



## WOMEN'S PENNANT & MIDWEEK MATCHPLAY CONDITIONS 2019 (Updated 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018)

### 1. Definitions

- (i) Golf Peninsula Vic (GPV) is the parent body for golf clubs as defined by the boundaries of the District.
- (ii) Women's Pennant (WP) & Midweek Matchplay (MM) are under the control of the GPV Match Committee.
- (iii) The competition between two Clubs' teams is known as a Contest.
- (iv) Contests grouped together in the draw that are generally played at the same venue on the same day is known as a round.
- (v) The contest between two individual players from each team is known as a Match.

### 2. Format

#### 2.1 General

- (i) WP & MM are team match play competitions which are run by GPV Match Committee and played in divisions determined by the Match Committee
- (ii) Individual matchplay matches will be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Ltd, these Conditions and any local rules and temporary local rules determined by the host club and the GPV Match Committee
- (iii) WOMEN'S PENNANT - is a scratch matchplay competition with Divisions 1, 2 & Reserve, consisting of 7 or 5 players per team. WP shall be played on Thursday or Friday. Host Clubs to nominate the day.
- (iv) MIDWEEK MATCHPLAY - is a competition for women 50 years and over at the date of the first MM round of 2019 that have not competed in more than one game of Pennant in the current season. However, those clubs with limited player numbers may apply to GPV to include player/s who have played no more than two games of Pennant in the current season. Teams will consist of 5 players per team. MM shall be played on Thursday or Friday. Host Clubs to nominate the day.

#### 2.2 Divisions

- (i) For WP the allocation of teams to each division is according to the promotion and relegation procedures, as specified in Clause 6.5
- (ii) When a Reserve Division is in play, comprising second teams nominated by clubs, there will be no promotion or relegation from this division.
- (iii) Newly affiliated Clubs participating for the first time, or Clubs returning after an absence, are allocated to the lowest available division for their inaugural season. However, GPV Match Committee will have the right to adjust the divisions if any anomaly occurs between scratch and handicap ranges.
- (ii) Scratch and Handicap Matchplay Divisions for MM will be allocated by GPV Match Committee based on the handicap range of the teams at the time of entry.

#### 2.3. Draw

- (i) The draw for all competitions will be determined by the GPV Match Committee & will be available on the GPV website. [www.gpv.net.au](http://www.gpv.net.au)
- (ii) Unless determined otherwise by the GPV Match Committee, each match will be played at the venue and at times and from the tees specified in the draw. Clubs with more than one course must indicate to the GPV Match Committee which course will be used.

### 3. Eligibility

#### 3.1 Clubs

For a Club to be eligible for 2019 season it must:

- (i) Be a fully financial member club of GPV prior to the commencement of the 2019 season.
- (ii) Each eligible Club may enter two teams in any Women's Pennant Competition, and 1 team in each Division of Midweek Matchplay.

Exception:

Upon application to the GPV Match Committee, a joint team fielded by two or more clubs may be permitted to compete in WP/MM competitions.

### 3.2 Players

(i) A player is eligible for WP & MM if she is a financial female amateur member with playing rights of the club she represents as at February 9 of the year of the competition.

The membership must be an annual or longer-term membership. The membership must not be in a social, non-playing, temporary, substantially restricted or similar category.

(ii) For a player to be eligible to represent her Club in WP & MM she must have played a minimum of 10 competition rounds of golf at either her affiliated GPV Country club or in designated GPV District events in the preceding twelve month period effective from February 9 to be eligible to play.

Exception: Upon application, the Match Committee will consider an exemption being granted to a player returning from injury or a new member to the Club.

(iii) A player may not represent the same club in the same round of GPV WP or MM in a Thursday and Friday Match in the same week. A player in breach of this condition will be disqualified from both matches she contests and game points awarded to her opponents.

(iv) Any player having played three (3) matches in Division 1 or 2 may not then play in their club's Reserve team for the remainder of the current season.

(v) To be eligible for the final players must have played a minimum of 3 Matches in that team during the current season, or 2 matches in the case of those divisions comprising less than 7 teams.

(vi) Should an ineligible player be included in a team, she will be disqualified and her opponent awarded the win.

#### NOTES

1) Clubs may submit to GPV a copy of the relevant clauses of their constitution or by-laws setting out the rights and obligations of any doubtful class of membership for determination of the eligibility for pennant of members of that class.

2) A player is eligible to compete if she complies with Golf Australia's trans-gender policy.

3) No player may represent more than one Club in any one Pennant season.

## 4. Contest Conditions

### 4.1 Team Registration

(i) Clubs must register all eligible players on the Team Registration Form supplied by GPV Match Committee.

(ii) Additional players can be added to the list during the course of the season but are ineligible to play until all relevant player details are lodged with the GPV Match Committee.

### 4.2 Team lists

(i) Team Managers must submit team lists no later than 7.00am on the day of the contest via Golfbox. Players will be entered by using their Golflink number.

(ii) The Team Manager of the Host Club is responsible for printing off official team lists for each Club for starting duties.

(iii) The order of play on the team list must be in G.A. Handicap order 1 - 5/7. A tolerance of 1 full shot either higher or lower will be given.

(vi) The penalties for late or no submission of a team list are as follows:

<b>Team list not submitted:</b>	<b>Penalty:</b>
BY 7.00am on game day via Golfbox. (4.2(i))	The team's No. 5/7 player will lose her match.
<b>By scheduled hit off time.</b>	<b>The team will lose the contest.</b>

**Note:** Any breach of 4.2(i) must be reported to Host Club Starters.

### 4.3 Starting tees, late arrival, player substitution and walkovers

(i) Contests will commence from the designated starting tees at the times and in the order listed on the draw unless otherwise advised by the GPV Match Committee.

(ii) As specified by Rule of Golf 5-3a, if a player arrives at her starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the 1st hole. Play will commence from the 2nd hole.

(iii) If both players arrive at the starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after the starting time, play will commence from the 2nd hole with the game all square.

(iv) If a team consists of less than 5/7 players, walkovers will be given from the 5th/7th position. If a club intends to give a walkover in an individual match or a contest, the Captain or Manager of the opposing team and the host club should be notified prior to the match or contest; if possible, on the day prior to the contest. If a walkover has been given, the opposing player or team need not be present on the day of the match or contest.

#### **4.4 Honour, match duration and hit-off order**

(i) Players from the first-named team on the draw have the honour on the designated starting tee in all matches.

(ii) All matches will be played over eighteen holes match play from the tee markers as directed by the host club. If a match is square after the completion of eighteen holes, the match point will be halved.

(iii) Individual matches will be played in order beginning with the No. 5/7 players and concluding with the No.1 (best) players.

(iv) After commencement in any match, the penalty for any player playing in the incorrect team position is disqualification (loss of match).

#### **4.5 Pace of Play**

(i) All players are expected to be aware of their Pace of Play, and maintain their position on the course in respect to the match preceding it. Any match that falls a clear hole behind it's preceding match will be considered out of position. As a general rule, the expected playing time for a match would be an average of 12 ½ minutes per hole.

In extreme weather or playing conditions this time limit may be extended.

Pace of play penalties Rules of Golf 2019 - Rule 5.6

(ii) The Rules Official of the host club, and GPV Officials have the authority to enforce Rule 5.6 as required.

#### **4.6 Suspension of Play and Abandonment of Contests**

(i) The Host Club is responsible for making any decision regarding Suspension of Play or Abandonment of Rounds. See Committee Procedure 4(2) B.

(ii) If a course will obviously be unplayable prior to the scheduled date, competing clubs and the GPV Co-ordinator MUST be notified the day before.

(iii) If, for any reason, a course is declared unplayable after matches have started, the Host Club must suspend play immediately. If the course remains unplayable for more than one hour, the Host Club must decide if the round is to be abandoned.

(iv) If play cannot commence there shall be a waiting time of one hour after the first hit-off time for a decision to be made if a course is unplayable.

(v) If play is abandoned, either prior to or after commencement of a round, regardless of any matches completed, in equity and consideration of health and safety, the round for the division/s affected will be deemed null and void and ½ points awarded to all playing clubs.

#### **4.7 Practice**

(i) Players are not permitted to practise on the course on the day of competition except on the designated practice areas of the host club and in accordance with the Rule of Golf 5.5.

(ii) Following the commencement of their matches, players may practise in accordance with Rule of Golf 5.5b However players should note that penalties may still be applied to any player who delays play by such actions.

#### **4.8 Use of Motorised Carts**

(i) Players who have a permanent disability or are recovering from serious illness or injury and are unable to play without the use of a motorised cart must carry a current Medical Certificate at all times and it must be sighted by the Official Starter prior to play.

(ii) Players aged 70 and over may use a motorised cart.

(iii) It is the individual Team's responsibility to confirm with the Host Club if golf carts are available and can be used on the day the competition round is to be played. In the interest of player health and safety at venues where golf carts are not available or permitted, players with a permanent cart certificate should exclude themselves from play at that venue.

(iv) GPV does not accept any responsibility when clubs do not allow the use of golf carts.

(v) It is the player's responsibility to arrange golf cart hire/usage at the relevant club.

Carts must be returned at the completion of each individual match and are not to be used for the physical support or transport of other team members who have not completed their matches. This

practice will be deemed as an unauthorised form of transportation.

(vi) The penalty for breach of Clause 4.8(i) by a player is as follows: At the conclusion of the hole where the breach is discovered, the state of the game is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round - two holes. If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

### Exceptions

(a) To assist the pace of play, Rules Officials may use motorised carts to transport a player and/or caddy without penalty.

(b) Where a player is granted permission to use motorised carts during the season, the player's caddy is permitted to ride with the player for any stipulated round without separate permission being required.

### **4.9 Team Manager**

(i) Each team must appoint a team manager. The team manager must be a member of the team's club. The team manager must be identified prior to the start of the WP & MM seasons.

(ii) A Team Manager is considered part of a contest and as such, in accordance with Rule of Golf 24.4 is authorised to give advice to members of his/her team. However if the Team Manager is also a player she is not permitted to supply advice that may have been obtained whilst playing her match.

(iii). A Team Manager is not part of an individual match and is considered to be an outside agency. Clubs appointing team managers ineligible under Clause 4.8(i) will be subject to penalty as determined by GPV Match Committee.

### **4.10 Distance Measuring Devices**

See Rule of Golf governing use of such devices.

### **4.11 Dress and course requirements**

(i) Players and caddies are requested to abide by the Host Club's dress code policy during the WP & MM seasons. Dress code regulations are often available on club websites.

## **5. Adjudication**

### **5.1 Rules Officials**

(i) Rules Officials must be appointed by the Host Club to adjudicate on rules queries between players and pace of play issues as they may arise (including issuing of penalties if required).

Note: There is no right of appeal against any decision given by a Referee.

(ii) Should a WP or MM Team Manager consider any condition has been breached a written report must be received by the Co-ordinator for consideration by the GPV Match Committee within three (3) days of the alleged breach. Penalties shall be retrospective.

**(iii) GPV Match Committee reserves the right to amend Conditions as required. Any changes made to the 2019 Conditions will be communicated to all District clubs immediately.**

## **6. Results**

### **6.1 Round Results**

(i) Round Results will carry the following points:

a) An individual match which is square at the 18th hole shall be scored as ½ point each; An individual win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) match point;

b) A draw between two teams (i.e. 3½ match points each) will result in each team being awarded half (½) a contest point;

c) A team win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) contest point;

d) Teams with a bye match will not be awarded points for that round.

(ii) The Host Club is responsible for submitting the results of the day immediately at the conclusion of the matches via Golfbox.

(iii) Division ladders will be calculated in the following manner:

- a) Teams will be positioned on the ladder by Contest points;
- b) Match points will be used to determine the position of teams tied on Contest Points.

### **6.2 Final Results**

- (i) In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the MM season the winner will be decided on a count-back of individual matches won by each team. If a tie still remains, teams will be ordered by the result of the most recent contest of the two teams. If a tie still remains, GPV will arrange a play-off on a neutral course. Tied matches in the play-off will continue from the first hole sudden death, hole by hole until a winner is decided.
- (ii) Player eligibility for a play-off is as Para. 6.4(iii)

### **6.3 Ladders**

- (i) Prior to the final round, Division ladders will be calculated as follows:
  - (a) Teams are positioned on the 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.
- (iii) Results and ladders will be published via Golfbox & the GPV website, [www.gpv.net.au](http://www.gpv.net.au) as soon as practicable after each round.

### **6.4 Finals**

- (i) For WP, at the conclusion of the round robin contests, the leading two teams in all Divisions will qualify to compete in the division Final on a day, time and at a venue to be determined by the GPV Match Committee.
- (ii) All Finals will be played on neutral courses.
- (iii) Players must have played a minimum of 3 Matches in that team during the current season to be eligible for the final, or 2 matches in the case of those divisions having less than 7 teams.
- (iv) The winner of the division will be the team winning the Final, unless Clause 6.4 (v) applies.
- (v) If in a Final, the contest is not decided and play is suspended, and is unable to be resumed on that day, play will be resumed on a day and at a time to be determined by the GPV Match Committee in consultation with the host club. In the event of the Final not being decided and not being able to be resumed, the higher-placed team on the ladder at the conclusion of the round robin contests will be declared the winner.
- (vi) Divisional winning teams for WP and MM will be presented with flags in recognition of this achievement. Members of the winning teams will be presented with badges in recognition of their achievement.

### **6.5 Promotion and Relegation**

- (i) For WP, in all but the top division, the team winning the Final will be promoted to the next highest division for the following season's competition.
- (ii) In all but the lowest division the lowest placed team will be relegated to the next lowest division for the following season's competition.
- (iii) In the situation where a Reserve Division is in play, comprising second teams nominated by clubs, there will be no promotion or relegation from this division.
- (iv) In the case of a change in the number of clubs participating in a succeeding season, the GPV Match Committee reserves the right to modify this condition, in accordance with Clause 2.2.

## **7. Code of Conduct**

- (i) All players, caddies and club officials are required to abide by GPV's Code of Conduct.
- (ii) In the event that a person is reported for a possible breach of the GPV Code of Conduct, such report will be considered by GPV Match Committee.
- (iii) The GPV Code of Conduct can be found on the Golf Peninsula Vic website, [www.gpv.net.au](http://www.gpv.net.au), under Resources.

### DIMENSIONS OF LOGOS IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS

Clothing including headwear, issued by a commercial sponsor to individual golfers may only bear the small emblem of the clothing or headwear manufacturer and the event concerned (which may or may not include the name or logo of the sponsor of the event).

If clothing or headwear is issued by a sponsor to individuals in any event, it must be available to all and not just selected players.

Teams: Where a National, State, District or Club Team is sponsored, the members of the Team may have on their uniforms the emblem of the Team (e.g. a golf club logo) and the small name or logo of either or both the sponsor and the manufacturer.

The sponsor's or manufacturer's name or logo must not appear more than once on each garment and must not exceed a cumulative perimeter measurement of 220mm, as per the Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status (p53). Please refer to documentation on the Rules of Amateur Status and/or the Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status, which should be readily accessible via your Club or District. (See diagrams below for examples of sizing)

