

## Geelong District Golf Association

### DISTRICT PENNANT CONDITIONS 2009

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

- (i) GDGA means the Geelong District Golf Association, the parent body for men's amateur golf in the Geelong District.
- (ii) GDGA pennant is restricted to male members of the GDGA.
- (iii) The competition between two teams will be known as a contest.
- (iv) In GDGA pennant, a contest consists of seven individual matches in division one and two and five individual matches in division three.
- (v) Where No.7 player is stated in conditions read as player No. 5 for division three.

#### 2. THE GDGA PENNANT SEASON

- 2.1 GDGA pennant will be played on Sunday mornings at each designated host club. The season will commence on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> and will conclude with finals to be played on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009, commencing at 8.30am at the Portarlington Golf Club.
- 2.2 Play will be under the VPGA code of conduct rules. Any breach of such rules will be dealt with by the executive of the GDGA.

#### 3. PENNANT DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Pennant will be conducted in 3 divisions
- 3.2 The divisions will be known as division 1, division 2, and division 3. Each division will have two sections, known as blue and green.

#### 4. TEAM LISTS AND TEAM MANAGERS

- 4.1 The team captain or manager or designated representative of each team shall hand into the starter for the host club the list of team members in order from 1 to 7, plus team manager(if so designated), no later than 15 minutes prior to the stated hit off time. Player No. 7 to hit off first through to No 1

Please Note: - Any Club that is late in handing in its team list will incur the following penalties:

#### Team List not submitted by:-

#### Penalty

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| 15 minutes prior to hit-off time | The club's No. 7 player will lose the 1 <sup>st</sup> hole of his match.                      |
| 5 minutes prior to hit-off time  | The club's No. 7 player will lose the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> holes of his match. |
| By designated hit-off time       | The club's No. 7 player will lose his match in a walkover.                                    |

- 4.2 The Team Manager must be a member of the team's club. The team manager shall be identified on the team list submitted prior to the start of the contest. In accordance with the note to Rule of Golf 8-1, permission is given for each team manager to give advice to members of his team. Team managers are not part of a match and are considered to be outside agencies. Clubs appointing team managers ineligible under the above conditions shall be subject to penalty as determined by the executive of the GDGA.

#### 5. CONTESTS

- 5.1 **Nature of:** In all divisions, contests will be played without handicap allowances and without restrictions on handicaps of players in individual divisions.
- 5.2 **Commencing of:**
  - (i) Each day, the series of contests will be played upon the course named in the draw and in accordance with the Rules of Golf together with any such local rules as are in force over the course on which the

competition takes place. Contests will commence at a starting time of 8am and shall be played in the order in which the competing teams appear in the draw of contests, at 45 minute intervals for division 1 and 2, and 30 minute intervals for division 3.

(ii) Players must be ready to commence play when called upon. Penalty – loss of game without question or exception. (Such loss will show on the result sheet as a “walkover”). It is the responsibility of the starter to enforce this penalty.

(iii) The “Honour” shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

5.3 **Order of:** Individual matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the host club and shall be played by the opposing players in the **reverse** order which the respective names appear on the team lists (i.e. No. 7 in each plays first). Any alteration to the hit off order must be made by agreement between the opposing team captains at least 10 minutes before the normal hit off time for that contest. Such alteration must be within the hit off time of those teams and must be notified to the starter.

5.4 All matches shall be played over eighteen holes match play. If a match is square after the completion of eighteen holes, the match is halved. In divisional finals and semi finals, if a match is square after the completion of 18 holes, play shall continue until one player secures the advantage. However, the captains of both teams may agree that a match shall terminate without a decision, if the divisional final contest is decided.

5.5 **Reporting Results of:** It is the responsibility of the team captain or manager to report the results to the official in charge of the event.

## 6. **PLAYERS AND CADDIES COURSE AND DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

6.1 No player of the participating team shall act as a caddie for another player during the contest.

6.2 Nobody who has caddied for a player during a contest may caddie for another player during the same contest.

6.3 All players, officials, caddies and supporters are required to observe appropriate dress standards and special regulations advised by the host club.

6.4 Players/caddies are required to wear footwear in accordance with the host club policy. Penalty: Disqualification of player

6.5 Caddies must be attired in accordance with the host club dress standards and any caddie not attired in this manner will be withdrawn

6.6 Players/caddies who fail to adhere to the host club’s dress and course requirement’s (e.g.: failure to carry/use sand buckets, slicks on buggies etc.) will be subject to sanction in accordance with the VGA’s Code of Conduct.

Note: Clubs having any special course requirements such as golf shoe requirements are asked to provide such details to visiting clubs with adequate notice.

## 7. **DISPUTES**

7.1 Any dispute (other than those covered by the Rules of Golf) will be decided by the Executive Committee of the GDGA whose decision shall be final.

## 8. **ELIGIBILITY**

8.1 To be eligible to play GDGA pennant, a player must be a financial member of that club.

8.2 No player can represent his club in more than one pennant team in any one round.

8.3 No player will be allowed to represent more than one club in GDGA pennant in any one year.

8.4 Where a club has 2 teams in the same division, player movement between the teams will be closely monitored by the executive committee to avoid team stacking.

## 9 FINALS

- 9.1 At the completion of the home and away contests, a semi final will be played between the first and second placed sides in each divisional section. The top team in section blue will play the second placed side in section green, while the top team in section green will play the second placed side in section blue. The final will be contested between the semi final winners in each division at a GDGA course to be nominated by the executive committee each year.
- 9.2 In the event of a tie, a procedure already determined by the GDGA Executive Committee will be automatically applied to decide the semi-finalists. Any necessary playoff in any division will take place on a date and course to be decided by the Executive Committee.
- 9.3 Players from clubs with teams in different divisions, who have played three games in a higher division during the regular season, will be ineligible to play in a lower divisional final or semi final, except when that club has both teams in the finals.
- 9.4 Players from clubs with two teams in same division, who have played three games during the regular season in team 'A' will be ineligible to play for team 'B' in a final or semi final, except when that club has both teams in the finals.
- 9.5 The host course for the final must make its course available for one complimentary practice round in the week prior to the final.

## 10 MOTORISED TRANSPORT

- 10.1 The use of motorized transport (motor bikes, golf carts) by a competitor is not permitted, unless a medical certificate is provided. Permission to use own motorized transport is to be obtained from the host club prior to the day of the contest.

## 11 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 11.1 Elevation and relegation of the teams will be carried out without exception by the executive committee of the GDGA. The two finalists in division two and three will be promoted, while the bottom teams in each blue and green section of division one and two will be relegated.
- 11.2 In the case of a tie for relegation the points system used by the VGA will be adopted.

## 12. COURSE AVAILABILITY/PRACTICE

- 12.1 Each club entering the GDGA pennant competition must make its own course available for pennant and ensure that the tee is closed to other players for a minimum of one hour prior to pennant play.
- 12.2 Players are not permitted to practice on the course on the day of competition **prior to the commencement of their respective matches**. Breach of this condition will be disqualification of the player or players involved. **Prior to the commencement of their respective match, a player may practice**, on the designated practice areas of the host club and in accordance with the exception to Rule of Golf 7-1.
- 12.3 Following the commencement of their respective match, a player may practice in accordance with the Rule of Golf 7-2. However players should note that penalties may still be applied in accordance with the Rule of Golf 6-7 to any player who delays play by such actions.
- 12.4 The requirement to make the course available for one complimentary practice round prior to each contest will not be in force in 2009, other than for the final.

## 13. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES/RESULTS PROCEDURE

- 13.1 The host club is to appoint a starter who is responsible for the coordination of team sheets, allocation of penalties for team sheet violations and the starting of contests. The host club is also to provide a liaison officer (who may be the starter) who will be responsible for:
- Compiling score board results
  - Coordinate team managers/captains to complete and sign the results sheets

- Compile results sheets and forward to GDGA

13.2 The host club is also to provide a referee or match committee to give a ruling on the rules of golf and local rules.

13.3 Pennant results must be submitted on the results form provided to the pennant secretary before 6pm on the day of play, either by **fax (52438881)** or to be delivered to **16 Crestmoor Drive, Highton**.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF ANY PART OF CONDITION 13.3 IS A FINE OF \$100**

13.4 The Host club is to provide a **meal and refreshment** for each of the participating players. It is the each club's responsibility to undertake such catering/drink provision to the required levels at their own expense.

**14. ENTRY FEE**

14.1 The entry fee will be \$50.00 per team, and must be paid to GDGA prior to the **27<sup>th</sup> February 2009**, together with all other affiliation fees and fines. Any pennant points won by the club will be forfeited until all monies are paid.

**15 NEW TEAMS**

15.1 New teams wishing to enter the GDGA pennant competition will be placed at the discretion of the GDGA Executive Committee.

**16. GENERAL COMPLAINT OR PROTEST**

16.1 A complaint or protest regarding a breach of any of the foregoing conditions must be made by a club after a decision of its committee, and must be in writing and addressed to the Honorary Secretary of the GDGA within seven days of the breach.

16.2 Any complaint proved justified or protest upheld may result in a loss of game(s) or disqualification as decided by the GDGA committee after proper investigation

**17. COURSE REGULATIONS AND CARE**

17.1 It is the responsibility of all players to observe their obligations as guests when playing away from their own club during both lead up practice rounds, regular season and finals. It is expected that players will appreciate the opportunity to play other courses and behave in a respectful way when enjoying such access.

17.2 Team managers/captains are requested to notify all players in accordance with Rule 33-7, a player can now be disqualified for a serious breach of etiquette. While expected levels of golf etiquette is fully outlined in section 1 of the Rules of Golf book, players should give particular attention to the following etiquette issues during pennant:

- The carrying of sand buckets and use of sand to repair divots.
- The repair of pitch marks on greens.
- The placement of litter in rubbish bins.
- The raking of all bunkers after playing them.
- Behaviour that distracts the attention of fellow-competitors including the use of audible obscene language and club throwing
- Non-emergency use of mobile phones

**18. SUSPENSION OF PLAY AND ABANDONMENT OF CONTESTS**

18.1 In the event of heavy rain, lightning, unplayable course conditions or for any other reason, the host club referee or match committee will be responsible for deciding whether to suspend play. The signal for suspending play will be three short siren blasts. The procedure when play is suspended is outlined under rule of golf 6-8b.

- 18.2 When the course is ready for play, players will be advised to return to their various locations. The signal for the resumption of play will be one long siren blast. Every effort should be made to complete all contests on the scheduled day.
- 18.3 If the referee or match committee declares that competition is not possible on the scheduled day and **less than 2** contests in divisions 1-3 have been decided; the round shall be abandoned.
- 18.4 If the referee or match committee declares that competition is not possible on the scheduled day and a **minimum of 2** contests in divisions 1-3 have been decided, play in all unfinished matches should be resumed on a day or days to be determined by the GDGA match committee in consultation with the host club (prior to the set date of pennant finals) from where they were discontinued (see rules of golf 33-2d and 6-8b). In exceptional circumstances, the GDGA match committee may appoint an alternate venue for the conclusion of unfinished matches. The result of any decided matches will stand in this instance.
- 18.5 If resumption of play is not possible on the determined day or days, the GDGA match committee will determine the action to be taken.

**19. MEASURING DEVICES**

- 19.1 During GDGA pennant a player may obtain distance information by using a device that **measures distance only**.

By order of the Executive Committee

**Honorary Secretary**  
**GDGA**