

SGGI PENNANT WOMEN'S - CONDITIONS OF PLAY 2025

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Definitions

Match – is played between two players representing their respective clubs as part of the pennant competition

Contest – is the overall result of matches played between two clubs competing against each other as part of the pennant competition

1. Clubs are required to provide a player list for the 2025 pennant season ensuring listed players are a financial member of a South Gippsland club affiliated with South Gippsland Golf Inc (SGGI). Any player not listed by the Club prior to the commencement of the pennant season may not play in any section unless that player is a new member to the club. Any new member must still meet qualification criteria to play in finals. No player may play pennant for more than one club in South Gippsland during the season.
2. a) Teams will consist as follows.

Section	Players	Teams	Rounds	Finals
1	6	2	6	No final
2	5	6	5	Top 2 teams
3	5	4	6	Top 2 teams

In Section 2 & 3 Players must play in handicap order both within and between sections. *Section 3 may play in reverse handicap order to facilitate pace of play if both Captains agree at the exchange of team lists.*

- b) Buffer Zone – There will be a one stroke (1) GA Handicap buffer allowance between sections eg *Players within 19.4 to 20.4 would be interchangeable* (if you subtract smaller number from larger number answer must be one (1) or less). The buffer zone may NOT be utilised until the first full round of matches have been played in that section (ie not until after Round 2 if a team or section have a bye in Round 1)
3. In the event of a bye being created by a club unable to field a team (after the draws have been completed), the SGGI Women's Match Committee may elevate teams from a lower section.
4. If during the season a club is unable to continue fielding a team, the SGGI Women's Match Committee must be informed asap.
5. Match Play Format:
 - Section 1 Players play Scratch alternating rounds of Foursomes/4Ball/Singles
 - Section 2 Players play singles Handicap
 - Section 3 Players play singles Handicap

6. a) All teams must be fielded in exact handicap order for singles with the longest handicapper hitting off first – except by prior arrangement between Captains (*refer point 2*), or due to unforeseen circumstances, eg flat tyre, etc (*refer point 13*). If a player plays out of exact handicap order, any matches affected by this error are forfeited.
- b) In section 1 4BBB and foursomes, teams may be played out of handicap order. Teams and order of play are to be determined by the team captain and documented on the team sheet and submitted 20mins prior to play.
7. 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 accordance with the Match play Format for their section (*refer point 5*)
8. In the Handicap match play, 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 **MAXIMUM** Daily Handicap will be 45 for season 2025.

The **MATCH PLAY INDEX** Card of the course being played is to be used to determine where shots shall be given or received. *Matchplay Index review 2021- a full review of all cards for all courses was undertaken 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.*

9. The Host Club is required to:
 - a) Provide a list of **LOCAL RULES** for each player and include a contact number for the clubhouse
 - 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 singles scratch pennant, in handicap order
 - e) Use the **current** result sheets provided by SGGI Women's Match Committee, keep a copy as a record and give a copy to each team Captain
 - f) Display matches and contest result sheets
 - g) Record and forward the results and team lists to SGGI Women's Match Committee member Barb Twite on the day of play. Results via electronic or manual means are acceptable. - Barb Twite: Email: arbatwite@bigpond.com or Mobile 0400 617 925
 - h) Appoint a representative who will make decisions about weather etc. (*refer point 23 (b)*)

10. If a club plays an ineligible player, ie 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.
11. a) In Section 1 if a team, due to unforeseen circumstances, fields a team of less than 6 players on the day of play, the match in question may be forfeited or a substitute player can be arranged. Adherence to correct handicap order is still applicable between sections (*refer point 2*), and in singles format. This is particularly relevant to Clubs with more than one team.

b) In Section 2 & 3 if a team, due to unforeseen circumstances, fields a team of less than 5 players on the day of play, the match in question may be forfeited or a substitute player can be arranged. Adherence to correct handicap order is still applicable. This is particularly relevant to Clubs with more than one team.
12. 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. In Section 1 a full complement for each pairs/foursomes match is required
13. 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.
14. Team Captains to provide Team lists with names and GA's 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. (Golf Australia Handicap Look Up Sheets for all Clubs are available on the SGGI Website <https://southgippslandgolf.org.au/> under Golf Activity/Women's Pennant for those who would like to view prior to the day)
15. Team lists of a club who have completed or are yet to play in a section while other Section/teams are playing (ie 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 & 2 for round one in 2025.
16. Team Captains are responsible for ensuring that accurate information is recorded on the results sheet prior to signing.
17. In Section 2 & 3 a contest won is scored 4 points. Contest squared is scored 2 points each. Players are asked to submit their correct match results to the Host Club. In Section 1 an accumulative match point system is to be applied – match won - 2 points, squared - 1 point.
18. Ladder/Results will be provided after the completion of each round via email to Club Captains and published on the SGGI Website <https://southgippslandgolf.org.au/> under Golf Activity, Facebook pages [South Gippsland Golf](#) and [Women of South Gippsland Golf](#)

19. In the event of a tie on points for finals qualification, the qualifiers will be determined on matches won, then if necessary by holes won. Finals matches must reach a conclusion unless the overall contest result is already determined.
20. To be eligible to play in Section 2 or 3 finals and Section 1 Round 7 a player must play at least 50% (or in the case of 5 rounds, 2 games) of the season for their club to qualify. A Player can move up or through the sections and play finals for a higher section, but not down. A player will be deemed in the section they have played the majority of their matches in – if equal matches in multiple sections then the Club to determine the section the player will play in, still abiding by GA Handicap order (refer point 6 & 2b).
21. In Section 2 and 3 the top two (2) teams will play a final on a neutral course to be arranged by the SGGI Women's Match Committee. Section 1 is played over 7 rounds (includes a bye) and the team with the most accumulated points is the Section 1 winner.
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 contact a SGGI Women's Match Committee member. Results sheets to be forwarded as normal with the match in question clearly highlighted.
23. ***Inclement Weather***
 - b) ***Prior to the Day:*** If a course is unplayable due to inclement weather conditions, representatives of that Host Club are to notify participating Club 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 for any contest/match.
24. ***Heat Policy***
 - a) If the ***forecast*** temperature for the Host Club (using the Willy Weather Website / App) - 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.
25. A player, after completion of their match, may caddy for another player.
26. All Contests/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.

27. 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.

28. **Conditions of Play relevant to Finals**

As well as those conditions previously stated (*refer points 21, 23, 24*), the following Conditions of Play apply to all Finals Contests/Matches.

a) Section 2 & 3 Matches will be played to a RESULT ie No squared matches

UNLESS:

In all pennant Finals (ie Sections 2 and 3) the Captain of both teams may agree that a match may terminate **IF** the contest is already decided. (Excerpt from the GA Pennant handbook).

b) Section 1 will complete all matches in Round 7 which may finish squared.

c) Section 1 if equal on points after the completion of Round 7. There will be a singles one hole playoff, commencing with three players playing in any order as nominated by the Team Captains. If still square player 4 to play, then player 5, player 6. If there is still no result a draw will be declared.

d) A Match Committee member's phone number will be made available for any referee decisions or advice.

e) The SGGI Women's Match Committee will be responsible for determining if the course is unplayable in finals (*refer point 23*) and/or if inclement weather is forecast (*refer point 24b*)

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

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

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TEE STEWARD – DEFINITION & DUTIES

Definition:

Steward is a Supervisor for the arrangements of the day assisting players, whilst ensuring the competition is conducted as per the SGGI Women's Pennant Conditions of Play

DUTIES & BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF A TEE STEWARD

- 1) Obtain team list from Clubhouse Steward to ensure players hit off in correct order
- 2) Check that toss between Captains has been completed and you know who has the honour to tee off first.
- 3) Check that each player has a scorecard & hole location sheet if using
- 4) Check that ~~the~~ each player has a sand bucket

ON THE TEE

- 1) Welcome players to the club
- 2) Introduce each player
- 3) Have them identify their balls with each other
- 4) Advise of any local rules if applicable
- 5) Remind them that they only are to have 14 clubs in their bag
- 6) Play ready golf and keep up the pace of play (*omit for Match Play events*)

CADDIE - DEFINITION & DUTIES

Definition:

- Caddie** - is one who carries or handles a player's clubs during play and otherwise assists their player in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- is considered to be part of the player's equipment, and as such, is subject to all the applicable penalties.

DUTIES & BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF A GOOD CADDIE

- a) Introduce yourself to the player and check that there are no more than 14 clubs in their bag.
- b) Ask what brand and number ball is being used by your player.
- c) Keep up with the play and go directly to your player's ball.
- d) Always stand to the side of the player when they are playing their shot.
- e) *NEVER STAND DIRECTLY BEHIND THE PLAYER, ie in their line of sight*
- f) Remain still whilst opponent is preparing to and playing shot or putting.
- g) Wipe clubs before replacing them in the bag.
- h) Do not give advice unless requested by the player.
- i) Do not provide advice or comment regarding the match in progress to the opponent.
- j) Do not touch a rake in the bunker until the player's ball is out of the bunker.
- k) Do not go onto the green to attend the flag unless asked to do so. In match play, a player should obtain approval of their opponent before asking their caddie to attend the flag.
- l) Always observe dress regulations, both on the course and in the clubhouse.

Note: A player may have more than one Caddie during a match provided they only have one caddie at any one time.