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Metropolitan Mixed Pennant 2027

The Committee of the Metropolitan Mixed Pennant (**Organising Committee**) reserves the right to alter these Conditions at any time.

Conditions

1) EVENT

Mixed Four-ball Handicap Match Play, played against PAR, Round Robin played on Sundays in neutral course format where possible (pending number of competing teams.)

2) CLUBS

Open to Invited Metropolitan Clubs affiliated with Golf NSW.

3) PLAYERS

Eligibility

Financial playing members of affiliated Metropolitan Clubs - men and women, over the age of 18 as at 1/1/2027 (subject to any exemptions granted by the Organising Committee), that are permitted to participate in their Club Competitions. Players must be financial on the day of play. Reminder - In the case of a Divisional, Semi Final or Final playoff, only those players that have played during the Round Robin series are eligible to play. Match Committee will be monitoring once the playoffs commence - if there is an offence, the team may be disqualified.

GA Handicap

The current GA Handicap is GA's assessment of the relative golfing ability of a player on a course with a neutral Slope Rating. It is expressed as a number taken to one decimal place and is determined in accordance with the GA Handicap System and MUST be shown on the Result sheet.

Daily Handicap

A Daily Handicap is the number of strokes a player receives for play at the course being played. The Daily Handicap is expressed as a whole number. The Daily Handicap is the handicap to be used in the 2027 Metropolitan Mixed Pennants.

The formula for determination of a Playing Handicap = WHS Handicap

Provisional Handicap

A handicap will lose its full status in the event that a player should accrue in their most recent 20 Actual Scores five or more entries with a status of 'No Score – Not Approved' (note: full status is automatically regained upon the number of 'No Score – Not Approved' entries in the player's most recent 20 Actual Scores decreasing to four or less). Such a handicap will be known as a "Provisional GA Handicap".

Players with Provisional GA Handicaps will not be eligible to participate on the day of play.

Handicap Limits

- (a) This rule provides for a GA handicap limitation to determine eligible players for each Mixed Pennant competition year.
- (b) As at 1 January in each Mixed Pennant competition year each player's GA handicap must be no more than the following GA Handicap limits:

Men:	27.0	Women:	36.0
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- (c) Players **will not** become eligible to play in the Mixed Pennant competition, even though after 1 January in each competition year GA handicap meets the above GA Handicap limitation.
- (d) No player is eligible to play in the Mixed Pennant if their GA Handicap exceeds the handicap limitation as at 1 January even if they are willing to play on a handicap equivalent to the above limitation.
- (e) Where a player satisfies the above limitation as at 1 January and afterwards that player's GA handicap exceeds the limitation then they can only play in the Mixed Pennant competition playing off no more than the GA handicap limit set above.
- (f) Exemption from Condition
 - (i) any club participating in the competition may seek from the Organising Committee exemption from the handicap limitations set out in these Conditions of Play; and
 - (ii) the Organising Committee may approve or reject such application, and if approved, on such conditions as the Organising Committee deems appropriate.

Squad Size

Six (6) pairs (incl. reserve pair) to form a team.

Cost

\$100 (GST not applicable) per team to cover administration and Pennant costs.

4) COMPETITION STYLE

Method of Play

- (a) Players are to use the **Daily Handicap** applicable on the course/day of play.
- (b) The lowest marker of the four competitors is to play off scratch.
- (c) The other players are to play off a handicap calculated by three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the difference between the daily handicap of the player and the lowest marker.
- (d) The calculated handicap cannot be more eighteen (18) strokes.
- (e) In the event one or more players have a resulting Daily Handicap of "Plus" the highest "Plus" marker will move to scratch, the others will have that "Plus" figure added to their daily handicap at which point the $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap difference will be applied.
 e.g., Player A +3, B 10, C 15, D 22. Result: A = Scratch, B $(10+3) \times \frac{3}{4} = 9 \frac{3}{4}$ (10) C $(15+3) \times \frac{3}{4} = 13.5$ (14) D $(22+3) \times \frac{3}{4} = 18 \frac{3}{4}$ (18) (maximum 18 strokes given).

The Daily and GA Handicaps MUST be shown on the Result sheet.

Order of Play

Pairs to be rated from 1 to 5 in order of the aggregate their (GA) handicap, the lowest handicap pair being pair 1 through to pair 5. Pairs to play in reverse order, from 5 to 1, then reserves. The Reserve match may be started prior to pair 5 match if both team managers agree.

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The recommended Golf Australia Match Play Index to apply on all courses. Matches can commence from any tee. However, the first hole of play is the first hole of the match and shall be the nineteenth hole for that match (where applicable in finals matches).

5) COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- (a) Each round of the competition, including finals, is to be officiated by a representative of the Host Club Committee (the Host Club Match Official) or a member/s of the Organising Committee. If both are available, then in round robin matches the Host Club Match Official is to officiate and in the finals the member/s of the Organising Committee are to officiate (the Match Official).
- (b) Nominated pairs must be listed on a Team Nomination Sheet and the Team Nomination Sheet must be handed to the Match Official a minimum of thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled first hit off time. The penalty for failure to provide Nomination Sheet 30 minutes prior to hit-off times is loss of first hole by all pairs of the defaulting team. Teams and pairings cannot be changed after this time. In the event of an unforeseen situation, such as sickness or accident, a player can be replaced. The replacing player's daily handicap will be used but the team order will not be changed.
- (c) Team captains and managers are responsible for players playing in the correct order.
- (d) Should a nominated pair fail to turn up by hit off time the nominated reserve pair will play in their stead (irrespective of handicap).
- (e) The result of the reserve matches will be used in the event of a tie. See Condition 6
- (f) All Matches to end at the eighteenth during the Round Robin phase of the competition. In the event of a halved match in the Finals Series only, the last stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won. When additional holes are required to determine the winner, strokes are awarded on the same holes as in the original round.
- (g) Reserve pairs do not play in the final series.
- (h) In the final series, once the Contest result is achieved, all play ceases.
- (i) If play on the day is delayed or interrupted, no changes may be made to the team
- (j) If play on the day is abandoned, and cannot be rescheduled, the result of all unfinished matches will be declared as halved. However, a Contest win by the team (and subsequent points) will only be awarded if the team has at least three completed matches with a winning result. Finals matches may be continued on a later date or otherwise, at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- (k) If any team or teams choose not to attend a course that is declared Open for play then zero points will be awarded for that game during the Round Robin.
- (l) In the case of a Divisional, Semi Final or Final play off, only those players (or reserves) that have played at least one match during the Round Robin series are eligible to play.
- (m) No buffer time and no practice time need to be provided by the Host club.
- (n) Golf carts and caddies are permitted as per the Rules of Golf and any Host Club regulations.
- (o) Any disputes or rulings are to be decided by the Match Official.
- (p) Team Managers may protest the decision made by the Match Official provided that the protest is submitted to the Organising Committee in writing by 5pm the day following the Contest.
- (q) A player may play in one team only in any one season.
- (r) Team Managers to be nominated before hitting off. Advice to Team Members may be provided by the Team Manager.
- (s) Tee markers are as specified by the Host Club. A common green is to be used by both Males and Females on all holes in the Competition.
- (t) The use of mobile or portable phones by player, partner, or caddie is NOT permitted except for a medical emergency or to call for a ruling.

The use of mobile phones is a distraction to other players and mobile phones should be turned off during play.

If players or caddies mobile phone rings and this is deemed to be in use, the Match Official may impose a loss of hole penalty on the pairing for the hole that is being played or just played.
- (u) In the event of slow play by any group, the Match Official may act in accordance with Appendix 1 below.

- (v) During this competition (irrespective of any Local Rule that may or may not be in effect at the Host Club), a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during an Individual Match, a player uses a distance -measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other factors that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, compass etc.), the Match Official may impose a two stroke penalty on the player using the device for the hole the device is improperly used and for a second breach disqualify the player using the device.

A Mobile Phone may be used as a Distance Measuring Device if it conforms to this Condition AND the 'Phone communication' facility of the Mobile Phone off.

Penalties for breach of Competition Conditions

Apart from the penalties specifically stated in these conditions the Match Official may impose the following penalties for breach of these Conditions:

The Match Official has a discretion to decide who is/are the offending player/s and may give a warning to the offending player/s or impose the following penalties.

The following are the penalties for any player in a match who breaches the Conditions:

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| 1st offence: | loss of hole to the offending players team and the players are to move to the next hole. |
| 2nd offence: | loss of hole to the offending players team and the players are to move to the next hole. |
| Subsequence offence: | loss of hole to the offending players team, the players are to move to the next hole, and the offending player is disqualified for the rest of the days play. |

6) Seeding of Divisional Winners and Runners Up.

Each Divisional Winner/Runner Up is seeded to determine their position for the Final series. With each Division Winner/Runner Up, seeding will be calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{(\text{Games Won and Halved})^2 \times \text{Matches Won and Halved}}{\text{Games Played} \times \text{Games Played}}$$

COUNTBACK RULES

- (1) **Total Games Won** (1 point) and halved ($\frac{1}{2}$ point) - (i.e. team wins including halves), if even,
- (2) **Total Games Won** – (excluding $\frac{1}{2}$), if even
- (3) **Total Matches Won** – (i.e. individual matches), if even
- (4) **Total Matches Won** – (i.e. matches, excluding $\frac{1}{2}$), if even
- (5) **Reserves** – (results), if even
- (6) **Biggest Round Robin Win**, if even
- (7) **By Coin Toss**

The Finals Series will be made up of Divisional winners ranking 1 to 7 and Runners Up ranking 8 to 14.

DETERMINATION OF CANCELLED OR UNFINISHED GAMES DURING PLAY-OFFS IN THE FINALS SERIES

When a game cannot be played, or completed on the scheduled day, or within the next 6 days, the following system will apply:

All completed matches will stand.

All incomplete matches will be halved, and the Team with the highest number of match wins will be declared the winner. If the match wins are tied, then the Team with the highest seeding after Divisional play will be declared the winner. If the seedings are equal, the winner will be decided by lot.

If a Final Series game has not started or where resumption of play is not possible on the designated day, the Mixed Pennant Committee will determine the action to be taken.

It is important that all Teams are aware of the format beforehand, to ensure that there is no misunderstanding if it is necessary to implement, and hopefully they can take the appropriate measures beforehand to avoid this action.

This procedure is necessary so that the progressing teams are determined prior to the next round, as the dates of play and venues cannot be changed, and The Competition must proceed without interruption to The Final.

APPENDIX 1 - PACE OF PLAY REQUIREMENTS

Out of Position

Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it and maintain the time requirement specified on the Pace of Play Time Chart issued to players at the course. If a time chart is not issued, the following time schedule for the completion of each hole applies:

Par 3 Holes	11 minutes
Par 4 Holes	13 minutes
Par 5 Holes	15 minutes

In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather/playing conditions), the Match Official has the authority to extend this time requirement.

The first match to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the cumulative time prescribed by the above time schedule. Any following match will be considered out of position if it:

- (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and
- (b) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or reaches the tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

Timing

In addition, a Match Official may monitor and time any player.

A player must play each stroke within **40 seconds** after the timing of the player's stroke begins.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play, and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments from his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Repeated infringements of the pace of play guidelines in the current season will be referred to the Organising Committee for further consideration and may see a player subject to further action including suspension from further representation of his Club for the season.

Pace of Play Penalties – Match Play

The Match Official has a discretion to decide who is/are the offending player/s and may give a warning to the offending player/s or impose the following penalties.

The following are the penalties for any player in a match who breaches the out of position or timing requirements:

- 1st offence: loss of hole to the offending players team and the players are to move to the next hole.
- 2nd offence: loss of hole to the offending players team and the players are to move to the next hole.
- Subsequence offence: loss of hole to the offending players team, the players are to move to the next hole, and the offending player is disqualified for the rest of the days play.

NOTE 1: The Organising Committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that the Organising Committee may assess a "bad time" to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his match get back in position.

An example of this would be a player who unduly delays play between shots.

NOTE 2: If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that stipulated round in the event that the match requires additional monitoring.