



MEN'S PENNANT RULE BOOK 2025

Match & Play Committee

Warren Butcher	Warragul GC & GWG Captain
Kevin Thorpe	Drouin GC
Glenn Robinson	Drouin GC

Results: menscaptain@golfwestgippsland.org.au

Post: The Secretary Golf West Gippsland
PO Box 1601
Traralgon. 3844

Email: secretary@golfwestgippsland.org.au

Phone: GWG Captain (Warren Butcher) 0418 373 585
Email: menscaptain@golfwestgippsland.org.au

Table of Contents

1.	DEFINITIONS	2
	‘Golf Australia’(GA) is the parent body for golf clubs and amateur golf in Australia.	2
2.	FORMAT.....	2
3.	ELIGIBILITY & ENTRIES	3
4	CONTEST CONDITIONS	4
5	ADJUDICATION	8
6	RESULTS.....	9
7	DUTIES OF HOST CLUBS & TEAM CAPTAINS.....	10
8	PENALTIES.....	11

1. DEFINITIONS

'Golf Australia'(GA) is the parent body for golf clubs and amateur golf in Australia.

- 1.1. 'Golf West Gippsland (GWG) is the parent body for Member Clubs and amateur golf in West Gippsland.
- 1.2. A 'Member Club 'refers to a Member Club as defined in the GWG Constitution.
- 1.3. The Pennant competition is under the control of the 'GWG Match & Play Committee' (M&P) whose decisions shall be final.
- 1.4. The title of the competition between competing Member Clubs is Men's Pennant.
- 1.5. Men's Pennant will consist of separate scratch (off the stick) and handicap (shots given in accordance with Card Stroke Index) format competitions.
- 1.6. Where the number of competing clubs in GWG Men's Pennant exceeds a minimum number, as determined by the GWG M&P, the scratch and handicap competitions will be divided into Divisions.
- 1.7. The competition between two Member Clubs 'teams is known as a 'Contest'.
- 1.8. In Men's Pennant, a Contest consists of match play matches between each club's individual players (referred to as a 'Match) for: Seven (7) match play matches in Scratch, Handicap 1 & Handicap 2 competitions.
- 1.9. The group of contests for a competition played, either at the same venue or at different venues, generally on the same day, is defined as a 'Round'.
- 1.10. In Men's Pennant, a contest is 'decided' when:
 - 1.10.0. In qualifying rounds-all matches have been completed
(Matches can't be declared by Managers/Captains).
 - 1.10.1. In finals one Club has won more than half of the contested matches.

2. FORMAT

2.1. General

GWG Men's Pennant is a team match play competition played between Member Clubs of West Gippsland. G W G Men's Pennant contains two separate versions of competition being a scratch and a handicap format

- 2.1.0. Individual match play matches will be played under the current R&A Rules of Golf, these conditions and such local rules and temporary local rules determined by the host club and GWG M&P to be applicable.

2.2. Divisions

When it is determined that a Pennant Competition requires separate divisions, Member Clubs of GWG nominate teams to the given Divisions offered by Match & Play.

2.3. Draw

- 2.3.0. The draw for the competition will be determined by GWG M&P.
- 2.3.1. Unless determined otherwise by GWG M&P, each contest will be played at the venue and at

times and from the tees specified in the draw. Clubs with more than one course must indicate to GWG M&P which course is to be used and, where possible, this will be published in the draw.

2.4. Handicap competition – Shots given.

2.4.0. Shots are to be given as per the card stroke index.

(Example) If Player A receives 4 shots, they will be given on the 4 most difficult holes per the Card stroke index, irrespective of what hole in the match they fall, or by using an alternative index as provided by the GWG M&P Committee.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRIES

3.1. Clubs

3.1.1 Each Member Club can only enter one team in both scratch and handicap formats of the Men's Pennant Competition, unless otherwise determined and agreed by a meeting of delegates.

3.1.3 Each Member Club participating in Men's Pennant must be financial in accordance with the GWG Constitution 28 days prior to the first round of the season. Any Club that does not satisfy this requirement maybe excluded from participating in that season's competition or forfeit matches played during the period it was un-financial.

3.2. Players

3.2.0. No player may represent more than one Member Club in any one season of Men's Pennant.

3.2.1. A player is eligible for Men's Pennant if he is a male amateur golfer and a bona-fide member of the club he represents. A bona-fide member is one who is eligible to participate in the men's club championship of the club he is representing. This player must have been a bona-fide member of the Club for a period of not less than one(1) month prior to his first match. (For exceptions to the clause, see 3.3.1)

A member who holds a 6-day membership is eligible to play handicap pennant

3.2.2. A player, who is a bona-fide member, and has been a member of that Member Club, however their "Home Club" is no longer the GWG Club, will be eligible to play Pennant for that Member Club.

3.2.3. All players eligible and selected to play pennant shall abide by the GWG Code of Conduct..

3.3. Eligibility exceptions

A player may appeal directly to GWG M&P for an exemption from the above player eligibility conditions. An exemption maybe granted if there are justifiable personal circumstances.

3.3.1 Requests must be lodged in writing with the GWG Secretary by email. GWG M&P will notify the player / club with their decision prior to their first match or earlier if possible. The written request should contain the following information:

- Membership records showing the date membership was paid / accepted.
- The applicant player's Golf Link Number(s).
- The player's current residential address.
- Confirmation of the applicants playing and voting rights.
- Other clubs (if any) where the applicant is a member.

3.3.2 A player of a GWG club can be loaned to another GWG club for the purpose of playing Scratch Pennant during the Pennant season. The "loaned player" can return to play handicap for his member club during that season and then falls under the rule 3.4.0. The loaned player can only come from a club that hasn't a team in the scratch division or the player will not be chosen to play for their home scratch team. (GWG M&P has the right to approve or disagree with loaning of players)

- 3.3.3 There is a maximum of 2 player per club that can be loaned and must be registered with GWG M&P committee prior to the season starting. The club responsible for registering players is the club loaning the players.
- 3.3.4 The penalty for an ineligible player competing in a pennant match is loss of the ineligible player's match. Repeat offences may generate a greater penalty as determined by GWG M&P.

3.4 Player eligibility – Qualifying Rounds and Finals

3.4.1 Once a player has played three (3) contests in a team, they are ineligible to play again in any other teams in a lower competition. This does not apply to loaned players; however loaned players must have played at least 2 matches in the lower grade at their club.

3.4.1 To be eligible to represent a Club that has a team qualified for a division final, "Finals Eligibility – Notwithstanding all other Pennant eligibility Terms, a player must have played at least two Pennant matches for their club in the relevant Season (including semi finals if participating) to be eligible to compete in the Season's Scratch Pennant Finals."

4 CONTEST CONDITIONS

4.1 Team lists.

4.1.1 The Captain of each team must hand in to the host club starter the list of team members in numerical order from the first position player to the last position, plus emergency and "team manager (if applicable)", no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled hit-off time.

4.1.2 The players daily handicap will be used to determine player team position and shots given/received, calculated using the method defined by Golf Australia using the hardest available course rating for each round (nominally the 'Blue' course)

The Stroke / Stableford index is used to determine the holes shots are given.

4.1.3 Restrictions on the order of players on the team lists apply to each scratch and handicap competitions are as follows:

4.1.3.1 Scratch Competitions/Divisions

Scratch 1: No restrictions

4.1.3.2 Handicap Competitions/Divisions

All matches played from handicap and in handicap order. Please refer to Section 8 penalties – penalty 8.2 Handicap Violation.

4.1.3.3 There is no handicap limit for divisions.

4.1.4 Team lists may be amended up to 15 minutes before hit-off time.

Clubs are encouraged to submit their team list to the host club the evening before a Men's Pennant round (to enable eligibility & handicap verification etc.) Should a club have a sick, injured or absent player on the day of the contest, the team list may be amended.

4.2 Starting tees, late arrival, player substitution and walkovers

4.2.1 Handicap 1 & 2 round robin contests will commence in groups of four (4) with a shotgun start at 09:00am from the designated starting tees listed on the draw, unless otherwise advised by GWG M&P.

- 4.2.2 As a shotgun start method will be used to start round robin fields in Handicap 1 & 2, GWG M&P strongly advise all Clubs to have team members at the host course 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time, and ready to play at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- 4.2.3 Final contests will commence from the designated starting tees at the times and in the order listed on the draw, unless otherwise advised by GWG M&P.
- 4.2.4 In any contest, if a player arrives at his starting tee, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification, as provided in **Rule of Golf 1.3c**, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the 1st hole instead of disqualification. Play will commence from the 2nd hole, however per Rule of Golf 7-1 a player can play the first hole as practice. If the player arrives after the 2nd hole has been completed, no consideration can be given and he must be disqualified.
- 4.2.5 In any contest, if both players arrive at the starting tee, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after the starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification, as provided in **Rule of Golf 1.3c**, play will commence from the 2nd hole with the match all square.
- 4.2.6 In any contest, if a nominated player is not in attendance or is otherwise unable to play when required to do so, the emergency(s) (if named) maybe immediately substituted for the nominated player, but only in that player's listed team position. An emergency player can only be substituted up to and including the hit-off time of the listed player who has failed to appear.
- 4.2.7 In any contest, an emergency player not utilized in a particular team is eligible to play in another Team on the same day/round.
- 4.2.8 In any contest if a player retires due to illness or injury the remaining holes are scored as wins for the other player until a result eg 5/4 etc is achieved. If the scores are dormy(to the injured player) at the time of the injury or illness a draw would be the result.
- 4.2.9 If a Men's team consists of fewer than 7 players, walkovers will be given from the 7th position. If a club intends to give a walkover in an individual match or a contest, the captain or manager of the opposing team and the host club should be notified prior to the match or contest, if possible, on the day prior to the contest. If a walkover has been given, the opposing player or team need not be present on the day of the match or contest.
- 4.2.10 A 10/8 win will be awarded to the team receiving the walk over.
- 4.2.11 The player listed and receiving the walk over is eligible to play in another Team on the same day /round. However, he must be named as an emergency in that team.

4.3 Honour, match duration and hit-off order.

- 4.3.1 In round robin matches a toss of coin will determine the honour in all matches.
- 4.3.2 A toss of coin will determine the honour on the 1st tee for final matches.
- 4.3.3 All matches will be played over 18 holes' match play from the tee markers as directed by GWG M&P under advisement from the host club.
- 4.3.4 Men's Scratch Pennant is to be played as a "Two (2) ball" rolling start off the First (1st) Tee.

- 4.3.5 In Handicap 1 & 2 round robin contests, as matches will be played in groups of 4 (two matches per group)
- 4.3.6 In Handicap 1 & 2 round robin matches, if a match is square after the completion of eighteen (18) holes, **the match is halved.**
- 4.3.7 In Scratch round robin matches, if a match is square after completion of eighteen (18) holes, the match will continue until one player secures the advantage. **The match cannot be terminated without a winner.**
- 4.3.8 In final matches, if a match is square after the completion of eighteen (18) holes, the match will continue until one player secures the advantage, however the captains of both teams may agree that a match may terminate without a winner if the contest is decided. In this case, the match is halved.

GWG M&P have adopted the following Competition rules:

- 4.3.9 **Order of play from tees, fairways and greens-** “individual match order of play” principles should be adhered to where possible, but GWG M&P direct all players to adopt “**ready golf**” principles should this be required to maintain pace of play in the field.
- 4.3.10 **Rules of Golf–ball in motion deflected or stopped by outside agency** in GWG Men’s Pennant, the other two players in a group shall be defined as being outside agencies. In the event a player’s ball in motion is accidentally deflected or stopped by an outside agency, it is a rub of the green and procedures in ROG 11.1 a-b should be followed.
- 4.3.11 In final matches, matches will hit off in reverse team sheet order.

4.4 Pace of play

- 4.4.3 All matches are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum time of 4.5 hours. In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather / playing conditions), the GWG M&P has the authority to modify this time requirement.
- 4.4.4 Any match of a contest will be considered out of position if at any point in the round the match is more than one hole behind the group in front of them.
- 4.4.5 If a match/group is out of position, loss of hole penalties may be issued by either the GWG M&P, HOST CLUB or appointed Rules Officials to an individual who, by his pace of play is responsible for such delay. Officials must issue one (1) warning prior to imposing penalties.
- 4.4.6 If both players in a match/group are equally contributing to an unacceptable pace of play, they maybe “walked” a hole(s) until they are considered back in position. If this occurs, both players may be required to appear before the GWG M&P at the conclusion of play and may be subject to suspension from further Pennant match(es) in the current season.

4.5 Suspension of play and abandonment of contests

- 4.5.3 In the event of heavy rain, lightening, fog, extreme heat, unplayable course conditions or for any other reason, the GWG M&P or the HOST CLUB will be responsible for deciding whether to suspend or resume play. The signal for suspended play will be three short siren blasts. The procedure when play is

suspended is outlined under Rule of Golf 5.7.

- 4.5.4 When the course is ready for play, players will be advised to return to their various locations. The signal for the resumption of play will be one long siren blast. Every effort should be made to complete all contests on the scheduled day. Play can be suspended for 2 hours before being declared a non-event. If play resumes a minimum of 12 holes are to be played. Scratch pennant can be amended to a shot gun start so all team have the chance for a result and a minimum of 12 hole to be completed.

- 4.5.5 If resumption of play is not possible on the determined day or days, GWG M&P will determine the action to be taken. **In the finals the highest position on the ladder will be awarded the win.**

-

- 4.5.6 In the event of extreme heat, GWG M&P will act in accordance with the following Heat Policy

Extreme Heat (Competition Play) Policy: "Should the forecast temperature at 6:00pm on the evening before the day of competition be 40°C or more the competition for that day will be cancelled".

In the event that the temperature on a competition day exceeds the forecast temperature and reaches 40°C the competition shall be cancelled and a result determined by GWG M&P Reference:

The reference point for the determination of the expected temperatures shall be the Elders Weather

Web Site www.eldersweather.com.au using postcode 3820

4.6 Practice

- 4.6.3 Players are not permitted to practice on the course on the day of competition prior to the commencement of their matches. Breach of this condition will be disqualification of the player or players involved. Prior to the commencement of their matches, players may practice on the designated practice areas of the host club and in accordance with the exception to Rule of Golf 5.2.
- 4.6.4 Following the commencement of their matches, players may practice in accordance with Rule of Golf 5.2. However, players should note that penalties may still be applied in accordance with Rule of Golf 5.2 to any player who delays play by such actions.

4.7 Locomotion

The use of a motorized vehicle by player or caddy is allowed with no conditions attached.

4.8 Team manager & caddies

- 4.8.3 Each team may appoint a team manager. The team manager must be a member or employee of the team's club. The Team manager must be identified on the team list submitted prior to the start of the contest.
- 4.8.4 In accordance Rule of Golf 24.4, team managers are authorized to give advice to members of their team. Team managers are not part of a match and are considered an outside agency.
- 4.8.5 A player accepting advice from persons other than his team manager, or his caddy will be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule of Golf 24.4.

- 4.8.6 No player whose match has ended shall act as a caddie for another player during a round. A person, who has caddied for a player in the contest, may not caddie for another player in the same round.

4.9 Distance measuring devices

- 4.9.1 Players may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a Pennant match, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (eg. Gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule of Golf 4.3a, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are used.
- 4.9.2 The use of a distance measuring device that has a compass as one of its features, such as a "Smart Phone", is specifically precluded.
- 4.9.3 The use of your phone for anything other than distance & asking for a ruling can be reasons for disqualification.

4.10 Dress, footwear and Code of Conduct

- 4.10.1 Players and caddies are required to wear footwear in accordance with host club policy. Penalty for breach: Disqualification of player = loss of match 10/8.
- 4.10.2 Caddies must be attired in accordance with host club dress standards and any caddie not attired in this manner will be withdrawn.
- 4.10.3 Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure that their supporters are attired in accordance with the host club's dress standard.

- 4.10.4 Breaches of Host Club Liquor Licensing Policy.

Players & Clubs shall consider the issuing of this handbook as their first warning regarding bringing BYO alcohol to hosting clubs against the liquor laws of that club and with regard to the GWG Code of Conduct.

See Section 8 Penalties.

4.11 Post contest Clubhouse presentations

- 4.11.1 All players are requested to attend a post contest Club house presentation and meal
- 4.11.2 GWG M&P will announce match results via the GWG website.

5 ADJUDICATION

- 5.1** Clubs may appeal decisions of matches by submitting in writing such appeals to GWG M&P via email to menscaptain@golfwestgippsland.org.au within 24 hours of the conclusion of the respective pennant round.

5.2 To lodge an official protest,

GWG M&P require the following:

Name of club & official lodging protesting,
Name of player, Name of opposition Player,
Where match played & date, Reason of protest.

After receiving official protest

- * GWG M&P will review protest.
- * If protest is not valid, club lodging protest will be notified of decision & M&P decision is final.
- * If the received protest is valid then GWG M&P will inform other team involved in writing via email that a protest has been lodged and will be given 24 hours to respond.
- * GWG M&P may seek further information from one or both parties.
- * GWG M&P will inform both parties in writing via email of the decision made.
- * GWG M&P's decision is final.

6 RESULTS

6.1 Points

- 6.1.1** Winning teams in a contest, including walkovers, receive 2 points; in the case of a tie, or a contest being abandoned before it is decided, teams receive one point. For a round in which all contests are abandoned, no teams receive any points.
- 6.1.2** In the case of a bye, if all teams have the same number of byes in a season, no points will be awarded to the team with a bye. If in a season some teams have a bye but others do not, 2 points will be awarded to the team with a bye.
- 6.1.3** In the case of an abandoned match, where a result is achieved (i.e. more than half of the individual matches completed / won), the uncompleted matches will be recorded as being halved.
- 6.1.4** Walkovers without team sheets submitted will receive 2 points only. No games or percentage points will be awarded and players from both teams will not be accredited with matches played for finals qualification.

6.2 Ladders

- 6.2.1** Handicap 1 & 2 Division ladders will be calculated as follows:
- 6.2.2** Teams are positioned on their ladder in descending order of points.
- 6.2.3** Teams tied on points are then ordered by the greater numbers of matches won.
- 6.2.4** Teams still tied are ordered by using the percentage distribution described in Table2. Percentage points are awarded for each match won or lost. The percentage is derived by the quotient of the Percentage Points won and the Percentage Points lost. In the event of teams still being unable to be separated, the matter will be referred to the GWG M&P for a decision.

Result	10/8	9/8	9/7	8/7	8/6	7/6	7/5	6/5	6/4	5/4	5/3	4/3	4/2	3/2	3/1	2/1	2 up	1 up	Halved
Points	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Table2–Distribution of Percentage Points

6.3 Finals and divisional winners

- 6.3.1** Scratch & Handicaps 1 & 2 will have a semi-final with 1st playing 4th & 2nd playing 3rd and the winners will compete in divisional grand final.
- 6.3.2** All finals will be played on courses as determined by the GWG M&P

- 6.3.3 Divisional winning teams will be presented with commemorative Pennant Flags & Trophy.
- 6.3.4 The Bob Goldie & Brian Fox Cup will be awarded to the winning Scratch team. The Rod Norton Cup will be awarded to the winning Handicap 1 team and is to be kept in the clubhouse of the winning team. It is to be returned to a GWG Captain before the commencement of the finals of the next pennant season. If it is damaged by club holding said trophy it is to be repaired prior to its return. If returned damaged the club will be invoiced for repairs. This also applies to the Handicap 1 & 2 trophies.
- 6.3.5 Members of the winning teams will be presented with medallions.

7 DUTIES OF HOST CLUBS & TEAM CAPTAINS

7.1 Host club

- 7.1.1 Each Pennant Host Club shall make available at least 1 member to assist GWG M&P with the administration of the days competition (including but not limited to collecting team sheets, local rules, meal/drinks vouchers, tee allocation sheet, monitoring slow play, collection and documentation of results and any Rules of Golf Disputes).
- 7.1.2 Shall ensure the Course is in proper condition for the conduct of the competition and that Captains are advised of any local rules in force or the location of the Local Rules and advise which tee markers is preferred for the contest.
- 7.1.3 Shall ensure their course is closed and clear of all players (Green Fees, Non-Comp.) on the day of hosting, between the start of play(if 9.00am) and 1.30pm . Penalty for breach of this rule by Host Club is loss of all Team contests 7/0 and individual matches 10/8 played by Host Club for that round.
- 7.1.4 The Host Club if possible, to offer **pre-paid food options for after pennant matches** or bar snacks.
- 7.1.5 Shall ensure all completed and signed results are given to a GWG Committee or M&P member on the day of competition or photographed and texted to 0418 373 585 GWG Captain.

7.2 Team Manager/Captains

- 7.2.1 Prepare team sheets in order and hand to Referee at least 15 minutes prior to listed time of play using the attached team submission sheet, if not the day before to assist host club preparation. Team and result sheets must have players listed from No1 at the top of the space provided to No.7.
- 7.2.2 Ensure that each player is ready to play when required by the Referee.
- 7.2.3 Sign the result sheet in the presence of the Referee and opposing Captain within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the contest.
- 7.2.4 Bring to notice of the opposing Captain and Referee any points of dispute (including protests) or points of question at the earliest time.
- 7.2.5 Managers/Captains of all handicap divisions are to ensure that correct Golf Australia Handicaps as of the Saturday prior to the day of Pennant competition. All handicaps are to be taken from the Golf Link system as at the day of Pennant competition.

8 PENALTIES

8.1 Failure to submit team sheets to Referee prior to listed time of play = refer to Clause 4.1.4.

8.2 Handicap violation = loss of individual match 10/8 and loss of any matches deemed to be played out of order 10/8.

8.3 Breaches of Club Liquor Licensing Policy.

Players & Clubs shall consider the issuing of this handbook as their first warning regarding bringing BYO alcohol to hosting clubs against the liquor laws of that club.

Should any player, team manager, caddy or person affiliated with the team are observed in the breach of the club's liquor laws, in any location of the club's premises (including but not limited to the course, clubhouse, car park, driveway etc) the following actions will be undertaken:

- 1st instance: GWG or Club Official shall direct the person to dispose of the alcohol immediately.
- 2nd instance: (or refusal to comply): Player loses their match 10/8.

This instance is per club. It could be 2 different persons but the penalty for the 2nd instance will stand. The result 10/8 will stand even if the match has started.

Nothing in these rules restricts the host club's ability to eject the person from the premises.

8.4 Abuse towards GWG, Club Officials or Players / Caddies.

GWG holds zero-tolerance approach to bullying, harassment or threats made to GWG, Club Officials or Players / Caddies.

If any abuse is proven, the following actions will be undertaken:

- 1st instance: GWG or Club Official shall direct the person to leave the venue immediately.
- Player loses his match 10/8.
- Club to receive a written warning regarding the future conduct of all their players.

8.5 All penalties discussed in 8.3 & 8.4 can be applied retrospectively to a completed match result. Should any of the instances mentioned in 8.3 & 8.4 be a person not directly related to a player? (eg: a spectator from the club) then the penalty shall be applied to the club's highest position player, in the highest division playing at that venue.

Code of Conduct



In the interests of all participants and officials, Golf West Gippsland requires that players competing in events under its auspices adhere to this Code of Conduct. It is a privilege to represent your club at interclub or inter-district events. The Code of Conduct will apply in addition to any other requirements of players specified by tournament conditions, local rules and by-laws of clubs hosting Golf West Gippsland events.

GWG seeks to provide an effective and appropriate pathway for junior development, hence this code of conduct is closely aligned with Golf Australia's policies and code of conduct.

On entering a Golf West Gippsland event, each player voluntarily submits to exceptional standards of behaviour and ethical conduct. The highest degree of sportsmanship is expected from every player. Players are under an obligation to avoid acts that are unsportsmanlike or detrimental to the game of Golf.

Violation of any provision of the Code of Conduct is regarded as unacceptable and inappropriate conduct, and may render a player subject to action as determined by the Committee.

In this Code:

'Event' means any event conducted by the Golf West Gippsland District.

'The Committee' means the GWG Committee, M&P Committee, Individual Club committees as appointed.

'The Course' means any course or clubhouse at which an event is played.

1. CODE OF CONDUCT

Players shall not:

- a) during any event engage in conduct which is detrimental to the game of Golf, GWG or any other associated body;
- b) physically or verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person;
- c) use profane or abusive language, throw or break clubs, wilfully damage the course, or behave on the course in a manner which discredits the competition, sponsors, GWG or the game of Golf;
- d) observe a breach of the code by any other player during an event and fail to co-operate in any inquiry;
- e) deliberately break the Rules of Golf;
- f) fail to comply with the Rules of Golf as amended by any local rules in force at any event or fail to comply with any other rules, by-laws, directions or instructions given by GWG;
- g) undertake measures in order to manipulate their handicap;
- h) commit any criminal offence against the club or officials where the Event is played;
- i) repeatedly commit infringements of Golf etiquette;
- j) refuse to comply with the dress regulations and host club dress regulations;

- k) continually fail to play without undue delay;
- l) Alcohol – The consumption of alcohol on the course, during GWG sanctioned events, is banned prior to 10am. (Note),BYO Alcohol is banned as part of all GWG Club Liquor Licences.
- m) commit any of the following breaches during an event:
 - i) Failure to complete a round
Any player deliberately disqualifying himself save and except for a breach of the Rules requiring such disqualification or picking up his/her ball without playing out the hole shall be deemed not to have exercised his/her maximum golf skill nor to have played in an appropriate manner.
 - ii) Withdrawal during a tournament
During a round a player may withdraw either because of illness or other physical disability which requires medical attention or due to a serious personal emergency. The player shall immediately notify the Championship Committee representative of the reason for withdrawal. Failure to respond or submit satisfactory and acceptable evidence shall render the player liable to disciplinary action.
 - iii) Failure to complete scorecard
Any player failing to hand in his/her card at the completion of a round in accordance with the Rules of Golf will be liable to a disciplinary action.

2. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any breach shall be reported as soon as possible to a GWG representative or an official of the Club hosting the event.

Any breaches of the Code of Conduct reported following the conclusion of an event shall be immediately referred to the Committee for consideration.

The infringing player will be notified of the meeting of the Committee and may attend and be heard in relation to the breach and proposed penalty.

3. BREACHES OF CODE OF CONDUCT - PENALTIES

Each breach of the Code of Conduct will be considered on the basis of all available facts relevant to the alleged incident.

Following consideration, the Committee has the discretion to impose an applicable penalty relevant to the particular misdemeanour committed by a player.

In general, penalties will range as follows:

- a) Suspension of entry to Golf West Gippsland events for a specified period of time;
- b) Recommendation to player's home club that the player's membership be suspended for a set period of time; and
- c) Other applicable penalties as determined by the Committee.

Upon a determination that a player has breached the Code of Conduct and having imposed an applicable penalty, the Committee will formally inform the player, the player's home club and District Golf Association (if applicable.)

In addition, breaches that the Committee classifies as a major infringement will be tabled at the Association's Board Meetings and recorded in the Minutes.



MEN'S PENNANT TEAMSHEET

Team: _____

Division: _____

Venue: _____

Round: _____

Date: / / 2024

Not required
for Scratch
Pennant

Match	First Name	Surname	Golf link No.	GA H'cap	H'cap
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
Emerg.					

Manager
or
Captain _____

GWG MEN'S PENNANT RESULT SHEET

DIVISION: _____ ROUND: _____ DATE: _____ / _____ /2024

HOST VENUE: _____ GOLF CLUB

..... GOLF CLUB					VS	 GOLF CLUB			
No.	PLAYER FULLNAME	H C A P	GOLFLINK NO:	WINNER RESULT ONLY	PLAYER FULL NAME	H C A P	GOLFLINK NO:	WINNER RESULT ONLY	
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
Emer									
TOTAL MATCHES WON					TOTAL MATCHES WON				
CAPTAIN SIGNATURE:					CAPTAIN SIGNATURE:				
CONTEST WON BY:GOLF CLUB									
CLUB OFFICIAL REFEREE NAME: DATE:									