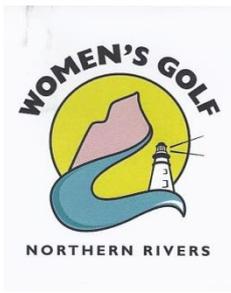


WOMEN'S GOLF NORTHERN RIVERS INC



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PENNANT CONDITIONS 2021

No entry fee required. Clubs may enter one team only in any Grade.

Should smaller Clubs be unable to field a pennant team they may approach WGNR Match Committee for consideration of joining another Club in a composite arrangement. This applies only to the entry of one team.

The pennant series will be conducted, depending on the number of entries, as a round robin point score in two (2) zones. Grades will consist of:

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| GRADE 1 | Team of five (5) players with an aggregate GA handicap of 0 - 105 |
| GRADE 2 | Team of five (5) players with an aggregate GA handicap of 100 - 160 |

All teams to play off GA handicap as adjusted to Slope Rating of the host Club as registered with Golf Link by 6pm on the Sunday evening before the Monday matches. The handicap limit of individual players is 0 - 45. THIS CONDITION MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH REGULATIONS 3 and 4.

If a Club is fielding a team in each Division the minimum handicap of a player in Division 2 is a GA Handicap of 15. If player 1's GA is less than 15 she is disqualified, and all other players move up a position and the opposition number five player is awarded the two points.

Maximum handicap of a player in Division 1 is a GA Handicap of 30. Any player with a GA greater than 30 is disqualified and the opposition number 5 player is awarded the two points

The Team Captain is to produce a copy of exact GolfLink GA handicap as at 6.00pm on the Sunday evening before Pennant play. This is to be handed to the relevant person at the host Club.

Each host Club is to provide a non-playing representative to check GA exact handicaps against the conversion table for their Club prior to the day's play to ensure the correct order of play. This could be the starter.

Teams in all grades will be arranged into two (2) zones at the discretion of the WGNR Match Committee with the North Zone to go no further south than Lismore and the South Zone to go no further north than Ballina.

Players will commence at the time on the draw sheet or where otherwise advised. Where possible the start times are ruled by the distance the clubs have to travel and the host club is usually first to tee off. Hosting club's starting time is determined by the club management.

All matches must be played unless a decision has been made by the WGNR Match Committee regarding whether course is playable (based on information received from the **hosting club Captain**). Decision will not be made until 3pm on the Sunday. WGNR will notify the designated club pennant contact person if the course is declared unsuitable for a pennant competition, points are to be halved (5 points each) as there are no make-up days.

The ***Captain of the hosting club*** should notify visiting pennant teams if carts are not available, allowing enough time for alteration of team composition. When arranging pennant teams, it is advisable to have substitute players recorded who can walk a course in the event of a course not allowing carts on, thus avoiding a last minute rush to find players.

Please refer to condition 13 under weather conditions relating to decisions before commencing pennant play on the day and during play.

Should weather conditions deteriorate on arrival at the Host Club prior to hitting off, ***Team Captains*** and the ***Host Club Starter*** may confer on ground and weather conditions to make a decision as to whether or not to commence play. THIS CONDITION MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH REGULATION 13.

The ***Captains of pennant teams*** should ensure their players are familiar with match play rules. It is a player's responsibility to read the club's local course rules for the day.

The starter's role is to receive team sheets and call players to the tee in correct order when it is safe, oversee the toss for order of hit off within the pairs.

The Host Club is to email results to Linda Dean: ljdean@bigpond.net.au before 5.00pm on Tuesday following the match.

Matches are to be played in twosomes in a stipulated round of 18-holes in the correct sequence.

All matches to be played in accordance with the Match Index as indicated by the Host Club

All disputes to WGNR Match Committee must be within the stated time or they will be declared invalid. Starters or members of the hosting club's Match or Women's Committee do not have the authority to investigate disputes, make decisions or approach any clubs or players regarding such matters.

Notwithstanding the above, the Women's Golf Northern Rivers Inc. Match Committee reserves the right to make all arrangements to fix and/or alter starting times and to alter or make any variations to these conditions or to postpone or cancel any matches at any time if thought fit.

PLEASE ENSURE EVERY MEMBER OF A PENNANT TEAM RECEIVES AND READS A COPY OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

PENNANT CONDITIONS 2021

1.
 - 1.1 A player must be an amateur golfer and have a current Golf Australia handicap.
 - 1.2 A player need not play for her Home Club but must not change during the Pennant series
2. Each Host Club must appoint a Starter. Team Captains must hand to the Starter the names of their team members on the OFFICIAL WGNR Inc FORM in EXACT HANDICAP ORDER no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the first player being due to hit off. Team Captains to toss for the honour. Captains must play their team in order of handicap - lowest marker to play first
3. All teams of five (5) players to be named on the first day of play. There will be a limit of four (4) reserves allowed UN-NAMED. Handicaps of the five team members are to be registered on the first day of play and to be within the aggregate for that Division. Team must keep within aggregate range throughout competition.
4. No original team member or reserve (who has played) may change to another Grade or team.
5. Should a team breach Regulation 3 or 4 that team shall be disqualified, and maximum points shall be awarded to the opposing team.
6. If a player plays off a wrong handicap or is placed in an incorrect position in a team, that player and any players who are consequently wrongly place shall be disqualified for the matches so affected and appropriate points awarded to the opposing team. Any matches not affected shall stand as played.
7. Players are **NOT** to have the use of a Caddie (or bag puller) throughout pennant matches or final matches.
8. **MOTORISED GOLF CARTS.** All players may use motorised transport. NOTE: It is the players' responsibility to confirm availability of carts at relevant venues.
9. The use of a mobile phone or portable phone by a competitor, while on the golf course during a pennant event is distracting and inconsiderate. If the competitor is in the possession of a mobile or portable phone it should be turned off. If the phone rings it is deemed to be in use and the WGNR match committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player in accordance **with Rule 4.3(a)1**. If a mobile phone has a distance measuring device facility it may be used in line with Condition 10, provided the device does not have the facility to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.). However, the "phone communication' facility of the mobile phone should be turned off. In match play, the opponent should be informed if the player plans to use this facility. Penalty for breach is 2 strokes.
10. Distance Measuring Devices (D.M.D.): A player may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance. A multifunctional device such as a smartphone or PDA may be used as a distance measuring device, but it must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions when doing so would be in breach of **Rule 4.3(a)1**. If during a match round, a player uses a distance measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of **Rule 4.3(a)1**, for which the penalty is loss of hole in match play for first offence and disqualification for subsequent breaches. This Condition applies irrespective of any Local Rule that may or may not be in effect at the Host Club.
11. If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play. Otherwise, the penalty for

breach of this Rule is disqualification. Exception: Where the WGNR Representative determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time.

12. FORFEITS. A forfeit once given cannot be recalled.

- a) A Club unable to play on the fixed date must forfeit that round only and the opposing team shall receive maximum points.
- b) If a Club is unable to field a full team, the opposing Captain must be notified that the team shall consist of a certain number of players and the team must forfeit the LAST PLACE OR PLACES.
- c) Forfeit of a game during a match by both players or one player must be clearly stated using golfing terminology, so each player understands what has been agreed to before they leave the course.
- d) Pennant team matches must continue to compete regardless of where they are on the points table – there is no such thing as a ‘dead rubber’ or an agreed forfeit between clubs.

13. WEATHER CONDITIONS

- a) Should weather conditions deteriorate on arrival at the Host Club prior to hitting off **Team Captains** and the **Host Club Starter** may confer on ground and weather conditions to decide whether play can commence.

If an agreement is made not to play (due to bad weather) then forms must be completed and signed by both team captains before leaving the course.

- b) Club to appoint a person (non- playing) at each host club who is designated as the decision maker whether the course is declared unplayable or suspending play after commencement of play. Players will be informed on how this information will be conveyed to them on the course eg siren/hooter etc.
- c) If during the course of play, due to weather conditions, the course is declared unplayable, all COMPLETED matches are to stand and any matches in progress or NOT STARTED are to be awarded 1 point each.
- d) If during play, due to weather conditions, play is SUSPENDED, players may mark their balls and resume play as soon as possible when conditions improve. Should weather conditions further deteriorate the provisions of Regulation 13 (b) will apply
- e) In the event of extreme weather, the WGNR Match Committee reserves the right to abandon the competition for the year.

14. SCORING. Matches will not go beyond 18-holes except in finals (Please Note Regulation 15)

MATCHES WON 2 points

MATCHES SQUARED 1 point

There are no points allocated for a team win.

If a course is declared unplayable, points are to be halved (5 points each)

NOTE: In the event of a tie on points a play-off shall be arranged by the WGNR Match Committee to decide the zone finalists.

15. FINALS

- a) The Zone winner in each Grade will proceed to the final. Should a tie occur between teams playing within either zone these teams will play off for the right to contest the final such play

off to continue until a decision is reached, playing from the original first hole and giving strokes where indicated

b) All final matches are to be played until a decision is reached, playing from the original first hole and giving strokes where indicated.

16. Before submitting the written results or leaving the clubhouse, both clubs must ensure the results have been agreed upon and signed by both Captains.

HOST CLUB STARTER is to email results to: **Linda Dean** lidean@bigpond.net.au **by 5.00pm on the Tuesday following the match.**

17. PROTESTS are to be lodged with the WGNR Secretary by 8pm by phone on the day of play and may only be lodged by the **Club Captain or her deputy** or they are null and void. The WGNR Match Committee will notify the opposing team of the intention to protest and the reason for such protest. The WGNR Match Committee and/or Secretary request that details of the protest be lodged by email or mail within three days of the original protest contact.

18. WGNR Match Committee whose decision shall be final shall settle all disputes.

19. LUNCHESES SHALL BE PROVIDED by the Host Club at a cost to Players. Team Captains to notify Host Club **by midday Friday** prior to the match if they DO NOT require lunch, if they require additional lunches or if any of their team members have special dietary needs. If, for any reason a Club is unable to provide lunch they should notify team captains in advance so that players may make alternate arrangements. ***Captain of teams to collect money and provide a list to the designated person of the host club before play is commenced.*** It is the responsibility of the visiting Club to reimburse the host Club for all lunches that have been catered for.

20. In the event of late tee off times the Host Club Captain is to arrange for players to collect lunch before hit off or after 9-holes

21. The Host Club shall provide tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival but not for lunch. If players require tea, coffee or other beverages with lunch this to be at the players' own expense

22. PROPOSED PENNANT DATES:
Mondays
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 May
7, 21 June Final

23. In pennant finals every effort will be made to provide rulings via mobile phone contact with a designated official referee.

Note

The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration of other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf. **Rule 1.2, 1.3**

WGNR MATCH COMMITTEE