking their own team results with the Supervisor at the conclusion of the match. It is the responsibility of the Supervisor to forward results to Taranaki Golf.
- 16 The entry fee for the competition shall be an amount decided by the TGA Men's Committee.
- 17 (a) Matches shall be played on courses chosen by the Committee and shown in the Association Programme. If a chosen course is closed, an alternative venue shall be arranged.  
(b) Host Clubs shall ensure their courses are in the best possible condition for the round of the competition.
- 18 The Association Convenor after consultation with the Match Committee of the Host Club shall decide on the evening preceding the round (if the weather dictates), or on the morning of the match, whether to cancel or postpone a round because of bad weather. If play is to be cancelled or postponed the Convenor shall endeavour to have the decision posted on the TGA website and notify representatives of the participating Clubs.

- 19 If during the play of the Competition match the course becomes unplayable the following will apply:
- i. If play is not at all possible because of course closure due to unplayable playing conditions prior to the start of any play on the scheduled day during sectional play then competition points for that round will be shared.
  - ii. If all matches have not been completed by all teams when play is abandoned for the day then the round shall be abandoned and the points shared as in (i).
  - iii. Should a match not be completed or no play at all is possible during the quarter-finals then an alternative day will be arranged.
  - iv. If the final's day is cancelled with no play possible, an alternative day will be arranged.
  - v. In all instances every effort should be made by the host club to enable play to be possible.
  - vi. Host Clubs shall provide adequate means of indication to players when play is suspended or abandoned.

19 In the event of the late arrival of a player to his match Rule of Golf 5.3a applies.

20 If any individual player defaults a game, his opponent shall be awarded full game points. When games are terminated by agreement between players, neither player shall be awarded points.

21 If a team defaults on a day, it shall not, except under special dispensation from the Association, be permitted to play in the Competition again in the same season. Should it be necessary for a team to default, the defaulting team must advise the TGA, host club and opposing team as soon as possible.

- i. Where a team is given dispensation to play again by the Association then for the defaulted match, winning points plus maximum game points and holes shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- ii. In the event that the team does not receive dispensation by the Association then all matches played by that team up to the time of defaulting will be deemed null and void and all points, games won and holes won will be removed from the competition ladder. Any matches that were still to be played will be treated as a bye and no points shall be awarded.
- iii. In the case where the team has defaulted to a team playing in another division the team defaulted against shall receive winning points plus maximum game points and holes.
- iv. If a team is withdrawn from the competition and the team has played a crossover tie the result against the opposing side shall still be valid for that team.
- v. In the case where a team has been withdrawn from the competition and they are still to play their cross over tie, the opposing team scheduled to play them shall receive winning points plus maximum game points and holes.

22 Please note players must return all cards for the purposes of handicapping. Should a player fail to return their card at the completion of the round the player shall receive a warning. Should a player fail to return their card again during the season the team shall receive a deduction of 1 point from their points tally in the section they are in. Should they have 0 points at the time of the penalty the point deduction shall be recorded as a minus.