

## **SGGI WOMEN'S PENNANT CONDITIONS OF PLAY 2023**

### **Revised (AMENDED) 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

1. Clubs are **not** required to register players for the 2023 pennant season but listed players must be a financial member of a South Gippsland club affiliated with South Gippsland Golf Inc. No player may play pennant for more than one club in South Gippsland during the season.

2. Teams will consist of five (5) players.

Section 1 – 4 Teams

Section 2 – 8 Teams

Section 3 – 4 Teams

Players must play in handicap order both within and between sections at the commencement of the season. *Section 3 may play in reverse handicap order to facilitate pace of play if both captains agree at the exchange of team lists.*

3. In the event of a bye being created by a club unable to field a team **(after the draws have been done)**, the match committee may elevate teams from a lower section.

**OR**

4. If a club wishes to field an additional team, prior to the draw being completed, the SGGI Women's Match Committee must be informed as soon as possible and will place the team in the appropriate section.

5. If a club is unable to field a team during the season, and all effort is made to do so, the SGGI Women's Match Committee must be informed, in writing, as soon as possible.

6. The SGGI Women's Match Committee reserves the right to make any alteration deemed necessary to the current Pennant Conditions of Play.

7. Matchplay:

Section 1 – **All** players play Scratch

Section 2 – **Lowest handicap player plays Scratch, all other** players play Handicap.

Section 3 - **All** players play Handicap

8. In the Handicap match play matches, players must submit their exact GA handicap to determine their **DAILY HANDICAP**. Players will then give or receive strokes based on the full difference between their **DAILY HANDICAPS**.

The **MATCH PLAY INDEX** Card of the course being played is to be used to determine where shots shall be given or received, except for matches at Wonthaggi, where the Generic Match Index will be used (see Note below).

The MAXIMUM Daily Handicap will be 45 for season 2023.

9. All teams must be fielded in exact handicap order, with the longest handicapper hitting off first (except by prior arrangement between Captains as in #2 above, or due to unforeseen circumstances, eg flat tyre, etc. See #23 below). If a player plays out of exact handicap order, any matches affected by this error are forfeited.

10. If a club has two teams in the same section, **the club can decide** if they wish to play the two teams in handicap order, thus making one stronger and one weaker team **OR** the club may choose to equalise the two teams. When each team plays, they must play in exact GA order (section 1), or exact Daily Handicap order (sections 2 and 3).
11. If a club plays an ineligible player, i.e. a non-financial member of their club, (unless approved by SGGI Women's Match Committee), all matches through all sections on that day will be disqualified and will record 0 points for that round.
12. If a team, due to unforeseen circumstances, fields a team of less than 5 players on the day of play, the match in question is forfeited and referred to SGGI Women's Match Committee for a final decision.
13. Teams listed with names and GA's are required for all sections. These lists are to be handed to the Host Club and the opposing team Captain at least 20mins prior to hit off time.
14. After the team list has been submitted to the Host Club, if a nominated player in attendance is unable to play, then a forfeit will be given in that player's team position.
15. Team lists of a club who have completed or are yet to play in a section while other teams are playing (i.e., having a Bye), must also be sent via SMS or email to the SGGI Women's Match Committee to the attention of Barb Twite. This applies to Sections 1 & 3, round one in 2023.
16. To be eligible for finals, a player must have played at least two (2) games in **THAT** section. A Bye does not count as a match.
17. Matches won are scored 4 points. Matches squared after 18 holes are scored 2 points each. Abandoned matches are awarded 0 points. Players are asked to submit their correct result to the Host Club.
18. In the event of a tie on points for finals qualification, the winner will be determined on games. If a tie still exists, the SGGI Women's Match Committee will arrange a neutral course for a playoff (No Countback). In the event of a playoff all games must reach a conclusion **UNLESS** the overall match result is already determined. Then the Captains from both teams may agree to terminate a match/es without a winner. In this case, those match/es would be halved.
19. In each section the top two (2) teams will play a final on a neutral course to be arranged by the SGGI Women's Match Committee.
20. The Host Club is required to:
  - a) Provide a list of **LOCAL RULES** for each player
  - b) Provide a tee steward for the day's play (multiple stewards if multiple tees used)
  - c) Provide numbered score cards with names and daily handicaps for handicap pennant, in handicap order
  - d) Provide numbered score cards with names and GA handicaps for scratch pennant, in handicap order
  - e) Use the results sheets provided by SGGI Women's Match Committee, keep a copy as a record and give a copy to each team Captain
  - f) Display results sheets and match results

- g) Record and forward the results and team lists to SGGI Women's Match Committee member Barb Twite no later than 1 day after play. Results via electronic or manual means are acceptable
  - h) Appoint a representative who will make decisions about weather etc. as in point 24 (b) below
21. Team Captains are responsible for ensuring that accurate information is recorded on the results sheets prior to signing.
22. Any protest on any Match must be submitted in writing to the Host Club prior to leaving the clubhouse and the Host Club shall telephone a SGG Inc Women's Match Committee member. Results sheets to be forwarded as normal pending the outcome of the protest.
23. Players arriving up to and including 30 minutes late may be excused if the reason is deemed legitimate. The Host Club to decide whether the excuse for lateness is legitimate. If reasonable circumstances prevail, matches may be played out of order with the agreement of the captains. Agreement should not be withheld unreasonably.
- 24 a) **PRIOR TO THE DAY:** If a course is unplayable due to inclement weather conditions, representatives of that Host Club are to notify participating clubs Captains as soon as possible
- b) **ON THE DAY:** The Host Club representative along with the Course Superintendent (or their representative), makes the decision to suspend/abandon play. If play is suspended and if, after 1 hour's grace remains suspended, no points will be awarded.
- 25 a) If the **forecast** temperature for Wonthaggi - at 6pm the night before - is 35 degrees or above, then the SGGI Women's Match Committee shall decide if the event will proceed.
- b) If the **daily** temperature is 35 degrees or above at the Host Club, then play shall be abandoned. If play is abandoned no points will be awarded. The Host Club is responsible for monitoring the temperature. Please note that the Host Club needs to ensure that a thermometer is mounted at their course in an appropriate place outside.
- 26 A player, after completion of her Match, may caddy for another player.
- 27 All Matches to be played under the Rules of Golf as laid down by the R&A of St. Andrews, along with the local rules as are in force at the course being played.
- 28 The SGGI Women's Match Committee permits the use of devices that measure or gauge distance only. A distance measuring device that is designed to measure other conditions that may affect a player's play (eg: gradient, windspeed, temperature etc) is not permitted regardless of whether such an additional function is used.
- 29 Host Club should forward the results to:  
Barb Twite  
Email: [arbatwite@bigpond.com](mailto:arbatwite@bigpond.com) or Phone: 0400 617 925

**ALL CLUB CAPTAINS TO ENSURE EACH PLAYER IS AWARE OF THESE RULES/CONDITIONS**

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#### **NOTES**

Item 8 Matchplay Index: a full review of all cards for all courses was undertaken in 2021 after complaints that, when using the Generic Matchplay Index, too many shots were being given on Par 3's, which was deemed unfair. The review identified that when using course ratings, shots were rarely given on par 3's - unless a player was giving away 15 or 16 shots. The exception was Wonthaggi which has 5 par 3's with indexes being 1, 3, 8, 15 and 17. (ie 3 par 3's in the top 9 hardest holes). The fairest and most logical way to deal with this is to use course ratings for all courses except Wonthaggi where the Generic Index is better utilised.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PLAY RELEVANT TO FINALS**

In the event of a tie on points for finals qualification, the winner will be determined on games. If a tie still exists, the SGGI Women's Match Committee will arrange a neutral course for a playoff (No Countback). In the event of a playoff all games must reach a conclusion **UNLESS** the overall match result is already determined. Then the Captains from both teams may agree to terminate a match/es without a winner. In this case, those match/es would be halved.

In each section the top two (2) teams will play a final on a neutral course to be arranged by the SGGI Women's Match Committee.

As well as those conditions previously stated, the following Conditions of Play apply to all Finals Matches.

1. Matches will be played to a **RESULT** i.e. No Squared Matches

#### **UNLESS:**

In all pennant finals the Captains of both teams may agree that a Match may terminate without a winner **IF** the contest is already decided. In this case the Match is halved. (Excerpt from the GA Pennant handbook).

2. A Host Club phone number will be made available for any referee decisions or advice.
3. The SGGI Women's Match Committee will be responsible for determining if the course is unplayable (cond. 24) and/or if inclement weather is forecast (cond. 25b)

### **2023 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (PENNANT)**

1. All players, caddies and supporters must adhere to each club's policies regarding wearing of masks and checking in.
2. Each club is responsible for ensuring COVID-19 protocols are met if applicable
3. If a club must close its clubhouse, **but not access to bathrooms**, due to a local outbreak, then that round of pennant will still be played but lunches, drinks and clubhouse access will not be available.

#### **IF**

That particular course closes its whole facility, including access to bathrooms, then that pennant round at that course only, will be cancelled, and no points will be awarded. (SGGI Women's Match Committee requests clubs to inform us asap if their club is affected).

4. SGGI Women's Match Committee requests all pennant players, caddies and attending supporters to take as many reasonable precautions as possible throughout the pennant season as needed.