



# 2026 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*These Regulations are to be in force, unless altered or rescinded, for all Pennant Competitions held under the auspices of the Brisbane and District Ladies Golf Association Incorporated (BDLGA) for the calendar year.*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. Definitions

**Code of Conduct:** means the BDLGA Code of Conduct (available at <https://bdlga.com.au/forms/bdlga-forms>).

**Contest:** The competition between two clubs' teams is known as a 'contest'. In Gold and Silver Divisions, a contest consists of seven match play matches between each clubs' individual players. In the Bronze Division, a contest consists of five match play matches between each clubs' individual players.

**Host Club Match Official(s):** means the Official(s) established by the Host Club to run a pennant round contest of the competition.

**Junior:** A player who is a minimum of 13 years of age at the start of the Competition.

**GA Handicap:** The GA handicap of a player for all purposes of this competition will be their GA handicap as at 7am the day before the match.

**Match or Individual Match:** means the contest between two individual players of opposing teams.

**BDLGA Pennant Match Committee:** this Pennant competition is under the control of the BDLGA Management Committee. In accordance with the BDLGA Constitution Clause 5.10, power, authority, duties and functions to run this pennant competition are delegated to the Pennant Chair as outlined in these Regulations. The Pennant Chair is supported in the administration of the pennant competition by the Pennant Sub-Committee, however the Pennant Sub-Committee has no decision-making capacity in accordance with the BDLGA Constitution Clause 5.11. All decisions made by the Pennant Chair need to be circulated to the BDLGA Management Committee.

**Out of Position:** The first match of a contest will be considered to be out of position if at any point in the round the match is taking more than an average of 12 and a half minutes per hole to play if playing in twos, or 14 and a half minutes per hole if playing in fours.

Any following match will be considered out of position if it:

- (a) falls a clear hole behind the preceding match; and
- (b) is taking more than an average of 12 and a half minutes per hole to play if playing in twos or 14 and a half minutes per hole if playing in fours.

**Round:** The contests grouped together in the Division or Division Zone draw and played at the same venue on the same day is a 'round'.

**Terms of Competition or Terms:** This document and the terms contained within.

**Week:** In the context of the pennant competitions conducted by BDLGA, the term 'week' refers to the same consecutive seven-day period: Monday to Sunday.

## 2. Format

### 2.1. General

- 2.1.1. BDLGA Pennants is a club teams scratch (off the stick) and handicap (using the players' daily handicaps) match play competition played between Member Clubs of the BDLGA. The BDLGA Pennants consists of two women's competitions: The Friday Pennants and the Sunday Pennants. FRIDAY PENNANTS is regarded as a separate competition to the SUNDAY PENNANTS.
- 2.1.2. Each pennant competition is divided into Divisions: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Depending on the number of competing teams, a Division may be divided into Zones. The structure of the competition will be decided by the BDLGA Pennant Chair once all Intent Forms are received.



## 2.2. Divisions

2.2.1. The 2026 Pennant Divisions will be:

- i. FRIDAY PENNANTS – Gold (x1), Silver (x3), and Bronze (x1) – starting Friday 24 April 2026.
- ii. SUNDAY PENNANTS – Gold (x1), Silver (x2) and Bronze (x1) – starting Sunday 19 April 2026.

2.2.2. Divisions will comprise:

### GOLD – 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.

### SILVER – 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.
- 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.

### BRONZE – 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 maximum GA of 36.
- 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 4.2 of these Regulations. In this situation the minimum aggregate GA for the team will be adjusted proportionally. For example, if a team in Silver 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.

- 2.2.3. If a player reduces her GA handicap such that she would be ineligible to play in that Division, but has played at least three matches in that Division, she may remain in that Division, playing off her Daily Handicap. For example, A Bronze player's GA drops to 19, she can remain in Bronze but must play with a GA of 19.
- 2.2.4. The penalty for non-compliance with these Division individual GA requirements is loss of the specific individual match. The penalty for non-compliance with these Division aggregate GA requirements is loss of all matches in the contest.



## 2.3. Draw

- 2.3.1. The draw for each competition will be determined by the BDLGA Pennant Chair. The Final Draw will be posted on the BDLGA website. Clubs will be advised of publication of the Final Draw and any amendments. If an amendment to the Final Draw is necessary, any amendment(s) will be noted on the Final Draw with the date of the change.
- 2.3.2. Unless determined otherwise by the BDLGA Pennant Chair, each contest will be played at the venue and at the times and tees specified in the draw. Clubs with more than one course must indicate to BDLGA which course will be used and, where possible, this will be published in the draw.
- 2.3.3. For Divisions or Division Zones consisting of an odd number of teams, all contests will be played on a neutral course, and the Host Club will receive a bye in that round. For Divisions or Division Zones consisting of an even number of teams, each team will host one round, with the exception of one team who will neither host nor play an opponent on their home course. The team that does not host a round will be selected by the BDLGA Pennant Chair based on what is most equitable and practical. No visiting teams will play more than one host club throughout the season.

## 3. Eligibility

### 3.1. Clubs

- 3.1.1. Each Club may enter one team in each Division of each of the Friday Pennant and Sunday Pennant Competitions. Clubs may enter more than one (1) team per Competition Division, but the acceptance by the BDLGA Pennant Chair of a second team will depend upon numbers from other clubs in that draw.

### 3.2. Players

- 3.2.1. A Player wishing to compete in the Pennant Competition may play for any Club of which she is a Financial Member with playing rights, provided that Club lies within the BDLGA area and District Affiliation Fees have been paid by that Club.
- 3.2.2. 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 current State Team member/player (as at the commencement of the Pennant season) is permitted to play in any Pennant Competition. A player is not eligible if their handicap or membership is suspended as on the day of play.
- 3.2.3. The minimum age for the Pennant Competition is 13 years on the first day of Competition. 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.
- 3.2.4. A player may be a member of only ONE (1) Pennant Team in a calendar year. A player is considered to become a member of that team on the first occasion they play in a team. This includes if a match has been cancelled, and the match results have been entered into Golf Genius with points allocated to each of the nominated players. 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.
- 3.2.5. A player may participate as a substitute player in another team on ONE (1) occasion only under the following conditions:
  - I. The player may only play ONE (1) Match that Week (where a Week is defined as running from Monday to Sunday).



- II. Team Captains must notify the BDLGA Pennant Chair via email ([pennants@bdlga.com.au](mailto:pennants@bdlga.com.au)) prior to that substitute player playing a match so that compliance with this regulation can be monitored and the player can be added to the team playing list.
  - III. Teams can only use ONE (1) substitute player per week.
  - IV. In keeping with the spirit of the Competition, this regulation is not to be used by clubs to 'stack' teams.
  - V. A player is not permitted to participate as a substitute player in another team which is playing in the same competition (Friday or Sunday) and same Division (Gold, Silver or Bronze).
- 3.2.6. No player may represent more than one Club in any one season/calendar year.
- 3.2.7. A player is eligible for Sunday Pennant or Friday Pennant if they are a member of a BDGLA club, an amateur and hold a Female GA. Players must comply with the Golf Australia Gender Policy (available at <https://bdlga.com.au/golf/pennants>).
- 3.2.8. The penalty for an ineligible player competing in a pennant match is loss of the specific individual match. A score of 10 & 8 will be recorded for that match (match points are used to determine a Division or Division Zone winner if teams are equal on Contest Points).

### 3.3. Player Registration

- 3.3.1. Each Club is required to provide a list of eligible players, using the template provided, to the BDLGA Pennant Chair no later than Sunday 8 March 2026. The BDLGA Pennant Chair will upload player details for each team into Golf Genius.
- 3.3.2. Adding Player/s to the Team List: Eligible players may be added into Golf Genius throughout the season by providing required player details to the BDLGA Pennant Chair via email ([pennants@bdlga.com.au](mailto:pennants@bdlga.com.au)) prior to that player playing a match.
- 3.3.3. Player Audit: From time-to-time the BDLGA Pennant Sub-Committee may conduct a player eligibility audit. Clubs may be requested to provide proof of eligibility.

## 4. General Conditions

### 4.1. Team Lists

- 4.1.1. The Team Captain shall create their team list in Golf Genius (via competition portal) by 3pm on the day prior to the round.
- 4.1.2. Order of play shall be in strict GA Handicap order with the lowest handicap player in position one and hitting off first, i.e. 1/2/3/4/5/6/7. If two or more players have the same GA, their positions will be at the discretion of the Team Captain. 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.
- 4.1.3. The Team Captain can print the Player Pairings via the Team Match Portal (which shows GA handicaps) and the Match Pairing with Daily (which shows the playing handicaps) after 6pm the day prior to the competition. NOTE: Any late amendments will be accepted but the Team Captain must notify the opposing Team Captain, the Host Club Match Official and the Pennant Chair. The Team Captain shall confirm the information on these lists with the opposing Team Captain and the Host Club Match Official on the morning of the competition at least 20 minutes prior to the start of competition.
- 4.1.4. On the day of competition, once Team Lists have been confirmed, the player list 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.
- 4.1.5. **Exceptional Circumstances:** 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.

- i. **Major accident:** A major accident is one which involves multiple collisions and closures of major traffic routes or highways.
- ii. **Unforeseen mechanical problems requiring assistance:** e.g. car will not start - flat battery or flat tyre.
- iii. **Sudden illness on competition day:** If a player becomes unwell and is not able to start her match.

NOTE: Sleeping in, 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.

## 4.2. Walkovers and Late Arrival

- 4.2.1. If a Club intends to give a walkover in an individual match or a contest, the Team Captain must contact the Captain of the opposing team, the Host Club Match Official and Pennant Chair prior to the match or contest; if possible, on the day prior to the contest. If a team consists of fewer than 7 players, walkovers will be given from the 7th position. If a Bronze team consists of fewer than 5 players, walkovers will be given from the 5th position. If a walkover has been given, the opposing player or team need not be present on the day of the match or contest but they must submit their full player list for that contest.
- 4.2.2. It is a Term of the Competition that a player will be at their starting tee and ready to play at their starting time. The starting time for the No 1 player (or the first pairing if playing in fours) is the time listed in the draw, unless commencement of play has been delayed due to course congestion or there has been a suspension of play, in which case the starting time is when play is resumed. The starting time for subsequent players (or pairings if playing in fours) is in seven (7) minute intervals from the time listed in the draw unless otherwise advised by the Starter. The penalty for breach of this Term is forfeit of her individual match unless a prior agreement has been reached between both Team Captains to allow a match to proceed out of playing order.
- 4.2.3. Where a player withdraws from a match for any reason after it has commenced, the remaining holes will be forfeited to the point where a result is achieved.
- 4.2.4. 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.
- 4.2.5. A FORFEIT, once given, cannot be recalled unless all matches on the day are cancelled.
- 4.2.6. For individual match score reporting purposes, walkovers / forfeits are recorded as a 10/8 win.

## 4.3. Match Duration and Hit Off Order

- 4.3.1. 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 is halved.
- 4.3.2. Individual matches will be played in order beginning with the No. 1 players and concluding with the No. 7 players (No. 5 in Bronze).
- 4.3.3. The Club listed first in the draw has the HONOUR.
- 4.3.4. Once play has commenced in any match, the penalty for any player playing in the incorrect team position without a Team Captain's agreement is forfeit of her individual match.



## 4.4. Pace of Play

- 4.4.1. All matches are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum time of 3 hours and 45 minutes (average 12 and a half minutes per hole) if playing in twos or 4 hours and 21 minutes (average 14 and a half minutes per hole) if playing in fours. In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme playing conditions), the Host Club Match Official has the authority to modify this time requirement.
- 4.4.2. All players should be aware of Pace of Play:
- Keep within contact of the group in front;
  - Minimise excessive time using Distance Measuring Devices;
  - Players should take their shot within 40 seconds after they are (or should be) able to play without interference or distraction;
  - Minimise practice swings;
  - Take a maximum of three minutes to search for a lost ball;
  - Players are encouraged to offer a 'gimmie' putt to their opponent.
- 4.4.3. The first match of a contest will be considered to be out of position if at any point in the round the match is taking more than an average of 12 and a half minutes per hole to play if playing in twos or 14 and a half minutes if playing in fours.
- 4.4.4. Any following match will be considered out of position if it:
- (a) falls a clear hole behind the preceding match; and
  - (b) is taking more than an average of 12 and a half minutes per hole to play if playing in twos or 14 and a half minutes if playing in fours.
- 4.4.5. If a match is out of position, loss of hole penalties may be issued by a member of the Host Club Match Official to an individual who, by their pace of play, is responsible for such delay. The Host Club Match Official is not required to issue warnings prior to imposing penalties. A player receiving a penalty under this Term may also be in breach of the BDLGA Code of Conduct (available at <https://bdlga.com.au/forms/bdlga-forms>) and may be subject to additional penalty under the Code.
- 4.4.6. If both players in a match are equally contributing to an unacceptable pace of play, they may be 'walked' a hole(s) until they are considered to be in position. Any player 'walked' under this Term may also be in breach of the BDLGA Code of Conduct and may be subject to additional penalty under the Code.
- 4.4.7. Repeated infringements of the Pennant pace of play requirements in the current season may be referred to the BDLGA Management Committee and may see a player subject to further action in accordance with the BDLGA Code of Conduct.

## 4.5. Suspension and Postponement of Play

- 4.5.1. Every effort should be made to play the Contest/Round on the scheduled day and time. In the event of bad weather, the Host Club is responsible for advising the BDLGA Pennant Chair on whether their course is suitable to play, taking into consideration course conditions, forecast weather conditions and player safety. As a guideline, the BDLGA would expect pennants to proceed if the Host Club has their course open for club competition play on that day. The ultimate decision on whether to proceed or not will be made by the BDLGA Pennant Chair.
- 4.5.2. The decision to cancel a pennant contest should be made as early as possible to avoid unnecessary inconvenience and travel. Ideally, a decision should be made a minimum of 12 hours prior to commencement of play. 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.





An update will also be provided on the BDLGA website.

- 4.5.3. In the event of SUDDEN (overnight) bad weather that makes courses unplayable, the Host Club Match Official 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 contest should only be cancelled if the course is not playable.
- 4.5.4. If the venue does not permit carts on the course, the competition will still go ahead.
- 4.5.5. If a team competition is cancelled it MAY be rescheduled on or prior to 26 June 2026 for FRIDAY pennants and on or prior to 21 June 2026 for SUNDAY pennants. If the team competition is not rescheduled it will be scored as a tie with each team awarded 1 contest point and 3.5 match points (2.5 match points for Bronze). If it was a "BYE", then the "BYE" team will not be awarded any points. All players listed in the team on the day are deemed to have 'played the match'.
- 4.5.6. IF AFTER PLAY HAS COMMENCED... the Host Club Match Official will be responsible for deciding whether to suspend, resume or cancel play. This includes weather conditions such as, but not limited to, strong winds, heavy rain, ground water swelling, and poor light. If dangerous conditions prevail e.g. Lightning, the Host Club Match Official may either suspend play for a reasonable time (i.e. 1 hour maximum) or cancel matches. At all times the safety of players and their caddies must be taken into consideration. The decision to cancel a team contest must be advised as soon as possible to all Team Captains present and the BDLGA Pennant Chair. Scores for matches already finished before the cancellation will stand and any cancelled matches will be allotted 0.5 points per player per team (i.e. a draw) to give a result for the match.
- 4.5.7. If a match cannot be completed on the arranged day due to poor light, the uncompleted match will be allotted 0.5 points per player per team to give the final result for the team.

#### **4.6. Team Captain**

- 4.6.1. Each Team must have an appointed Team Captain. The Team Captain may be a playing team member or a non-playing team member. Should the Team Captain be a playing team member, 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.
- 4.6.2. For the duties of the Team Captain refer to Appendix 1.
- 4.6.3. The Team Captain is also the 'advice giver' in accordance with Rule of Golf 24.4.

#### **4.7. Player Responsibilities**

- 4.7.1. For the duties of a Player refer Appendix 2.

### **5. Host Club Responsibilities**

#### **5.1. General**

- 5.1.1. For the duties of the Host Club Captain or Official refer Appendix 3.

#### **5.2. Host Club Match Official(s)**

- 5.2.1. The Host Club shall appoint at least one person who must be present and available throughout the round to act as the Host Club Match Official. The Host Club may appoint more than one Host Club Match Official if they wish. The Host Club Match Official is responsible for the conduct of the competition at that venue. They will oversee the team lists, supervise the start of and pace of play and be available to make decisions affecting the play according to the Regulations and the Rules of Golf.
- 5.2.2. A Host Club is to advise Pennant Chair and Team Captains of the appointed Host Club Match Official(s) (including contact details) prior to commencement.



- 5.2.3. The Host Club Match Official may monitor slow play and may issue penalties if required (refer to section 4.4 Pace of Play). Any rules or pace of play decision made by a Host Club Match Official is final. Any other matters should be referred to the BDLGA Management Committee for determination.
- 5.2.4. The Host Club Match Official cannot be a player or caddie in the competition of the day.

### 5.3. Golf Course Set-Up

- 5.3.1. The Host Club is requested to set up the course so that it is no harder than is used for club medal day competition. Host Clubs may use their discretion for appropriate course set-up, taking into consideration the conditions of the day, the pennant Division and player enjoyment. Difficult set-up of courses can contribute to slow play.
- 5.3.2. Where shots must be given, in the instance that the Host Club does not have a match play index the National Match Play Index is to be used.

## 6. Results

### 6.1. General

- 6.1.1. Matches finish after playing 18 holes, i.e. if the match is square after 18 holes the match is a draw.
- 6.1.2. Contest 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.

### 6.2. Division Winners

- 6.2.1. The winning team is the team that has the greatest number of Contest Points. Where two or more teams have an equal number of Contest Points, their relative positions on the table shall be decided:
  - Firstly, by the total number of Matches won in all Contests;
  - If still equal, then by the total number of Matches won in Contest/s between the tied Teams;
  - If teams are still tied after completing this process, then the result will be that the tied Teams will be declared joint winners.
- 6.2.2. Each Division or Division Zone winner will be awarded 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.
- 6.2.3. In addition, there will also be awarded a felt pennant to the team in the Gold Divisions (FRIDAY and SUNDAY) whose first three players, playing off the stick, win the most number of matches during the season. Each match win will be awarded 1 point and a draw 0.5 points. 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.
- 6.2.4. If a season cannot be completed so as to award a pennant, the remaining matches will still be played as scheduled.
- 6.2.5. 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. Contravention of Regulations

- 7.1. Where a penalty for a breach of these Regulations is not stated in these regulations, the penalty shall be determined by the BDLGA Management Committee.
- 7.2. Where the BDLGA Management 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.
- 7.3. If a team is seen to be contravening Regulations, the Captain of any team is expected to bring the matter up within 48 hours of becoming aware of the potential breach for the attention of the BDLGA Management Committee.
- 7.4. The “Dispute Resolution Procedure” is to be followed when making a protest.
- 7.5. The BDLGA Management Committee will investigate the circumstances of the complaint and decide on what course of action must be adopted.
- 7.6. The decision of the BDLGA Management Committee shall be final.

## 8. Dispute Resolution Procedure

- 8.1. 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 Management 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.
- 8.2. On the rare occasion that a dispute needs to be referred to the BDLGA Management Committee, the following procedures are to be used as a guideline:
  - i. Lodgement of the dispute to the BDLGA Management 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.
  - ii. 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 Pennant Chair and the Secretary of the BDLGA Management Committee.
  - iii. Any subsequent lodgement within the time restriction needs to take the form of a written submission.
  - iv. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the opposing team captain by the BDLGA Pennant Chair or Secretary on behalf of the BDLGA Management Committee or its representative.
  - v. The opposing Team Captain will be given the opportunity of a timely right of reply.
  - vi. The BDLGA Pennant Chair and/or the Pennant Sub-Committee will investigate and recommend a course of action to the BDLGA Management Committee. The BDLGA Management 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. If an urgent decision needs to be made on the day of a competition, then it can only be made by either the Pennant Chair or BDLGA President and then must be communicated to the BDLGA Management Committee within 24 hours.
- 8.3. The parties to the dispute shall attempt to resolve the dispute between themselves within 14 days of the dispute coming to the attention of each party, in accordance with the BDLGA Constitution Clause 3.8 Grievance Procedure. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute in this timeframe, then the BDLGA Constitution Clause 3.8 Grievance Procedure mediation process is to be followed.



## 9. Rules of Golf and Etiquette

### 9.1. Rules of Golf

- 9.1.1. Individual match play matches will be played under the current R&A Rules Ltd, Rules of Golf, these Terms, and any local rules/temporary local rules determined by the Host Club to be applicable. By participating in the competition each club acknowledges that they have read, understand and agree to abide by them. Any proven infringement of the rules will be sent to the BDLGA Management Committee and penalised. Where a penalty for a breach of a Term of Competition is not stated, the penalty shall be determined by the BDLGA Management Committee.

### 9.2. Code of Conduct (available at <https://bdlga.com.au/forms/bdlga-forms>)

- 9.2.1. The BDLGA requests that all players, caddies and officials maintain a high standard of personal, team and match ethics during the pennant season. If any player, caddie or official feels that they are not satisfied with any situation during play these should be directed to the BDLGA Management Committee for clarification.
- 9.2.2. All players, caddies and club officials are required to abide by the BDLGA's Code of Conduct.

### 9.3. Motorised Carts

- 9.3.1. There are no restrictions on the use of motorised carts. The BDLGA requests that clubs allocate carts/buggies to teams so that all teams may have equal ability to use carts. The BDLGA requests that clubs charge member rates for carts/buggies, however, will not be responsible for any rates charged by Clubs.
- 9.3.2. 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.
- 9.3.3. Please ensure that only one person is responsible for booking Cart/Buggy hire at each course to avoid duplication of bookings.

### 9.4. Caddies

- 9.4.1. A Professional, Trainee Professional or ex-Professional (minimum 2 years since being a Professional) is NOT permitted to caddie for any player in any Pennant competition.
- 9.4.2. A player who had been nominated to play in a particular contest may, whilst that contest is in progress and after her own match has been decided, act as caddie for another member of her Team playing in the same contest.
- 9.4.3. A caddie's role is to provide advice and help in various ways, but they cannot make decisions or rulings on behalf of a player.
- 9.4.4. A caddie cannot concede a stroke, hole or match for the player, nor can they agree with the opponent on the match score.

### 9.5. Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

- 9.5.1. Mobile phones must be on SILENT or MUTE MODE at all times during competition.
- 9.5.2. 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.



- 9.5.3. 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. A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. The use of Lasers that show contours of fairways and/or wind direction is not permitted. If, during a stipulated match, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.
- 9.5.4. 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.
- 9.5.5. 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.
- 9.5.6. Penalty: First occasion – loss of hole being played or about to be played if between holes; subsequent occasion – loss of the match.
- 9.5.7. When using any Distance Measuring Device players and caddies should be aware of Pace of Play and not take excessive time when checking distances.



## 10. Appendix 1 - Duties of a Pennant Team Captain

- 10.1. Check your team's scheduled starting time in the Official Draw and ensure all your players know the time they should arrive.
- 10.2. Input the Players into Golf Genius (via competition portal) by 3PM THE DAY PRIOR to the round.  

NOTE: competition GA handicaps will be the GA of the player as at 7am the day prior.
- 10.3. Confirm that the Players are in the correct position in the team and that your team meets the minimum, maximum and aggregate GA requirements. Confirm with your Players that they meet the Player Eligibility requirements outlined in Condition 3.2.
- 10.4. Print a 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).
- 10.5. Ensure that you have read and issued your players with the Regulations and have access to the Rules of Golf app.
- 10.6. Brief all players regarding the Code of Conduct (available at <https://bdlga.com.au/forms/bdlga-forms>), Pace of Play and use of Distance Measuring Devices.
- 10.7. When using a substitute player, the BDLGA Pennant Chair must be notified via email ([pennants@bdlga.com.au](mailto:pennants@bdlga.com.au)) prior the player playing a match to ensure compliance of the regulations and allow the player to be added to the team playing list. Ensure Team Lists are confirmed with the opposing Team Captain and Host Club Match Official 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.
- 10.8. Remind players to read the Local Rules Board.
- 10.9. Ensure that only one person is responsible for booking Cart/Buggy hire at each course to avoid duplication of bookings.
- 10.10. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE OFFICIAL RESULTS SLIP BEFORE LEAVING THE VENUE. Provide a Contact Phone Number as requested on the result sheet.
- 10.11. The Team Captain of the winning team inputs the results into Golf Genius via the portal.
- 10.12. 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.
- 10.13. Lodge any protest/dispute (in accordance with Condition 8) if necessary. Report any incident in writing (email) to BDLGA.
- 10.14. If a team has a non-playing Captain then that person's duties are the same as above. A non-playing Captain may give advice to players.



## 11. Appendix 2 - Duties of Players

- 11.1. Ensure that you comply with the Player Eligibility requirements as outlined in BDLGA Pennant Regulation 3.2.
- 11.2. Know the Rules of Golf and be familiar with the current BDLGA Pennant Regulations as forwarded to your Club and/or advertised on the BDLGA website.
- 11.3. Players should arrive at the Venue at least 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S SCHEDULED HIT-OFF TIME. Pennant Regulation 4.2 outlines the consequences for late arrival at the tee.
- 11.4. Confirm your Handicap ensuring that your place in the team order of play is correct.
- 11.5. Play without undue delay and be aware of Local Rules and BDLGA Pennant Regulation 4.4 regarding slow play. If the Host Club has a Marshall (rather than a Host Club Match Official) on-course to police SLOW PLAY please be mindful of their duties and responsibilities....be courteous and heed their warnings.
- 11.6. Read and comply with the BDLGA Code of Conduct (available at <https://bdlga.com.au/forms/bdlga-forms>).
- 11.7. Be aware of Regulation 5.2 regarding the Host Club Match Official(s), which is responsible for the conduct of the competition at that venue including supervising the pace of play and being available to make decisions affecting the play (including giving penalties). Host Club Match Official decisions are final.
- 11.8. Players are responsible for their caddie adhering to the Rules of Golf, the BDLGA Pennant Regulations, the BDLGA Code of Conduct and the dress requirements of the Venue Club. Breaches by the Caddie will usually result in a penalty to the Player.
- 11.9. It is the Player's responsibility, NOT their caddie, to discuss and agree the status of a match with their opponent player and to resolve any rules disputes that may occur during the match.
- 11.10. 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. A dispute may be resolved by the Team Captains or by the Host Club Match Official(s). If still not able to be resolved, then the dispute will be reviewed by the BDLGA Management Committee.
- 11.11. Players may take advice from only their Caddie, Team Captain or Non-Playing Captain – NOT FROM SPECTATORS/BYSTANDERS in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- 11.12. Adhere to Host Club course requirements including dress Code, use of sand buckets etc.
- 11.13. Always remember that you are representing your Club and your Team.



## 12. Appendix 3 - Duties of the Club Captain / Host Club Match Official

- 12.1. Check the BDLGA website for amended draws.
- 12.2. Advise all players/team captains of any amended draws.
- 12.3. Ensure a copy of the current Pennant Regulations is available at the venue.
- 12.4. Print copies of blank Result Sheets and display in the club house. These forms are generated via Golf Genius and will be emailed to the Club Captain/Host Club Match Official the day prior to competition.
- 12.5. Confirm with Team Captains that all details recorded on the Results Sheet List are current and correct prior to commencement of the Match.
- 12.6. 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.
- 12.7. Ensure that Slow Play is monitored and that all players are aware of the Local Rules regarding call-up on Par 3's.
- 12.8. Provide visiting teams with the required number of scorecards that clearly indicate the Match Indexes per hole.
- 12.9. 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.
- 12.10. Provide a Starter. Ensure the Starter has Starting Sheets/Team Lists and knows the correct intervals between matches. (A copy of Results Sheet can be used).
- 12.11. It is the responsibility of the Host Club to ensure that the pennant matches proceed uninterrupted.
- 12.12. Fill out the Results Sheets 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 the Pennant Chair or a BDLGA Pennant Sub-Committee Member.
- 12.13. Scan or photograph and Email Result Forms ASAP after the finish of play to [pennants@bdlga.com.au](mailto:pennants@bdlga.com.au)
- 12.14. 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.
- 12.15. 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.
- 12.16. If possible, provide a Host Club Match Official or Marshall on-course to keep players and caddies reminded of and to AVOID SLOW PLAY.