

GENERAL RULES GOVERNING ALL NHGA WOMEN'S INTERCLUB & PENNANT COMPETITIONS.

Additional rules for each Interclub & Pennant competition should be read in conjunction with these General Rules Governing All Interclub Competitions and the rules governing the conditions of the North Harbour Golf Association Men's, Women's and Mixed Competitions

1. GENERAL

- (a) All competitions shall be played in accordance with the Association Rules governing the competition, the Rules of Golf and the Host Club's Local Rules.
- (b) Competitions are to be played off two tees if possible.
- (c) Preferred Start times
Premier 8:30am – 10:00am
Midweek 18 Hole 8:30am – 10:00am
Weekend competitions 8:30am – 10:00am
9 Hole Pennants 9:00am – 10:00am
- (d) Match play cards are to be returned and will be used for handicapping in all competitions.
- (e) All handicap strokes shall be given from the no 1 stroke hole up to the required number of given strokes.
- (f) Clubs may play players (or pairs) with the same course handicap in the order of their preference.
- (g) In the event of a match being unable to be played by reason of the Host Club course being closed or considered unfit for play by the Club Captain or her representative, an alternative venue or day shall be arranged by the Pennant Committee.
- (h) Pennant team uniforms: to avoid duplication, approval should be obtained from the Management Committee, who holds a register of uniforms.
- (i) Each Club entering a team must be prepared to provide their course as a venue.
- (j) All teams are to be selected on handicap index.

2. VENUES

- (a) The Clubs shall supply a date, and alternative dates, for each event. The Pennant Committee will organise the programming of all Interclub competitions, from the dates supplied.
- (b) A programme planning meeting of the Club Captains or their representatives will be held in August/September, to set dates for all NHGA fixtures for the coming season.

3. ENTRIES

A club may enter one team in any of the North Harbour women's fixtures. Composite teams may be entered in any grade of women's pennants on approval of the Women's Management Committee. In a composite team the requirement is a club split of 3/3 or 4/2. The WMC may invite a club to enter a second team in any one grade if required.

4. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Advise all participating Clubs of team start times, tees and order of play.
- (b) If wide wheels are to be used, prior notice must be given to visiting teams.
- (c) Soft spikes are to be worn on the course, unless informed otherwise.
- (d) Supervise the start tees and see to the smooth running of the day.
- (e) If two tees are not available, the Operations Manager of the Association must be advised. See 1 (b)
- (f) Host Club to organise team sheets.
- (g) Ensure that a Match Committee is available at all times. This Committee will endeavour to resolve any disputes after consultation with the Captains of the teams involved.
- (h) Display or circulate a copy of any additional Local Rules. Ensure only R&A approved Local Rules are used and the full recommended wording is published.
- (i) Marshall the course at trouble spots to prevent slow play.
- (j) Keep a results board for the day's results and accumulated points to date.
- (k) Advise caterers of numbers (including caddies, team managers etc.) expected for lunch and afternoon tea.
- (l) Send final results to the Operations Manager of the Association within four days. All match results must be recorded on the official NHGA results sheets which must be signed by the team Captains.
- (m) If a North Harbour representative is required please contact the pennant convenor
- (n) Process cards for handicapping. Cards are not to be returned with players

5. ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Players must be of amateur status and be financial members of the North Harbour Club they are representing.
- (b) Any Club fielding a player who is not eligible to compete for that Club shall lose the match or matches played by that player.

6. PLAYERS MEMBER OF MORE THAN ONE CLUB

(a) A player who is a member of more than one North Harbour club may represent either club in any Midweek competition, and may also represent either club in the Weekend Competition in any one season.

7. LATE ARRIVALS

Rule 6-3: If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after his starting time the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Otherwise the penalty is disqualification.

Exception: Where the committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time there is no penalty and the starting time may be delayed.

8. TEAM CAPTAINS & TEAM SHEETS

- (a) Clubs must send their teams to host club by Thursday for a Monday round and Monday for a Thursday round.
- (b) The completed team sheets must be produced at least 20 minutes before the team's first tee-off time.
- (c) Incorrect order of play according to the team sheet will result in disqualification of the player(s) concerned. Players are solely responsible for the correct application of handicaps and recording exact match results.
- (d) Written/printed verification of current handicap index of all players at courses where the Dot Golf card printing system is not available.
- (e) The Captains of opposing teams toss for the honour. The winning team has the choice of teeing off first or second.
- (f) The Captains shall give a copy of the team sheet, signed by both team Captains, to the Host Club at the conclusion of the fixture.
- (g) The Team Captain is responsible for the return of all score cards to the host club **on the day of play** correctly filled in and signed.
- (h) Penalty for non-return of all the team's cards from singles matches – no team points will be scored until all the team's cards are returned.

9. DISPUTES

The Operations Manager shall record the results as returned unless they receive a protest within four days. In such case they shall write to the opposing Clubs and the Host Club, asking for a statement of the facts from each to be supplied by a given date, after which the Pennant Committee shall deal with the matter. The Pennant Committee shall be at liberty to take any further evidence on the subject in such manner as it shall think fit and generally regulate the mode of dealing with protests. It shall arbitrate in all differences of opinion. Any dispute which arises during the finals shall be dealt with according to Rule 2-5 of the Rules of Golf. The decision of the Pennant Committee is final.

10. ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

If weather conditions deteriorate after play has commenced, the Host Club Match Committee of the day may suspend or abandon play. Fixtures so abandoned shall be re-played by the teams which do not have a complete team score. Completed team scores shall count. The Pennant Committee may rule that re-scheduled matches be played at a different venue if necessary. Substitute players may be used if necessary. (For A & B Pennants see Additional Rules - Rule 6)

11. CANCELLATION

Clubs shall advise cancellation through the local radio cancellation service and advise the Pennant Convenor and Club Captains of the teams involved.

12. TEAM MANAGERS: A Team Manager is NOT an advisor and as such has no right to give advice to any members of their team. There is no facility for Team Advisors in NHGA Women's Pennants

13. CADDIES: A player is prohibited from having any professional golfer or teaching professional as their caddie during the stipulated round. Penalty statement as per Rules of Golf Appendix I Part B2.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR 'PREMIER' COMPETITION

These rules to be read in conjunction with the "General Rules governing all NHGA Women's Interclub and Pennant Competitions".

1. GENERAL

- (a) Teams will consist of six players selected on handicap index to 24.5. A player on a higher handicap may play off a 24.5 index. They are to be played in handicap order, i.e. 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, lowest handicap to highest handicap.
- (b) The competition will be handicap match play 4BBB with singles match play played simultaneously, over 18 holes.
- (c) There is no stipulated ratio of Silver or Bronze players in the team.
- (d) Order of play off the tee 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6 for the first tee off, then reverse order for the remaining players.
- (e) When a club has 2 teams in the Premier competition, there is to be no movement between the teams within that competition.
- (f) Apart from the restrictions mentioned above, the players can move freely between the Premier, Midweek and Weekend competitions with no limit on the number of times played.
- (g) A club which plays fewer than 6 players in a team shall be considered to have lost as many individual matches as are affected by the player/s absent. The 4BBB match can proceed with one player absent.

2. SCORING

- (a) Two points shall be awarded to a match win and one point for a match halved, a total of 18 points available – 12 points for singles matches and 6 points for 4BBB matches. Score sheets are to be filled out noting a win, or loss, or half and by how much, i.e. Win 2 up or Loss 3/2.
- (b) If an individual player wins by default or disqualification of the opponent, 2 points shall be awarded for a match win.
- (c) Where a team defaults it shall not, except under special dispensation from the Association, be permitted to play again in the same season. In this case, all points scored for and against the team up to this time shall be void. Where a team is allowed to play again by Association dispensation, then, for the default match the maximum points scored on the day shall be awarded to the opposing team. Should it be necessary for a team to default, the defaulting team must advise the opposing team, the Association and the host club as soon as possible.

3. ABANDONMENT OR POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY

If conditions deteriorate after play has commenced the host club match committee of the day may suspend or abandon play. If all matches have not been completed before play is so abandoned, the teams which have not completed their matches shall replay them. Completed team scores shall count. (Addition to Rule 10 of General Rules of NHGA Women's Interclub Competitions.

4. TIES AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The trophies shall be presented on the day and at the Club at which the final round is played. If teams are tied, a countback on total match points for the season will be used to determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the trophy is shared.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR MIDWEEK / WEEKEND 18 HOLE MATCH PLAY

These Rules to be read in conjunction with the "General Rules governing all NHGA Women's Interclub & Pennant Competitions".

1. GENERAL

- (a) The Midweek preferred start times shall be 8.00 – 10:00a.m.
- (b) Weekend matches shall be played on Sundays with preferred start times from 8:30am – 10:00am
- (c) Each team shall consist of six players with handicap indexes up to 32.4
- (d) The penalty for playing in the wrong order according to handicap or team sheet is disqualification of the player(s) concerned. Players are responsible for the correct application of handicaps and recording exact match results.
- (e) The competition shall be handicap match play over the full 18 holes.
- (f) The tee-off order shall be as follows: 1st match, players 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6. The remaining teams in reverse order.
- (g) If a club has more than one team in 18 Hole competition players can not change from one team to the other.

2. SCORING

- (a) One point per hole for a win, half a point for a half.
- (b) If a player is disqualified, defaults or concedes the **Match** during play, for whatever reason, her opponent shall be awarded 11 points and the results of any holes played shall not count. Should there be an instance where a Club feels that there is a case for awarding the defaulting player points, they can apply to the NHGA Women's Pennant Committee for a ruling. Such application must be made immediately after the match and a decision made prior to the next round.
- (c) If a whole team defaults or is disqualified, the opposing team shall be awarded 60 points.

3. MIDWEEK AND WEEKEND PENNANTS - PROMOTION/ RELEGATION AND TIES:

Promotion/ Relegation between the bottom two teams of section one and the top two teams of section two will be automatic. If two teams are tied for either position the match where they played each other will be considered, and the team that won that match will be considered for promotion – the team that lost that match will be considered for relegation.

4. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

These will be presented on the day and at the Club at which the final rounds are played. In the event of a tie, the trophy shall be held jointly.

WOMEN'S 9-HOLE PENNANTS RULES OF THE COMPETITION:

TEAMS:

- (a) Teams will consist of 6 players of the strongest available players from each club
- (b) Players must be affiliated 9-hole members.

HANDICAP INDEX

The maximum handicap index limit for this competition shall be 20.2

SCORING:

Scoring is 9-hole handicap match play. In each match of the full nine holes, one point will be awarded for each hole won, half a point for each hole halved, a lost hole gains no points. The winner is the team scoring the greater total points. All cards must be presented to the Host Club Captain and no results may be posted until all cards have been received by the recorder

If two teams are tied at the completion of the round robin the match where they played each other will be considered. If still tied, they shall be declared joint winners.

Results are to be entered on the 9-hole pennant result sheets, please ensure that all details are recorded.

IN THE EVENT OF A DEFAULT:

If a player defaults she will receive no points, and the opposition will be awarded 6 points. If a whole team defaults, they will not be awarded any points and the opposition will be awarded a maximum of 24 points