



SOUTH WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION Inc.

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PLAYING CONDITIONS

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1. Definitions

- a. The Junior Pennant competition is under the control of the SWGA Junior Committee.
- b. A Member Club means a Member Club as defined in the SWGA Constitution.
- c. The competition between two teams will be known as a "Contest".
- d. In Junior Pennant, a Contest consists of five individual matches.
- e. In Junior Pennant, a Contest is decided once the five individual matches are completed or when one club has won a minimum of three individual matches.

2. Trophies

- a. This year we have three (3) Sections. The top team from each section and the best scoring runner up team across the sections will play for the Westerveld and Trevenan Shields. The Shield winners will then compete for the Ford Cup.

3. Club Responsibility

- a. Each club entering Junior Pennant must be prepared to make their course available for pennant and ensure that the tee is closed to other players for a minimum of 20 minutes prior to play commencing.
- b. Each team shall be accompanied by one (1) mentor who will assist with the running of the round and whose name shall appear on the team and result sheets. The team mentor must be approved and hold a current Working with Children permit. The host club in each round is expected to provide a committee member to assist with the running of the round and to provide rulings as necessary.
- c. Although not compulsory for parents of competing children, all adults actively involved in Junior Pennant are requested to complete a Working with Children Check.

4. Player Eligibility

- a. To be eligible to play Junior Pennant, players must be registered with a club that is affiliated with the SWGA.
- b. Eligibility is restricted to players who are under 18 on the day of the first round. For the 2024 season a club/team may play up to one player who's 19th birthday falls on or before the day of the first round.

Note: Players under 18 must be played in preference to an under 19 player.

- c. Player's names, handicap and date of birth must be lodged with the SWGA Junior Coordinator on or before Round 1. Additional players may be added to the list after the commencement of the season by advising the Junior Coordinator.
- d. No player may represent more than one club during the current pennant season, unless approved to assist another club to field a full team.
- e. Where a club has more than one team competing in Junior Pennant, there shall be NO interchange of players between teams.
- f. A player taking part in SWGA Junior Pennant competition must hold a current GA handicap and is allowed no greater than 50.0 for the competition.

5. Substitutes

- a. Registered players may be used as substitutes in other teams with the consent of the participating team mentors. It is the responsibility of the team requiring a substitute to arrange the substitute on the day. For assistance with obtaining substitute players, contact the SWGA Junior Coordinator.

6. Team Listing

- a. A team shall consist of 5 players whose names shall appear on the team and result sheets. If no player is available the words NO PLAYER shall be listed on the team and result sheets.
- b. The mentor of each team shall submit a team sheet showing players ranked in order of handicap commencing at number 1 with the highest handicapped player (daily handicap) ranked at number 5.
- c. The team list must be handed to the starting official 15 minutes prior to the designated starting time. Order of play shall be nos. 5,4,3,2,1. Any walkovers to be given shall start at number 5.

7. Caddies

- a. A player may be assisted by a caddie but is limited to only one caddie at any one time.
- b. All players, officials, caddies and supporters are required to observe dress standards and special regulations advised by the host club.
- c. Players failing to adhere to host club's dress regulations, including footwear, will not be permitted to play, hence the result of the match shall be a walkover. It is the responsibility of the starter to enforce the penalty and report the incident to the SWGA Junior Organiser at the earliest possible time.
- d. Caddies must be attired in accordance with the host club dress standards and any caddie not attired in this manner will be withdrawn

Note: Clubs having any special course requirements such as golf shoe requirements are asked to provide such details to visiting clubs with adequate notice.

8. Team Mentor

- a. The Team Mentor can be a designated representative as approved by the Team's Club and must hold a current working with children permit. The Team Mentor shall be identified on the Team List submitted prior to the start of the contest. In accordance with the note to Rule of Golf 24.4, a Team Mentor is defined as an 'advice giver' and is authorised to give advice and other help as allowed under Rule of Golf 10.2b(2) to members of their team.

9. Advice

- a. Persons or parents not involved in the match must not in any way interfere with the play of the match. They must not offer their opinion, judgment or objection to any player. This would be considered 'outside' advice which could disqualify the player.
- b. Mentors may give advice to any player at any time.

10. Contests

- a. The honour of hitting off first shall be decided by the toss of a coin by the opposing captains.
- b. Play shall start at the designated time and shall be played in the order in which the competing teams appear in the draw unless otherwise approved by the SWGA Junior Committee.
- c. Players must be ready to commence play when called upon unless prior arrangements have been made by the opposing mentors at least 10 minutes prior to the designated time of the game. Such alterations must be within the normal hit off time of those teams and must be notified to the starter before commencement of the match (Penalty – Loss of Hole).
- d. Matches shall be played in groups of 2 or 4, in reverse order of placement i.e. No. 5 to No. 1.
- e. Male and female players shall play from their respective tees with the exception of matches played between 2 players on a handicap of 30+. For matches played between 2 players on a GA handicap of 30.0 & above, these matches may be played off forward tees with both players playing from the same tee. This applies to Male, Female and/or Mixed matches.
- f. The lowest handicapped player reverts to scratch handicap and strokes given to the opponent are determined using the **GA Recommended Match index** and full daily handicap differential:-

This method provides for an even distribution throughout the round. It also disregards hole difficulties (acknowledging that a 30-marker receives 5 strokes from a 25-marker, which is also what a 5- marker receives from a scratch marker, but that there can be clear differences in the holes a 5- marker and scratch marker will find the most challenging).

It is fair to players on all handicap levels, and it has proved satisfactory in use. It avoids allocating low-numbered strokes to the last two holes so players receiving few strokes will have the opportunity to use these before a match is decided. It also avoids allocating low-numbered strokes to the first three holes in case a match goes to extra holes.

(Note: When using the match play index in match play competitions, the index should be adapted when a match commences at any other hole on the course other than the 1st. Hole 1 in the recommendation should apply to the first hole to be played, Hole 2 to the second hole to be played, etc)

Golf Australia Recommended Match Index

Hole	Index	Hole	Index
1	18	10	5
2	8	11	11
3	12	12	2
4	3	13	15
5	14	14	7
6	6	15	13
7	10	16	4
8	1	17	17
9	16	18	9

When mixed matches (Male v Female) are played from different tees, the match shall also be played with adjusted scores to apply when the par of a hole varies. For example, a mixed match has reached a hole where the two pars are different (Par 4 – Men & Par 5 – Women). At the completion of the hole the male player has taken 4 strokes and the female player has taken 5 strokes. After the scores have been adjusted to their relevant pars the hole would be declared a half, as both players have made par.

- g. Matches which are still square at the 18th hole shall be halved (except finals – See clause 17. Finals c.)

11. Alcohol

No alcohol is permitted to be consumed on the course during any junior pennant competition.

12. Motorised Transport

- Players are not permitted to ride in or on any form of motorised transport during the play of a hole, except where a club has received written dispensation from the SWGA Junior Committee for a particular player and the approval of the host club concerned.
- To assist with the monitoring of play, Team Mentors may ride in or on any form of motorised transport during the play of a hole.
- The penalty for breach of this condition by a player or caddie is disqualification of player or players involved.
- Exception: Championship Committee members may utilize motorised transport to transport a player/caddie in the interests of pace of play where necessary without penalty.

13. Rules and Disputes

- a. All matches are to be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews Scotland together with such local rules as are in force where the matches take place.
- b. If a dispute arises it shall be decided by the club representative in charge of the Junior Pennant competition on the day. If in doubt they should refer the matter to the SWGA Junior Committee whose decision shall be final.
- c. Any claims or disputes on the course must be made before any player in the match plays from the next teeing ground, or in the case of the last hole, leaves the putting green. (all players should be made aware of rule 3.2d of the Rules of Golf)

14. Distance Measuring Devices

- a. Distance measuring devices that show distance (not gradient and wind) are allowed.

15. Code of Conduct

Golf Australia's Code of Conduct is in effect for Junior Pennant.

SWGA Inc will consider it an offence if a player:

- a. physically attacks or abuses in any way, a player, an official or person during a competition
- b. verbally threatens a player, an official or person during a competition
- c. racially vilifies a player, an official or person during a match
- d. wrongfully damages the facilities, including the course and the clubhouse, of the competition golf course
- e. wrongfully removes or damages property belonging to another player, an official, the tournament organiser or the competition of the club
- f. deliberately breaks a Rule (as defined in the Rules of Golf)
- g. deliberately returns a false scorecard
- h. during a competition, deliberately seeks to manipulate the players Australian handicap
- i. fails or refuses to co-operate with, or obstructs any investigation by the Investigative Officer of the Player or Caddies conduct of another person
- j. fails or refuses to co-operate with or obstructs a hearing by the Conduct Officers or the Appeal Tribunal
- k. behaves in a manner detrimental to the good name of GA, GV or SWGA
- l. brings the game of golf into disrepute

A breach of any of these Codes of Conduct will result in the first instance an investigation within the Junior Sub-Committee. A decision on the Disciplinary Procedure and subsequent Penalties if necessary will be provided to the player in line with SWGA Inc Rules of Association.

16. Results

- a. Results are entered directly into the Golfbox Tournament System by the host club via the link provided prior to the round.

17. Finals

- a. At the completion of the last round of the home & away season the winners of the three sections and the best result runner up across the three sections will compete for the Trevenan Shield and the Westerveld Shield. The games will be hosted by the best and second best result, section winners. The winners of those contests will then compete for the Ford Cup. The Ford Cup in 2025 will be played on a neutral course (Queenscliff GC)
- b. To determine the semi-finalists a procedure already determined by the SWGA Junior Committee will be automatically applied to decide the finalists and venues The procedure shall be as follows:

Step 1 Contests won

Step 2 Matches won

Step 3 Holes won in individual matches during the regular season, eg, 4&3 result equals 4.

- c. Shield finals and Ford Cup Final - Matches which are square at the end of 18 holes shall continue until a result is reached unless the overall outcome is already determined.