



NORTHERN GOLF WOMENS PENNANT



CONDITIONS 2024

Clubs can enter pennant teams, as many teams as they wish, in divisions 1 to 4
These entries shall be sent to the Secretary of Northern Golf,
info@northerngolf.com.au **before** January 22rd 2024.

Please contact me on 0418 332 176 should you have any queries.

The entry fee per team shall be \$40-00 payable at the time of entering pennant teams prior to January 22nd 2024.

Teams shall consist of five (5) players. Players Golf Link Numbers are required.

CONS PEARCE

- The winning team from the North East Coast pennant roster shall play the Cons Pearce Shield against the winning division two or three team from the Northern roster. Division subject to confirmation by Northern Golf.
- The winner of the Cons Pearce will be the team to represent the Northern Area in both the state final and the match against the North West area in that respective division.

GENERAL

- All matches are to be played under the Rules of Golf as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews; Area and State Match-play conditions; and the local rules of the course on which each match is played.
- All entrants consent to be bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct. A copy of the code is available at www.golf.org.au
- A competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance her 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.
- Northern Golf will allow any pennant player to the use of a motorised ride – on transport for any level of pennant play in the Northern Golf Pennant Roster. The use of motorised ride-on transport in the State Preliminary and State Final is subject to the State Pennant Conditions
- All competitors are required to comply with the dress regulations, mobile phone and anti-smoking regulations of the Host Club.
- G.P.S. measuring devices which measure distance only are permitted. Devices which measure conditions other than distance must not be used.
- Caddies are permitted without prior notification, but numbers must be advised for catering purposes.

MATCH COMMITTEE

- The Pennant will be under the management and control of the Area Match Committee. 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.
- The Match Committee of the day will settle any dispute or protest that may arise.
- (The match committee for each match will be the two captains and a contactable district representative)
- The decision of the Match Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Pennant. Protests must be made by the protesting captain to the Match Committee not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play or in the case of protest against a Match Committee ruling, within 15 minutes of this ruling.

ELIGIBILITY

- Players must have a current Australian handicap.
- All players taking part in pennant matches must have been a financial member of a golf club 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.
- 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.
- All other players must spend a majority of their actual physical residency within Tasmania
- A player may play for one Club only in this Pennant Roster. For the purposes of this Condition, any Combined Team (i.e. a Team composed of players from more than one Club), shall be considered to be a Club. (A combined team made up from players from two Districts must have permission from Northern Golf before the first match). A player, who is a member of more than one Club, should nominate to the Match Committee which Club they will represent in Pennant. If no such nomination is received, the Club they first play for will be considered to be their Club.
- A player may play for no more than two (2) Teams for her Club
- A player must have played at least one (1) roster match for her team to be eligible to play in a State Final.
- Should a team reach the State Final and 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.
- Any player that has played a percentage greater than 50% of the total available roster games of the season, excluding finals, in a higher division is ineligible to then play further games in a lower division.

RULES OF PLAY

- All divisions will be conducted under handicap match-play conditions.

- Division 1, 2 and 3 will give a maximum of eight strokes to an opponent.
- Division 4 players will give the full number of strokes with no limit.
- Teams shall consist of five (5) players.
- 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. Team captains must simultaneously exchange team lists in playing order showing correct handicap at least 10 minutes prior to commencement of play. NO ALTERATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- A team must have three (3) players to be eligible to play and placement will be made from number one (1) down to the available number of players with no places missed.
- If on a neutral course honour will be by 'Toss of Coin' by the captains otherwise visiting club shall have the honour.
- 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 w/o victory.
- If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7 the penalty of failing to start on time is loss of the first hole instead of disqualification.
- If a player arrives later than within five minutes of her starting time the penalty is disqualification.
- A team's eligibility is based on the team's overall average handicap using the individual's GA handicap as of the 22nd of January 2024. The following handicap brackets apply:

Division One	-	25 and under
Division Two	-	15-28
Division Three		24-36
Division Four	-	30 +
- Any changes made to the team's composition during the pennant season must conform to the conditions stated in 8.
- All players are responsible for their handicap and must play off their current handicap for each pennant match. Evidence must be available if required. Captains should ensure player's handicaps as of the day of play.
- Number one (1) will be the player with the lowest handicap with remaining players listed from lowest to highest handicap for team placement order.
- Matches will commence from the tee in reverse team order with number one (1) player last.
- The index to be used will be the Golf Australia- Balanced Distribution of Strokes Match Play Index
- Local rules must be prominently displayed.

SCORING & RESULTS

- 2 points will be awarded for a win.
- 1 point will be awarded for halved match.
- If a division has a bye and an unequal number of weeks of matches played then the team/s affected will receive 1 point.
- In all Divisions no match shall go beyond the 18th hole.

- The divisional winner will be the team that finishes atop the ladder based on the best win/loss ratio, and if required the highest win/loss percentage of individual matches.

- Should there be ties in a division; the team winning the highest number of individual matches shall be placed in the higher position. If after this calculation, a tie for second position exists then the result will be determined by the highest win/loss percentage of individual matches.

- A decision on whether local finals will be played will be made at the time the roster is finalised.

- If finals are played, all games shall be played to a conclusion unless a result has already been achieved.

ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

- Play will be abandoned if a match has not started or if all players have not played 9 holes

- All matches will be played as scheduled by the roster unless the host club and/or the Match Committee decide to “close the course”.
- If play is abandoned the points will be shared if no matches have been commenced or if all matches have not finished at least 50% of the available holes comprising the match.
- If a match cannot be completed and all players have completed a minimum of 50% of the available holes comprising the match then completed matches will stand and remaining matches will be declared as at their current standing on the course when play is suspended or cancelled.
- Abandoned matches will not be played at a later date.

STATE PENNANT FINALS

- Area Associations are to confirm that competitors representing clubs have participated in the required number of matches and appropriate divisions to qualify for the State Finals.
- Area Association is to forward a list of eligible players to Golf Tasmania prior to the finals.