



2018 Junior Pennant Conditions

Format

1. Teams shall consist of six (6) players with an optional two (2) emergencies. An emergency is a player who is present, prepared to play if called upon to do so and named in the results. An emergency is deemed to have played a match for his/her club for the purpose of eligibility rule 1b.
2. Teams will be allocated to Divisions at the discretion of the GPV Match Committee.

Eligibility

1. A player must be a bona-fide member of the Club he/she represents and be 19 years of age or under on the first day of pennant.
 - a) Maximum handicap for male juniors is 36 and for female juniors 45.
 - b) A Club may enter a "composite team" consisting of juniors from other GPV Clubs in the case in which Club does not have sufficient juniors to form a representative team in the competition/contest. Players for the "composite team" must be listed as team members from the host club and must not represent more than one club during the competition/ contest.

Contests

1. The competitions between teams will be known as contests.
2. All matches shall be played over eighteen holes Matchplay. If a match is squared after 18 holes the players will go down the 19th hole & play until a result is decided.
3. Contests will be played on the dates and at the times as indicated in the pennant draw.
4. When matches cannot be completed due to late starts the team responsible for the late start will forfeit the unfinished matches.
5. Male and female players shall play from their respective tees as indicated by the host club, with strokes given/received according to the relevant Matchplay Index. In the case where the host club does not have a Matchplay Index, the Stroke Play Index should be used.
 - a) Matches between two male players shall be played with strokes given/received according to the relevant male match-play handicap index;
 - b) Matches between two female players shall be played with strokes given/received according to the relevant female match-play handicap index;
 - c) Matches between one male and one female player shall be played with strokes given/received as follows:
 - If the male player is to receive strokes, they shall be received according to the male match-play handicap index.
 - If the female player is to receive strokes, they shall be received according to the female match-play handicap index.
 - d) Matches between one male and one female player shall also be played with adjusted scores to apply when there are differences between men's and women's par of a hole. E.g. A match between a male and a female player has reached a hole where the two pars are different (Par 5 – Women, Par 4 – Men). At the completion of the hole the male player has taken 4 strokes and the female player has taken 5 strokes. After the scores have been adjusted to their relevant pars the hole would be declared a half, as both players have made par.
6. Order of Play: in reverse order to the team list, i.e. No.6 player plays first and so on.
7. Clubs that have more than one team in Juniors Pennant cannot interchange players between teams.

8. Matches may be played in fours if desired by the Host Club.
9. In the case of a walkover both sides are to enter and the players who are present will be deemed to have played.
10. Should a dispute arise which cannot be decided by the opposing Team Managers, the matter shall be referred, within 48 hours, to the GPV Match Committee, whose decisions shall be final.

Team Lists

The Team Managers of each team shall enter the lists of team members in handicap order onto the Golfbox website, at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.

Please note: Clubs who are late in entering their team list may lose the No.6 Match.

Results & Ladders

1. All results must be entered into the Golfbox website by both managers at the completion of each match.
2. Throughout the season, Division ladders will be calculated as follows:
 - a) teams are positioned on their ladder in descending order of contests won;
 - b) teams tied on contests won are ordered by numbers of matches won;
 - c) teams still tied are ordered by the result of the most recent contest in the current season between the two teams;
 - d) teams still tied are ordered by the number of holes won by each team during the season.

Championship Committee

The Championship Committee at each Junior Pennant venue shall consist of one representative of each competing team and one additional representative of the Host Club. The Championship Committee shall be responsible for administering the contest at each junior pennant venue and determining any Rules of Golf dispute which may arise or is referred to it.

In the absence of the full Championship Committee, a minimum quorum of two 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 Championship Committee.

Should any Junior Pennant Condition or competition administration dispute arise at a Junior Pennant venue, prior to determining any such dispute, the Championship Committee is required to ascertain relevant details (either verbally or in writing) from one representative of the club or clubs involved and any other relevant party. Following consideration of this dispute, the Committee decision must be conveyed to one representative from the club or clubs involved.

Unless otherwise indicated, the Championship Committee does not have the authority to alter or vary any Junior Pennant condition.

GPV Match Committee

The GPV Match Committee has the power to waive rules on the grounds of Equity and Fairness in exceptional circumstances concerning the qualification of players participating in Pennant.

Team Manager

The Team Manager can be a designated representative as approved by the Team's Club. In accordance with the note to Rule of Golf 8-1, permission is given for each Team Manager to give advice to members of that team. Team Managers are not part of a match and are considered to be outside agencies.

Players receiving advice from persons other than Team Managers and/or applicable caddies shall be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule 8-1.

Measuring Devices

Players are permitted to use electronic measuring devices such as GPS range finders.

Practice

Players are not permitted to practice on the course on the day of the competition prior to their match commencing. Breach of this condition will be disqualification. Prior to the commencement of play, practice is permitted on the designated practice areas of the host club and in accordance with the exception to Rule 7-1.

Caddies

Players 15 years of age & older as at the first day of competition are not permitted caddies, all players under 15 as at the first day of competition may have a caddy if they require as long as it isn't the child's parent or grandparent.

Suspension of Play or Abandonment of Contests

In the event of heavy rain, lightning, fog, heat, unplayable course conditions or for any other reason, the Championship 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.

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 two short notes of siren, repeated.

During any round of Junior Pennant, if not one individual match in any Junior Pennant contest has commenced within four hours of the stated sunset time, the contest shall be abandoned. The result of such match(s) is defined as halved with each team being awarded half a contest win in their individual matches

Note. In the event of extreme heat, the Championship Committee will act in accordance with the heat policy of the host club. Should the host club not have a heat policy, the Committee will act in accordance with the Golf Victoria Heat Policy as stated on the Golf Victoria Website.

Pace of Play

Each group of players must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it and maintain the time requirement specified below or as occasionally amended by the respective host venue.

Any group with a clear hole in front of it and/or not playing in accordance within the Junior Pennant time requirement will be considered out of position. Loss of hole penalties will be issued by the Championship Committee to individuals in such matches who by their pace of play contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

Motorised Transport

Players and caddies are not permitted to ride in or on any form of mechanical locomotion during the play of a hole, except where a club has received written dispensation from Golf Victoria for a particular player and caddie and the approval of the host club concerned.

To assist with the monitoring of play, Team Managers may ride in or on any form of mechanical locomotion during the play of a hole

The penalty for breach of this condition by a player or caddie is disqualification of player or players involved.

Exception: Championship Committee members may utilise mechanical locomotion to transport a player/caddie in the interests of pace of play where necessary without penalty.

Notes

1. **Code of Conduct:** All players are to adhere to the Golf Victoria Code of Conduct as adopted by the District, which will be strictly enforced.
2. **Dress Regulations:** All players and Caddies are required to adhere to the host clubs dress code both on and off the course.
3. **Practice Rounds:** Clubs are under no obligation to make the course available for Junior Pennant practice.