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## NWGT Pennant

### North West Golf Tas Inc. Pennant Conditions - 2025 Roster (as at 18 February 2025)

- (1). The NWGT pennant roster is open to male and female golfers, subject to further conditions in clause 8. All players will play from the same tees (generally white tees) and to the same relevant par for that tee.
- (2). A. **Host Clubs** will be required to **Text or scan the results sheet** to the Secretary immediately after the game/s to ensure that the results can be collated and published. **Provided that the original signed results sheet is texted or scanned**, the hard copy does not have to be returned to North West Golf Tas.
- B. **Match Managers** – As per Golf Australia conditions, all Match Managers (or players assuming the role of Match Manager) will need to hold a Working With Vulnerable People card. The Match Manager will need to record the card number on the result sheet.
- (3). All matches will be played on the course of the first named team and the visiting team shall have the honour. When 2 teams are playing on an 18 hole course the 1<sup>st</sup> tee only shall be used. When more than 2 teams are playing on the one course the 10<sup>th</sup> tee **MAY** be used with the highest numerical divisions playing from the 10<sup>th</sup> tee.
- (4). A. The starting time at all venues will be at **9:00 am**.
- B. The order of divisional play for 2025 shall be **Women's Div 1** – Div 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7.
- C. All divisions shall consist of 7 players and will hit off at 6 minute intervals in order of 7 to 1.
- D. Teams in divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4 may be placed in preferred order. Handicap Divisions 5, 6, and 7 will ideally be played in handicap order to minimise stroke differential.
- (5). A. At least 10 minutes before the starting time of play the opposing captains shall furnish the host match manager with a list showing the order of play for their team. CAPTAINS FAILING TO OBSERVE THIS RULE SHALL CAUSE THEIR No 7 PLAYER TO INCUR THE LOSS OF THE FIRST HOLE IN THEIR MATCH.
- B. The host Match Manager shall post the pairings on the notice board showing the hit off time for each pair starting from players 7 through to 1. Substitutes may be included at any time BUT NOT AFTER THE PAIRINGS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN UP ON THE BOARD.
- C. If in the absence of circumstances which warrant the waiving of the penalty of disqualification as provided in RULE 5.3a the player arrives at his start point ready to play, within 5 minutes of his listed time, the penalty for failing to start on time is the loss of the 1<sup>st</sup> hole; any later than 5 minutes is forfeit of the match.
- (6). **Adverse Conditions** - The opposing Team Captains by agreement have the **sole power** to delay the starting time, call a temporary halt to play, or cancel any match in progress due to inclement weather or unplayable course conditions on the day of any rostered match. Matches may not be delayed for more than 1 hour cumulatively. In the absence of agreement between the captains, a decision will be made by the Executive of North West Golf Tas (contact Glenn Foster on 0409 869 525). All matches or games abandoned shall be halved unless a decision has already been reached. The matches will not be played at a later date. Matches must not be abandoned or halved for any reason other than the above. Points will not be awarded to teams in circumstances deemed by the North West Golf Tas Executive not to be valid.
- (7). A. All rostered matches squared at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole shall be continued as sudden death until a winner is decided. Matches in the final series shall be decided by sudden death play-off unless a team decision has been reached.

B. All ties for finals berths shall be decided by the North West Golf Tas count back system. For all divisions the final shall be between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams at the end of the roster and shall be played on neutral courses. Should the finals not be completed due to adverse conditions, the teams finishing on top of the ladder in each division will be declared the winners and will represent North West Golf Tas in the State pennant finals (divisions 1, 2 & 3).

(8). A. In the absence of special permission from North West Golf Tas, all players taking part in pennant matches must be fully financial playing, country or junior members of the club they are to represent for at least one (1) month immediately prior to their first match except when a player is legitimately transferred from another club, of which they have been a financial member, and have changed residence to another area.

B. A player may only play in pennant matches for one club in any Tasmanian roster per calendar year.

C. Players attending golfing institutes or studying out of the state are deemed to be eligible if their state household address is retained as a major contact point by the area or state body.

D. All players must spend a majority of their actual physical residency within Tasmania.

(9). A. Any player playing a match in a higher division may not drop back more than one division lower.

i. In the event of clubs not having teams in all divisions, one division lower refers to the clubs next lowest playing team.

ii. Exception may be made by the area pennant committee.

iii. Players may move from "Stroke match play" teams to "Handicap match play" teams due to the fundamental difference in the playing of the matches.

iv. Division 1 Bye rounds – The team with the bye may not drop its four (4) lowest handicapped players (as advised by NWGT) back to a lower division on that day, other than Division 5, 6 or 7 (Handicap divisions).

B. A player must play at least **two (2)** matches in a division in this roster to be able to represent their club in that division in the final, unless moving to a higher division when the player must play at least **two (2)** matches this roster for their club.

C. Any player that has played a percentage greater than 50% of the total roster games of the season, excluding finals, in a higher division is ineligible to then play further games in a lower division, other than handicap divisions.

D. **Penalties – Ineligible players –**

i) The **minimum** penalty for a team playing an ineligible player will be loss of the match by the minimum margin i.e. 4 & 3, as applicable to the overall team number of players.

ii) If the non-offending team had already won the match by a greater margin than the minimum, then this greater margin will stand (e.g. 6 & 1 or 5 & 2.).

iii) **Additionally** - The non-offending team will also be credited with a win in the "ineligible player's game" if that player had previously lost against the ineligible player. This game will be added to any previously calculated total team minimum winning margin total.

(10). Clubs that are unable to field all nominated teams, must forfeit their lowest division team (e.g. division 7).

(11). A. Visiting clubs must comply with the host club's dress, conduct, mobile phone and practice regulations. It is the responsibility of the host club to inform all visiting clubs of their regulations and any variation thereof.

B. Pennant players should not exceed groups of 4 when practicing and be aware of host club members.

C. Any pennant players who are to represent their club, who wish to practice at another club where they do not hold membership are required to contact the visited club and request a time for practice. The host club may or may not extend an invitation to play in the competition of the day for a fee specified by the host club. Any times approved of outside of competitions, the full payment of green fees may apply.

D. **Any player in divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4 who needs the use of a motorised ride-on cart to play pennant must supply a current (year of roster) medical certificate to their club who will in turn supply a copy to North West Golf Tas. Note: Subject to availability, any player aged 65 years or over is permitted to use motorised transportation without needing to apply to NWGT for approval.** Because weather patterns change, cart users must contact the host club regarding the use of carts at that time.

(12) All players and their caddies must use common sense regarding the consumption of alcohol on the course during pennant matches.

**(13). Handicap pennant:**

- A. Strokes given to equal full handicap difference. Maximum GA handicaps allowed will be 45.
- B. **The index to be used will be Golf Australia's Balanced Match-Play Index (as supplied by NWGT).**
- C. All players' current GA handicaps will be used as of and for the actual date of play, duly adjusted to the

Slope Rating of the course used for their games. All players are responsible for their handicap and current evidence must be available if required. GA and Daily handicaps are to be recorded on the result sheets. Captains must ensure that players play off the correct handicap and should advise players where strokes are to be given or taken. The lowest handicapped player will revert to zero and his/her opponent's handicap will be reduced by the equal number of strokes; e.g. player off 15 reduces to 0, opponent off 18 reduces to 3. Strokes would be given/taken on the three hardest holes.

**(14). General Rules -**

- A. A competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance their performance. Any competitor infringing this condition by refusing to take a test will be disqualified. Golf Australia's drug policy is the over-riding document.
- B. Clubs are expected to submit their best possible players for their respective highest (Div 1) to lowest (Div. 4) teams relative to the player's ability. (i.e. intent - no stacking of teams).
- C. GPS - The use of GPS devices that permit the measurement of distance only is permitted.

**(15). Insurance**

With the exceptions of the semi-finals and finals, the host club must maintain public and products liability insurance, including personal injury and property damage, associated with the club's conduct and hosting of the Pennant competition. For the semi-finals and finals, GA shall maintain, at its own expense, public and products liability insurance, including personal injury and property damage, to no less than AUD\$10,000,000.

**Release and Indemnity**

With the exceptions of the semi-finals and finals, the host club:

- (a) releases and will release GA from all Claims that the host club may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with the club's conduct and hosting of the Pennant competition; and
- (b) indemnifies and will keep indemnified GA to the extent permitted by law in respect of any Claim by any person arising as a result of or in connection with the club's conduct and hosting of the Pennant competition.

Claim means and includes any action, suit, proceeding, claim, demand, damage, penalty, cost or expense however arising including but not limited to negligence.

**(16). Food** – Host clubs may make food available for individual players, however shared plates will not be allowed for this roster. Clubs are requested to observe all current Covid-19 recommendations.

Clubs are requested to contact the Secretary (Glenn Foster - 0409 869 525) if there are any difficulties.