



TASMANIAN WOMEN'S PENNANT CONDITIONS

CONDITIONS (AS AT FEBRUARY 2026)

PART A

INTRODUCTION

These conditions are to be used for roster matches, district and state finals, and will be reviewed at the conclusion of the pennant season every two years thereafter by the Tournament, Rules and Ratings Committee (TR&R).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

All matches are to be played under the Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Golf Australia TR&R.

The Match Committee refers to the Golf Australia TR&R, district or club committees depending on the match being played.

MATCH COMMITTEE

1. All ladies' pennant matches leading to the state finals will be under the management and control of the relevant district match committees. These match committees shall have full power at any time to alter or vary any one of these general conditions to accommodate local playing conditions. In the absence of a full match committee, such members thereof as may be present may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the match committee.

2. The match committee of the day will settle any dispute or protest that may arise. The match committee for each roster match will be the Captains of each team, and a contactable district representative, if required.

3. The decision of the match committee will be final in all matters relating to pennant. Protests must be made in writing by the protesting Captain to the district match committee not later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play, or in the case of protest against a match committee ruling, within 30 minutes of this ruling.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Players must be female golfers and have a current Golf Australia handicap.

2. All players taking part in pennant matches must have been a financial member for at least three (3) months immediately prior to their first match except when a player is legitimately transferred from another club, of which they have been a financial member, or have changed residence to another area.

3. 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.

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

5. A player may play in more than one (1) division for her club.

6. Any player who has played a match in a higher division may not drop back more than one (1) division lower. In the event that a club does not have teams in all divisions, one (1) division lower refers to the club's next lowest playing team provided handicap limit is still satisfied.

7. When a club is represented by more than one (1) team in a division, once players have played two games for a team in that division they are then ineligible to play for the other team in that division, in that roster. The penalty for playing an ineligible player is loss of two (2) points.

8. To be eligible for a state final, a player must have played at least:
 - a) One (1) roster match for her team if the division has 6 matches or less in the roster.
 - b) Two (2) roster matches for her team if the division has more than 6 matches in the roster.
9. District associations are to confirm that competitors representing clubs have participated in the required number of matches and corresponding divisions to qualify for state finals.
10. District associations to forward a list of eligible players to Golf Australia prior to the state finals.
11. Should a team reach the state final after competing in a regional pennant where that club is represented by two (2) teams in the same division, only two (2) competitors from the corresponding team are permitted to transfer into the participating team should they be eligible.

RULES OF PLAY

1. All pennant matches will be played as handicap match play.
 - a) Divisions 1, 2 & 3 players will give a maximum of 75% of handicap difference (rounding up).
 - b) Division 4 players will give the full number of strokes with no limit.
2. The team average calculated at the beginning of the pennant season based on Golf Australia handicap will determine which division a team will play in, and remain as such for the entire season.

The following handicap brackets apply:

- a) Division One – + - 23.0
- b) Division Two – 18.0 – 32.0
- c) Division Three – 30.0 – 45.0
- d) Division Four – 40.0 – 54.0

3. The team's weekly average is calculated using each player's current GA Handicap. This still needs to be within the team average range for their division.
4. Any changes made to the team's composition during the pennant season must conform to the previous condition.
5. The team average is not to be rounded up or down. E.g. If a player's handicap is 28.6 it is not to be rounded up and similarly, the team average is the exact total of the 5 players' Golf Australia handicaps, divided by 5.
6. All players are responsible for their handicap and must play off their current Golf Australia Handicap for each pennant match.
7. Matched are to be played to the slope rating of each course.
8. Evidence of individual player's Golf Australia Handicap must be available if required. Team Captains should ensure player's handicaps are as of the day of play.
9. Club Captains are requested to submit a list of all player's Golf Australia handicaps to their District Secretary at the beginning of the season.
10. District Secretaries are requested to submit the pennant roster to the Golf Operations Manager at Golf Australia at the beginning of the season.
11. The index to be used will be the Golf Australia Balanced Distribution of Strokes Match Play Index.
12. Teams must be posted on the noticeboard or handed to an official at least ten (10) minutes prior to the start of play. No alterations will be accepted once teams are posted.

13. Teams shall consist of five (5) players.
14. Number one (1) will be the player with the lowest handicap with remaining players listed from lowest to highest handicap for team placement order.
15. Matches will commence from the tee in reverse team order with number one (1) players off last.
16. A team must play if it can field a number of players greater than or equal to the percentage of 50% of the number of players required to fill a team.
17. The 'Honour' will go to the visiting team for roster matches. Should the match be played on a neutral course the honour will be decided by 'Toss of Coin' by the Captains.
18. Any forfeits will apply as per named position in team order once teams have been posted. If after being posted to play at a position in the team a player fails to be able to play, then their opponent will receive a walk-over (W/O) victory.
19. All matches are to be played from the permanent distance markers or, where not available, areas as determined by the Match Committee or Course Superintendent.
20. In all divisions, if at the end of a stipulated round there shall be a tie, players will continue to play until a winner is determined and the last stipulated round is determined to extend to as many holes as required for a match to be won.
21. Days of play are to be decided by individual districts.
22. Districts will decide if and when finals are to be played in their jurisdictions.
23. Composite teams are encouraged and can be made of players from more than one district. At the beginning of the pennant season a player playing in different teams in 2 districts is required to indicate to both District Secretaries in which team she will play if both her participating teams reach the state finals.

CADDIES

Please refer to the Golf Australia Code of Conduct for information relating to caddies.

ABANDONED PLAY

1. The opposing team captains by agreement have the **sole power** to delay the starting time, call a temporary halt, or cancel any match in progress due to inclement weather or unplayable course conditions on the day of any rostered match.
2. 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 nominated district contact person. All matches or games shall be halved unless a result has already been reached.
3. The matches will not be played at a later date.
4. Matches must not be abandoned or halved for any reason other than the above.
5. If a match cannot be completed and all players have completed 9-holes, then the winner will be declared whatever the result was after 9-holes.

SCORING & RESULTS

1. Two (2) points will be awarded for a win.
2. One (1) point will be awarded for a halved match.

3. If a division has a bye and an unequal number of weeks of matches played, then the team/s affected will receive one (1) point.

4. When two (2) or more teams tie in the number of matches won, individual game wins will be counted, and if this results in a tie the number of games won in matches between those teams will be counted. If they are still tied there will be a play-off, provided a suitable neutral course is available and at a time approved.

CONFORMING GOLF BALLS, DRIVER HEADS AND TIME OF STARTING

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards to Conforming Golf Balls, Driver Heads and Time of Starting.

PACE OF PLAY

Rule 5-6 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it. Any group with a clear hole in front of it will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

MOTORISED TRANSPORT

A player will only be permitted to ride on motorised transportation in circumstances expressly described in (a) or (b) or (c) below.

- a) When authorised (or later approved) by the committee in charge of the competition due to circumstances that arise during the playing of a round. For example, a player who is about to play (or who has just played) under penalty of stroke and distance, is automatically authorised to ride on motorised transportation.
- b) When approved by GA due to one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation.
 - Details of the 10 eligible impairments are provided by clicking [here](#).
 - A player seeking authorisation to ride on any form of motorised transportation as a result of one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation must email GA (golfoperations@golf.org.au) to obtain information on procedures for submitting requests.
 - All such requests and required information must be submitted to GA before the closing time for entries.
- c) Any player who is not covered by one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation (see clause (b)), but who believes they are impacted by exceptional circumstances, has the option of applying to GA for special approval to use motorised transportation. To be considered, such applications must be received via email by GA's General Manager – Golf Operations before the event's closing time for entries (email: golfoperations@golf.com.au).

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

ANTI-DOPING

The GA anti-doping policy applies for this event. The GA anti-doping policy is the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy, effective from 1 January 2021, and can be found by [clicking here](#).

CODE OF CONDUCT

All entrants are bound by GA's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available by [clicking here](#). Any breach of the Code may be recorded on the Central Register of the Code ("the Register"). The Register may be accessed (and published from time to time) by any State Association or GA for the purposes of administering Competitions or state championships, events, competitions, practice sessions or major activities conducted or sanctioned by a State Association, or any State Association or GA codes of conduct and/or other related matters.

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

All competitors will be made honorary members of the host club and are required to comply with the dress and mobile phone regulations.

IMAGES

GA may arrange for promotion of the Championship, for radio, internet and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship or excerpts thereof in any and all media throughout the world, whether now known or hereafter developed. By this application, the player consents to the use by GA, or persons authorised by GA, of their name, likeness, voice and references to them and photographs and other images of them and their play connected with their appearance in the Championship, or any portion(s) thereof, in connection with such media promotion, broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship. GA may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this Championship as well as other GA Championships and GA. The cooperation of players with authorised representatives of the media is required, provided that no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required and provided that the player's Championship play is not unreasonably interfered with the competitors assent to reference to them and pictures of them in practice and play being used for commercial purposes by Golf Australia and the sponsors. Golf Australia reserves the right to any press, broadcasting or television fees paid or payable for permission to broadcast, photograph or televise play.

LEGAL POLICIES (E.G. MATCH FIXING POLICY)

All entrants are bound to comply with all of GA's legal policies. These policies relate to the golfer's behaviour and the behaviour of their associates during the tournament. Any breach of these policies may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the competition and subject to investigation and disciplinary proceedings. Depending on the nature of the offence, the competitor may also be subject to criminal charges arising from their conduct. It is the duty of the competitors and their associates to familiarise themselves with the relevant policies and ensure they comply. [Click here](#) to view GA's Legal Policies.

SMOKING & CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL POLICY

Players and caddies are prohibited from smoking and consuming alcohol during a round. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like).

The following penalty structure applies for a breach of the above policy:

- o First breach: Warning
- o Second breach: One-Stroke Penalty
- o Third breach: General Penalty
- o Fourth breach or any subsequent misconduct: Disqualification

The Championship Play Committee will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.

PART B ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR STATE FINALS

MATCH COMMITTEE

1. The pennant finals will be under the management and control of the Golf Australia TR&R and the Golf Operations Manager of Golf Tasmania with full power at any time to alter or vary any one of the Conditions.
2. In the absence of the full Match Committee such members thereof as may be present at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full Match Committee.
3. The Match Committee of the day will settle any dispute or protest that may arise.
4. The decision of the Match Committee will be final in all matters relating to the pennant finals. Protests must be made by the protesting captain to the Match Committee not later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play or, in the case of protest against a Match Committee ruling, within 30 minutes of this ruling.

RULES OF PLAY FOR STATE FINALS

1. The State Finals will be played over 18-holes of round-robin match play at a place and time determined by Golf Australia.
2. The 'Honour' will be decided by a toss of a coin between a Golf Australia official and the opposing Captains.

3. In any division there must be teams from at least 2 Districts for a State Final to be held and a State pennant presented. If, however, one of the finalists cannot compete on the day due to unforeseen circumstances, Golf Australia may award the pennant to the attending finalist.
4. A division must have least two (2) teams for a State Final to be held. No pennant will be presented unless a State Final is held.
5. A team must have three (3) players to be eligible to play in the State Final and placement will be made from number one (1) down to the available number of players with no places missed.
6. Individual matches will proceed on extra holes where required until a result is achieved.
7. Subsequent matches will only continue in State Finals if a result has not been achieved.
8. At the conclusion of the tournament the winner shall be decided as follows:
 - a) The team having won the greatest number of contests shall be the winner.
 - b) If the respective teams stand equal in the number of contests won, the tie shall be decided between them in favour of the team whose total number of matches won throughout the tournament, minus any penalty deductions, is greatest.
 - c) If the respective teams stand equal in the number of contests and matches won, the tie shall be decided between them in favour of the team whose total number of holes won throughout the tournament, minus any penalty deductions, is greatest.
 - d) If the respective teams stand equal in the number of contests and matches won and in the aggregate of individual holes won throughout the tournament, minus any penalty deductions, such teams shall be declared by the committee to be joint winners.

ABANDONED PLAY

Should a course hosting the State Finals be declared unplayable due to poor weather conditions, the Pennant Final Match Committee may transfer the game to a nearby course which is deemed playable on the day.