



2018 NORTH HARBOUR MIXED PENNANTS - CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. **Team Format:**

A team consists of 4 men and 4 women playing as 4 mixed pairs in a Foursomes (alternate strokes), Match Play format.

Maximum handicap indexes: **24.4 for men, 36.4 for women.** Players with higher handicaps may play in any match but must play off these maximum handicaps.

2. **Clubs with more than one team in the competition:**

The first team that a player plays for in the competition, is the team they belong to for the duration of this competition. They may not play for another team in a subsequent round unless dispensation is granted by the committee due to special circumstances.

3. **Determining Playing Order:**

Add up the **course** handicap of each pair. The pair with the lowest combined handicap is the No. 1 pair for the team on the day, and so on, with the highest combined handicap being the No. 4 pair in the team.

If two pairs have the same combined course handicap, they may be played in the order selected by the team captain.

The No. 1 pair must play against the No.1 pair of the opposing team, No. 2 v No. 2 etc.

The pairs should play in reverse order with the match between the No. 4 pairs teeing off first and the match between the No. 1 pairs teeing off last. Ensure the playing order is clear before the first match starts.

If a team plays out of order, the result of the matches played out of order are automatically a 12-0 loss to the team that played out of order. If all 4 players are played out of order by one team, the match score is as per the disqualification penalty in Rule 6 (below).

Example. When the playing order is set at 4,3,2,1, if one team mistakenly plays in the order 3,4,2,1, the first two matches are automatic 12-0 losses. If both teams play in the same incorrect order, the scores of the matches will stand as played.

4. **The men tee off on the odd numbered holes and the women tee off on the even numbered holes.**

5. **Teams in the correct playing order should be declared to the host club on a team sheet at least 20 minutes prior to the first tee time.**

6. **Calculating strokes given /received in each match:**

Add the pair's two **course** handicaps together and divide by 2 for the Foursomes handicap for that pair. (0.5 to be rounded up to the next whole number).

In foursomes, handicap strokes to be given and received is based on the difference between the course handicaps of the two sides.

Example: Pair A is playing Pair B

Pair A have course handicaps of 11 and 15 – combined is 26, then divided by 2 to make the playing handicap of 13 for Pair A.

Pair B have course handicaps of 12 and 17 - combined is 29, then divided by 2 makes 14.5, which gets rounded to a playing handicap of 15 for Pair B.

In this example Pair A gives Pair B 2 strokes in the match.

IMPORTANT: Strokes are taken on holes using the stroke indexes as shown on the **Men's** course card.

5. **Match results will be decided by playing all 18 holes. 1 point for each hole won, ½ point for each hole halved.**

6. In the event of a default or disqualification of:
 - a) **one, two or three matches:** The opposition pair will receive 12 points and the defaulting pair receives 0 points. If any match cannot be completed due to a player not being able to continue for any reason, the match becomes a 12-0 loss to the defaulting team, unless the opposition already had more than 12 points when match was defaulted, in which case the score becomes x points to 0, x being the score the winning team was on at the time of default.
 - b) **a whole team:** The opposing team will be awarded the highest points scored by any team at the same venue on the same day, and the defaulting team will be awarded the lowest points scored by any team at the same venue on the same day. A team that defaults a match cannot win their group.
7. In the event of a round being cancelled/abandoned due to inclement weather, the teams will each score 36 points for that round. There are no rescheduled dates for Mixed Pennants.
8. Cards are not required for handicapping but must be presented to show the result. Once the results sheet has been completed and signed by both team captains, the cards may be discarded. No changes to the result of the match may be made once both team captains have signed the results sheet.
9. Teams must accept the opposition and venues as drawn. No team will be drawn to play at its home course. If that is unavoidable for any reason, teams must accept the situation.
10. When the **Qualifying Rounds** are complete, the team in each of the four groups with the highest overall points total will go forward to the **Championship** rounds starting in November. They will play each other in a round-robin format to decide the Mixed Pennants Champions. The next highest four teams from the **Qualifying Rounds** will form **Flight One**. The third and fourth placed teams will form **Flight Two**. They will each play a further 3 matches.
11. If any teams are tied on points after the **Qualifying Rounds**, the finishing positions in the table will be decided as follows: If two teams are tied for any position, the result of the match between the two teams will decide who finishes higher in the table. If that was a tied match, the finishing position will be decided by lot.
If there are more than two teams on the same number of points in the table, the finishing positions will be decided by lot, regardless of the match scores between those teams.
12. The result of the **Championship** group and all the **Flight Groups** will be decided by the number of matches won (team v team), in the three finals rounds. If that is tied between two or more teams, the team with the highest overall points total over the three finals rounds will be declared the winner. If they still cannot be separated, the trophy will be shared.
13. If Preferred Lies (Clean and Place) is in operation on the day of play, but the host club has neglected to correctly publish the full Local Rule wording, the stated location of relief (e.g. Through the Green or own mown fairway etc), and the distance of relief (e.g. 15cm), will stand. However, the procedure to be followed when taking relief, is as per the specimen Local Rule of the current Rules Book.
14. **Match Play Procedure Advice**
All Rules claims must be made in a timely and correct manner (Rule 2-5). If everyone in the group is unsure how to proceed in a given situation, it is recommended that the side with the ball in question continues playing the hole as they think best. It is then up to the opposition to make a claim, should they think the other side has proceeded incorrectly. Remember, playing two balls if unsure how to proceed is **not** permitted in Match Play.
It is strongly advised that a hole is not just conceded just because the opposition appears to know the Rules. That is often not the case, but once a hole is conceded, no claim will be accepted.