



2025 Pennant Regulations

These Regulations are to be in force, unless altered or rescinded, for all Pennant Competitions held under the auspices of the Brisbane and District Ladies Golf Association Incorporated (BDLGA) for the calendar year.

The acceptance of a Club’s nomination(s) to compete in the District’s Pennant Competition is contingent upon the availability of its course to host pennant rounds.

The Management Committee reserves the right to substitute, alter or add to these Regulations at any time and shall have the power to deal with any matter referred to it, or not provided for, herein.

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1. Eligibility

- 1.1. A Player wishing to compete in the Pennant Competition may play for any Club of which she is a Financial Playing Member provided her Home Club lies within the BDLGA area and District Affiliation Fees have been paid by that Club.
- 1.2. "Home Club" is where her handicap records are held on Golf Link.
- 1.3. A player must have an Amateur status and hold a current Golf Australia Handicap. Trainees are no longer considered amateurs when they enter the PGA Program, therefore they are unable to participate in amateur events. A player is not eligible if their handicap or membership is suspended as on the day of play.
- 1.4. A current State Team member/player (as at the commencement of the Pennant season) is permitted to play in any Pennant Competition.
- 1.5. The minimum age for the Pennant Competition is 13 years on the first day of Competition.
- 1.6. If a Club has a Junior in a team someone on that team must hold a Blue Card. Should the Junior have a parent caddying for her, a Blue Card is not required.
- 1.7. The 2025 Pennant Divisions will be:
 - 1.7.1. FRIDAY PENNANTS – Yellow Diamond (x1), Sapphire (x2), and Emerald (x1) – starting Friday 14 March 2025.
 - 1.7.2. SUNDAY PENNANTS – Yellow Diamond (x1), Sapphire (x2) and Emerald (x1) – starting Sunday 9 March 2025.
- 1.8. Clubs may enter more than one (1) team per division, but the acceptance of a second team will depend upon numbers from other clubs in that draw.
- 1.9. The Committee may create multiple zones for each Division. These will be decided by the Pennant Committee once all Intent Forms are received.
- 1.10. The structure of the competition in each Division or Zone will be determined by the Committee.
- 1.11. FRIDAY PENNANTS is regarded as a separate competition to the SUNDAY PENNANTS.
- 1.12. A player may participate in only ONE Pennant Team in a calendar year.
- 1.13. A player is considered to become a member of that team on the first occasion they play in a team.
- 1.14. A player who is a member of a team may not play in another team in the alternate competition. That is SUNDAY PLAYERS may **not** play in FRIDAY PENNANTS. Similarly, a FRIDAY PENNANT Player may **not** play in SUNDAY PENNANTS.
- 1.15. Players must play in the correct GA handicap order for all matches.
- 1.16. The GA handicap of a player for all purposes for this competition will be their GA handicap as at 7am the day before the match.
- 1.17. If a Player's GA exceeds the GA Maximum for that Division, they may still play in that Division but must play using the maximum GA for that Division.



2. Divisions

Divisions will comprise:

YELLOW DIAMOND – FRIDAY AND SUNDAY

- Seven (7) players
- **First three (3) matches will be played OFF THE STICK**
- **Remainder of matches (4 to 7) will be played using FULL HANDICAP DIFFERENCE**
- The maximum handicap of any player is GA 20
- Players with a GA higher than 20 may play in the competition but must play using the maximum GA of 20
- Order of Play will be 1/2/3/4/5/6/7.

SAPPHIRE – FRIDAY AND SUNDAY

- Seven (7) players
- **All matches will be played using FULL HANDICAP DIFFERENCE**
- The handicap range of any player is NO MINIMUM to a MAXIMUM GA 28
- Players with a GA higher than 28 may play in the competition but must play using the maximum GA of 28
- Order of Play will be 1/2/3/4/5/6/7
- The aggregate of the GA handicaps of players must be at least 100. If an individual's GA is greater than 28, then 28 will be the figure used as their GA in this calculation.
- There is no maximum aggregate.

EMERALD – FRIDAY AND SUNDAY

- Five (5) players
- **All matches will be played using FULL HANDICAP DIFFERENCE**
- The handicap range of any player is MINIMUM GA 20 – Maximum GA 36
- Players with a GA higher than 36 may play in the competition but must play using the max GA of 36
- Order of Play will be 1/2/3/4/5
- The aggregate of the GA handicaps of players must be at least 125. If an individual's GA is greater than 36, 36 will be used as their GA in this calculation.
- There is no maximum aggregate.

Calculation of Minimum GA Aggregate when less than full team.

If a team does not provide the full number of players, it will forfeit a match or matches as per Clause 7 of these Regulations. In this situation the minimum aggregate GA for the team will be adjusted proportionally. For example, if a team in Sapphire has only 6 players instead of 7 on a day, the aggregate is adjusted for those six players and is calculated $6/7 * 100$, (to one decimal place, rounded with 0.5 being rounded up) – 85.7.



3. General Conditions

- 3.1. The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited will apply, together with the Local Rules of the Club on whose course the match is being played as well as the Pennant Regulations of the BDLGA. Matches shall be played according to the Official Draw and the placement of teams in all competitions will be at the discretion of the BDLGA Pennants Committee.
- 3.2. The Team Captain may be a player or a non-playing member. Should the Captain be a playing member of the team the team may appoint one additional person who may give advice to members of that team. The opposing Team Captain must be notified if such a person is present.
- 3.3. For the duties of the Team Captain refer to Appendix 1.
- 3.4. A Professional, Trainee Professional or ex-Professional (minimum 2 years since being a Professional) are NOT permitted to caddie for any player in any Pennant Competition.
- 3.5. A Player shall be at the tee and ready to play when her match is called by the starter on the tee or, in the absence of a starter, when her match is deemed ready to commence.
- 3.6. For the duties of a Player refer Appendix 2.
- 3.7. For the duties of the Host Club Captain or Hostess refer Appendix 3.
- 3.8. Matches finish after playing 18 holes, i.e. if the match is square after 18 holes the match is a draw.
- 3.9. Cancellations due to Course Conditions
 - 3.9.1. In the event of bad weather, the Pennant Coordinator, in conjunction with the Host Club Captain, will make a decision a MINIMUM OF 12 HOURS prior to commencement of play whether or not play will proceed. Team Captains will be advised by email and/or text message of the decision, and it will be their responsibility to then inform all players accordingly. At the same time, the BDLGA website will also be updated.
 - 3.9.2. IF AFTER PLAY HAS COMMENCED... the course must be deemed unplayable by the Host Course Super-intendant or Host Club Captain before play can be called off. If dangerous conditions prevail e.g. Lightning, the Host Club Captain may either suspend play for a reasonable time or cancel matches. At all times the safety of players and their caddies must be taken into consideration. The decision to cancel team competition must be advised as soon as possible to all Captains present and the BDLGA Pennants Committee. Scores for matches already finished before the cancellation will stand and any cancelled matches will be allotted 1 point per player per team to give a result for the match.
 - 3.9.3. In the event of SUDDEN (overnight) bad weather that makes courses unplayable, the Host Club Captain will notify the Team Captains as soon as possible to inform them of the cancellation of play for that day. It will then be the responsibility of each Team Captain to notify their players of the circumstances. A team competition will only be cancelled if the course is not playable.
 - 3.9.4. If the venue does not permit carts on the course, the competition will still go ahead.
 - 3.9.5. If a match cannot be completed on the arranged day due to poor light, the uncompleted match will be allotted 1 point per player per team to give the final result for the team.



- 3.10. If a team competition is cancelled it MAY be rescheduled on or prior to 7 June 2024 for FRIDAY pennants and on or prior to 16 June for SUNDAY pennants. If the team competition is not rescheduled it will be scored with each team awarded 1 point and 2.5 games. If it was a “BYE”, then the “BYE” team will not be awarded any points.
- 3.11. Points will be allocated as follows:
- Two (2) points for a Team Win;
 - One (1) point for each Team for a Draw;
 - Zero (0) points for a Team Loss.
- 3.12. Should there be a tie in any Division or Zone a countback will be done, initially on the overall number of individual matches won: if still tied then the result from when the teams played each other will determine the winner.
- 3.13. Each Division or Zone winner will be awarded a Silver pennant AND a Felt pennant. Pennants will only be awarded if sufficient matches are completed during the season. Sufficient matches will be at least 60% of the rounds of that draw being completed.
- 3.14. In addition, there will also be awarded a Silver pennant AND Felt pennant to the team in the Diamond Divisions (FRIDAY and SUNDAY) whose first three players win the most number of matches during the season. Each win will be awarded 1 point and a draw 0.5 of a point. Pennants will only be awarded if sufficient matches are completed during the season. Sufficient matches will be at least 60% of the rounds of that draw being completed. If there is a tie, then the results from when the teams played each other will determine the winner.
- 3.15. If a season cannot be completed so as to award a pennant the remaining matches will still be played as scheduled.

4. Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices

- 4.1. Mobile phones must be on SILENT or MUTE MODE at all times during competition.
- 4.2. If there are extenuating circumstances that might need the player or caddy to be contacted urgently then common sense should prevail – advise your opponent, seek agreement, use texting if possible, do not engage in lengthy conversations. Wait till after you finish or at the 9 hole turn to respond.
- 4.3. The use of approved electronic measuring devices is permitted and must be declared and shown to the opponent prior to the commencement of the match.
- 4.4. The use of a mobile phone as a GPS device or to copy Local Rules IS permitted and must be declared and shown to the opponent prior to the commencement of the match.
- 4.5. Without prior consent from your opponent incorrect use of your mobile phone on course by either a player or caddy is a breach of etiquette.
- 4.6. Penalty: First occasion – loss of hole being played or about to be played if between holes; subsequent occasion – loss of the match.
- 4.7. The use of Lasers that show contours of fairways and/or wind direction is not permitted.
- 4.8. When using any Distance Measuring Device players and caddies should be aware of Pace of Play and not take excessive time when checking distances.



5. Motorised Carts

- 5.1. There are no restrictions on the use of motorised carts. The BDLGA has requested that clubs allocate carts/buggies to teams so that all teams may have equal ability to use carts. The BDLGA has requested that clubs charge member rates for carts/buggies however will not be responsible for any rates charged by Clubs.
- 5.2. If motorised carts are fitted with on-board GPS equipment, then in fairness and courtesy to both players, the cart driver/hirer should give the other player access to that screen/information, if required.
- 5.3. Please ensure that only one person is responsible for booking Cart/Buggy hire at each course to avoid duplication of bookings.

6. Team Lists

- 6.1. The Team Captain shall create their team list in Golf Genius (via competition portal) by 12pm on day prior to the round.
- 6.2. Order of play shall be in GA Handicap order with the lowest handicap player to hit off first, i.e. 1/2/3/4/5/6/7.
- 6.3. The Team Captain should print the Player Pairings (which shows GA handicaps) and the Match Pairing with Daily (which shows players playing handicap) from Golf Genius after 5pm on the day prior to the round and should confirm information on these lists with the opposing Team Captain and the Host on the morning of the competition at least 20 minutes prior to the start of competition.
- 6.4. Once Team Lists have been confirmed, they may only be amended if Exceptional Circumstances occur. If these exceptional circumstances occur, the two team captains may agree to play players out of order. If an agreement cannot be reached, then a BDLGA representative may be contacted for a resolution.
- 6.5. If a Team Captain is unable to print copies of the Player Pairings or the Match Pairings with Daily from Golf Genius portal, please use the manual Template provided in Appendix 4.
- 6.6. If a Team Captain is confident that she can access the Player Pairings and the Match Pairing with Daily on her mobile device, at the Host Club on the morning of the competition (without relying on any access to the Host Club wi-fi) to allow the Team Captain to agree with the opposing Team Captain and the Host, the players, order of play and the playing handicap differences, the Team Captain may do so rather than printing documents.



7. Forfeits

- 7.1. Should a Club find it is unable to field the full team of players, the Team Captain must contact the Opposing Team Captain and inform her of the number of players in the team. The player receiving the forfeit wins the match and all players must still play in correct order.
- 7.2. A player who is not ready to play when her match is called by the starter on the tee; or in the absence of a starter, when her match is deemed ready to commence, the Penalty is forfeit of her match unless a prior agreement has been reached between both team captains to allow a match to proceed out of playing order.
- 7.3. If a player plays in an incorrect position in the team without a Captain's agreement, that player will forfeit her match, and all subsequent matches will be forfeited.
- 7.4. The penalty for a breach of the GA Handicapping Regulations shall be the FORFEIT OF THAT MATCH AND ANY OTHER MATCHES WHICH ARE THUS WRONGLY PLACED. The Opposing Team shall thereby gain the forfeit(s) and the points for any match or matches so affected.
- 7.5. If, during the season, a Club's circumstances change so that it is unable to continue participating, all points for and against that Club are cancelled.
- 7.6. A Club will not give an Opposing Team a walkover if it is able to raise more than 50% of the number of players in the team.
- 7.7. A FORFEIT, once given, cannot be recalled unless all matches on the day are cancelled.

8. Exceptional Circumstances

- 8.1. The following guidelines outline valid circumstances where "Exceptional Circumstances" can be accepted. A time limit of 30 minutes from the scheduled tee time of the first player will apply to allow the player to arrive.
 - 8.1.1. **Major accident:** A major accident is one which involves multiple collisions and closures of major traffic routes or highways.
 - 8.1.2. **Unforeseen mechanical problems requiring assistance:** eg: Car will not start - flat battery or flat tyre.

NOTE: Getting lost and heavy traffic are not considered as valid reasons.

It is considered players should leave sufficient time to allow for any of the above contingencies.



9. Contravention of Regulations

- 9.1. Where a penalty for a breach of these Regulations is not stated in these regulations, the penalty shall be determined by the BDLGA Committee.
- 9.2. Where the BDLGA Committee considers that there has been a breach of these Regulations it may, itself without any reference from any Captain, investigate and determine the matter.
- 9.3. If a team is seen to be contravening Regulations, the Captain of any team may bring the matter up within 48 hours for the attention of the BDLGA Committee.
- 9.4. The “Dispute Resolution Procedure” is to be followed when making a protest.
- 9.5. The BDLGA Committee will investigate the circumstances of the complaint and decide on what course of action must be adopted.
- 9.6. The decision of the BDLGA Committee shall be final.

10. Dispute Resolution Procedure

- 10.1. It is the intent of the BDLGA that this competition is to be played within the spirit of the game of golf, and that a dispute is to be brought before the BDLGA Committee only if it cannot be resolved during the game, or at the venue. Furthermore, if a match is declared in dispute during play, the match shall continue until all possibilities of a result can be determined.
- 10.2. On the rare occasion that a dispute needs to be referred to the BDLGA Committee, the following procedures are to be used as a guideline:
 - 10.2.1. Lodgement of the dispute to the BDLGA Committee should be made as soon as possible and within 48 hours of the completion of the match. Disputes, either written or oral, received after 48 hours will not be accepted.
 - 10.2.2. On the day of play, the lodgement can take the form of verbal communication, but it is to be followed by a written submission sent to the Secretary of the BDLGA Committee.
 - 10.2.3. Any subsequent lodgement within the time restriction needs to take the form of a written submission.
 - 10.2.4. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the opposing team captain by the BDLGA Committee or its representative.
 - 10.2.5. The opposing Team Captain will be given the opportunity of a timely right of reply.
 - 10.2.6. The BDLGA Committee will decide on what course of action will follow. If a meeting of the two parties is required, it will be at a mutually agreeable time.
- 10.3. The decision of the BDLGA Committee is final.



11. Appendix 1 - Duties of a Pennant Team Captain

- 11.1. Check your team's scheduled starting time in the Official Draw and ensure all your players know the time they should arrive.
- 11.2. Input the Players into Golf Genius (via competition portal) by 12PM THE DAY PRIOR to the round.

NOTE: competition GA handicaps will be the GA of the player as at 7am the day prior.
- 11.3. Confirm that the Players are in the correct position in the team.
- 11.4. Print copy of the Player Pairing and Match Pairings with Daily from Golf Genius.

NOTE. Any change in the order due to any player being substituted for another can be manually changed on the lists prior to the match commencing. (Please update Golf Genius prior to inputting results).
- 11.5. Ensure all players have read the Regulations and have access to the Rules of Golf app.
- 11.6. Ensure Team Lists are confirmed with the opposing Team Captain and Host at least twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled hit-off. The name of the Team Captain (Playing or Non-Playing) and a contact phone number should be given to the opposing Team Captain and Host.
- 11.7. Remind players to read the Local Rules Board.
- 11.8. Introduce each player to their opposing player.
- 11.9. The Club listed first in the draw has the HONOUR.
- 11.10. Notify your Club Captain of the result.
- 11.11. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE OFFICIAL RESULTS SLIP BEFORE LEAVING THE VENUE. Provide a Contact Phone Number as requested on the result sheet.
- 11.12. The Team Captain of the winning team inputs the results into Golf Genius via the portal.
- 11.13. Brief all players regarding Pace of Play and use of Distance Measuring Devices.
- 11.14. To foster better inter-club relations, team members should be encouraged to enjoy the post-match time by sitting with their opponents rather than in their own club groups.
- 11.15. Ensure that only one person is responsible for booking Cart/Buggy hire at each course to avoid duplication of bookings.
- 11.16. If a team has a non-playing Captain then that person's duties are the same as above.
- 11.17. A non-playing Captain may give advice to players.



12. Appendix 2 - Duties of Players

- 12.1. Know the Rules of Golf and be familiar with the current Pennant Regulations as forwarded to your Club and/or advertised on the BDLGA website.
- 12.2. It is strongly recommended that you arrive at the Venue at least 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S SCHEDULED HIT-OFF TIME. Remember, the Venue Club has allotted these times and cannot hold them for late players.
- 12.3. Confirm your Handicap ensuring that your place in the team order of play is correct.
- 12.4. You should play without undue delay and be aware of Local Rules regarding slow play.
 - 12.4.1. When using any Distance Measuring Device, players and caddies should be aware of Pace of Play and not take excessive time when checking distances
 - 12.4.2. To maintain the pace of play, players should take their shot within 40 seconds of getting to the ball, take a maximum of three (3) minutes to search for a lost ball, players are permitted and encouraged to offer a 'gimmie' putt to their opponent, and minimise practice swings.
- 12.5. Players are reminded that they are responsible for their caddie adhering to the Rules of Golf, Pennant Regulations and the dress requirements of the Venue Club.
- 12.6. It is the Player's responsibility, NOT their caddie, to resolve any rules disputes that may occur during the match.
- 12.7. If there is a dispute in any match, players must declare that they are in dispute but continue their match until all possibilities of a result can be determined. This will be reviewed by the BDLGA Committee.
- 12.8. If the Host Club has a Marshall on-course to police SLOW PLAY please be mindful of their duties and responsibilities....be courteous and heed their warnings!
- 12.9. Players may take advice from only their Caddie/Team Captain or Non-Playing Captain – NOT FROM SPECTATORS/BYSTANDERS.



13. Appendix 3 - Duties of the Club Captain / Hostess

- 13.1. Check the BDLGA website for amended draws.
- 13.2. Advise all players/team captains of any amended draws.
- 13.3. Complete the BDLGA Team Contact Form – Appendix 6.
- 13.4. Ensure a copy of the current Pennant Regulations is available at the venue.
- 13.5. Print copies of blank Result Sheets which will be emailed to the Club Captain/ Hostess on the evening prior to the competition.
- 13.6. Confirm with Team Captains that all details recorded on the Results Sheet List are current and correct prior to commencement of the Match.
- 13.7. Check that the Local Rules are prominently displayed. Attach a copy of any additional Local Rules to the scorecard. Local Rules given in writing on the day will override any other advice given.
- 13.8. Ensure that Slow Play is monitored and that all players are aware of the Local Rules regarding call-up on Par 3's.
- 13.9. Provide visiting teams with the required number of scorecards that clearly indicate the Match Indexes per hole.
- 13.10. Ensure that the GA Handicap and Course Slope Index Sheet are in a prominent position and all players are aware of the Slope Rating for the course being played.
- 13.11. Ensure the Starter has Starting Sheets and knows the correct intervals between matches. (A copy of Results Sheet can be used).
- 13.12. It is the responsibility of the Venue Club to ensure that the pennant matches proceed uninterrupted.
- 13.13. Display Results Sheets in the Clubhouse – Appendix 5. NOTE: this form will be generated via Golf Genius for all matches.
- 13.14. Fill out the Results Sheets (or if some problem arises use Result Form in Appendix 5) and ensure all Team Captains sign it before leaving. In the event of any queries or problems arising on the day, firstly refer to the Pennant Regulations, and if still unsolved, contact a Pennant Committee Member of BDLGA.
- 13.15. Scan or photograph and Email Result Forms ASAP after the finish of play to pennants@bdlga.com.au.
- 13.16. Pre and post-match catering is at the discretion of the host club, but where provided, it is to be for all teams. If catering is not provided, the host club should notify all teams in their competition prior to the day.
- 13.17. To foster better inter-club relations, team members should be encouraged to enjoy the post-match time by sitting with their opponents rather than in their own club groups.
- 13.18. If possible, provide a Marshall on-course to keep players and caddies reminded of and to AVOID SLOW PLAY.



Appendix 4 - 2025 BDLGA Pennants Team List

DayDate

DivisionClub.....

Course.....Slope Rating.....

Please record your players in order of play

Player	Golflink No	GA Handicap	Playing Handicap

Captain (Playing or Non-Playing):

Captain's Contact Phone:

Captain's Email Address:

Signed:



Appendix 5 - 2025 BDLGA Pennants Results Sheet

Take a photo/scan and email to:- Pennants@bdlga.com.au

BDLGA Midweek Pennants Sapphire Zone 1 2024 : Sapphire
Zone 1 Section 1



Course: Date:
Rating: Slope:

W/L/D	PLAYER	RESULT	PLAYER	W/L/D
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SAMPLE

OVERALL RESULT

vs
 Manager: Manager:
 Phone: Phone:



Appendix 6 - 2025 BDLGA Team Contact Form

The information provided below will be entered into the BDLGA database for emergency contacts between teams during the Pennants season. This information may also be used for forwarding of information on future events and tournaments. You may unsubscribe from the email database, however, this may result in Pennant & other information not being communicated to you. **Minimum 2 contacts per team please.**

CLUB: DATE SUBMITTED:

DIVISION	NAME	MOBILE NO	EMAIL ADDRESS
FRIDAY YELLOW DIAMOND			
FRIDAY SAPPHIRE			
FRIDAY EMERALD			
SUNDAY YELLOW DIAMOND			
SUNDAY SAPPHIRE			
SUNDAY EMERALD			
CLUB CAPTAIN or Pennants Contact			