

VGL WOMEN'S PENNANT 2017

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Pennant Competition is an important part of the VGL Calendar so requires responsible commitment for the whole season from every participating Club and Team Member to ensure we achieve the highest standard of play we can. This in turn provides enjoyment and satisfaction for all involved.

Each competing Club Captain is to ensure that her Club Pennant Captain has a full understanding of her role and responsibilities, with a view to avoiding penalties.

Competition:

A team event in which players will contest Singles Stroke Match Play. All grades will play handicapped match play with full strokes given and received. Entry fee \$22 per team.

Teams:

A team of five (5) players must be registered for each team

Daily Handicaps will be capped at 39. Players with higher handicaps may still play but will play off the handicap limit.

Each Club should enter the teams it can field with Golf Link numbers by the date set by the Women's Golf Committee.

Handicaps: At Registration, the highest handicap in No 1 Team must not be higher than the lowest handicap in No 2 Team, etc.

a) The Registered Players in each team are entitled to play in that team throughout the season despite broken handicaps.

b) Handicaps of Registered Players in any one team must be checked and verified by the Club Captain before entry.

Draw:

After closing date of Registration, teams will be drawn according to the team's average handicap and/or range of handicaps as entered on the entry form.

a) The VGL Women's Golf Committee will decide the number of teams to be entered in each grade and whether a grade will be divided into zones.

b) The VGL Women's Golf Committee may decide to limit the Competition to 40 teams.

c) In the event of two teams from one Club or one Home Course being drawn in the same grade, they will be expected to play each other.

Eligibility of Players:

Any player in a Pennant Team must

a) be a financial member of the Club by January 1.

b) have amateur status

c) As of the 1st September in the preceding year until the first round of pennant each player must return at least four cards in singles competition played at the club they represent.

d) have not played Pennant for any other VGL Club during the season.

e) to be eligible to play in final, player must have played at least one game in the grade competing in the final.

PENALTY: Should an ineligible player be included in a team that team will lose all points gained and these points will be awarded to the opposing team.

Emergency Players:

An Emergency Player's;

a) GA handicap must be restricted to five (5) strokes (higher or lower) of the team average at the time of the draw being finalised but cannot be lower than the lowest handicap in the team. The calculated average team handicap will be notified by the V.G.L. to clubs.

b) Can be a team member from a lower grade playing in a higher grade

Matches shall be played according to the draw.

Any restrictions imposed on Clubs by the Pro Shop, Course Management or facilities regarding the number of teams permitted to play on Match Days, must be submitted in writing with the Pennant Entry for consideration by the Pennant Match committee when conducting the draw.

The Pennant Captain of the first mentioned Club in the draw will make arrangements with the opposing Pennant Captain as to the time of starting, and will make any necessary arrangements with the proprietor of the course on which the match is to be played. The Pennant Captain of the home team must supply the visiting Pennant Captain with a copy of the local rules and temporary local rules adopted by the Club and will provide the Results forms.

Match Day:

Each Captain **must** bring to the venue a team sheet that has players name, golf link number and current GA handicap to exchange with opposition Captain. Captains must disclose handicaps BEFORE commencing play. Failure to produce team sheet will result in Loss of One (1) Match Point.

a) Players must play in handicap order. The Daily Handicap is the handicap used, not the GA handicap.

PENALTY for playing out of order – one (1) Match Point.

b) If a team fields fewer than five players, the walk-over shall be given to the last places. If a club intends to give a walk-over, either as a team or in an individual match, the VGL Women's Golf Committee and the Pennant Captain of the opposing team should be notified prior to the match.

c) Should a player be five minutes late for a match, the penalty will be loss of the first hole. Should she be ten minutes late, the penalty will be loss of first and second holes. Should she be fifteen minutes late, the penalty will be loss of match. **Following matches will not be delayed on the first tee awaiting a late arrival.**

d) All matches are to be played under the R & A Rules of Golf, VGL Women's Pennant Conditions of Play and the local rules of the course on which the matches are played.

e) Players are not permitted to practice on the course on the day of competition.

f) WEATHER: In all cases of inclement weather, fog or bad course conditions, every effort should be made to complete all matches on the scheduled day. If opposing Captains agree that the course is in an unplayable condition or that weather conditions are unsafe, they may decide to abandon play. When play is abandoned, all completed matches will stand and any unfinished matches will be squared and match points shared half a point each.

g) Players must cease play when the match is over.

h) A match which is squared at the 18th hole will be scored as half (1/2) a point each. One (1) point will be scored for each individual win or walk-over. (Exception: Final)

i) If a dispute between players or teams regarding any particular hole or holes in a stipulated round arises and is referred to the Pennant Captains of each team, their decision, if unanimous, is binding. Otherwise the dispute in detail will be forwarded in writing to the VGL Women's Golf Committee and must be in the hands of this Committee within 48 hours.

j) The VGL Women's Golf Committee will investigate and decide on disputes when such disputes are submitted and may impose appropriate penalties to teams or players for non-observance of any rules.

k) The winning team on each day of play will be awarded two (2) premiership points. If teams tie, they are awarded one (1) premiership point each.

l) When a player's ball is at rest on (or has been lifted from) the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, partner, opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced. (Note: If the ball was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location with no penalty.

m) Local rule Appendix 1B-9 permits the use of Distance measuring devices in all League competitions.

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance ONLY. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring devices that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, club selection etc) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which penalty is DISQUALIFICATION regardless of whether any such function is actually used.

Notes:

If a player wishes to uses a phone to look up weather, it is not considered to be actively measuring or gauging the conditions and is permissible. Reports provided by a weather station, through an app or internet browser, are not a breach of rule 14-3.

A phone with a compass feature, can be used as a distance-measuring device, because a compass only provided directional information and does not gauge or measure variable conditions or assist the player in his play.

You can use a phone as a distance-measuring device, that has an inbuilt spirit level as part of the functionality but it is not part of the distance-measuring app., provided that you do not use the spirit level in any manner that might assist you in your play.

The use of mobile phones by a competitor or his caddie whilst on a golf course is distracting and inconsiderate. If the competitor or caddie is in possession of a mobile phone it must be on silent or turned off. A player or caddie cannot receive or make calls during the match - Penalty - Loss of Hole.

Receiving (ONLY) and viewing Short Message Services (SMS), between the playing of holes, is not considered "receiving or making phone calls" during the match.

Exception: Players/caddies are permitted to make phone calls from the course to the clubhouse or to event officials for rules/emergency assistance.

n) Caddies are allowable but must be a member of a V.G.L. club. Caddies are not permitted onto greens. Caddies, spectators and non-playing Captain/Team Manager are permitted on Course during the pennant season provided course management allows. **A Player receiving advice from any person other than her caddy or non-playing Team Manager shall be subject to penalties described in Rule 8 (Rules of Golf). If the Team Manager is a player or caddie, she cannot give advice to any other team member while she is engaged in her match.**

Results:

a) Result forms will be supplied to clubs for recording match results. These forms are to be kept by the club for future reference. Both competing clubs should have a copy.

b) The results MUST be phoned or emailed by the Home Captain to the VGL Executive Manager as soon as possible after the match but certainly before 4 pm.

c) Results MUST be entered by the Home Captain via the internet in the "Results Vault" system before Tuesday 5pm following the match.

d) The Opposition Captain MUST confirm the match results via the internet in the "Results Vault" system before Wednesday 5pm following the match.

PENALTY: Offending team will lose all points gained.

Home Captain to phone or email results to:

VGL Executive Manager – Philip Goad

Phone 9417 3019

Mobile 0488 598 113

Email info@vicgolfleague.com.au

Finals:

Unzoned Grades: Teams finishing 1st and 2nd will play off for the Premiership.

Zoned Grades: Winners of Zones will play off for the premiership. All Final matches will be played on a neutral course decided upon by the VGL Women's Match Committee. In the event of two or more clubs defeating an equal number of teams with an equal number of Match Points, a count back

over the last three matches will be made. If results are still tied, a count back will be made match by match with away matches given more weight.

ALL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED RULES ALSO APPLY TO FINALS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

a) In a Final, when all matches are completed and the contest is tied, then the last tied match will continue until there is a result, unless the VGL Women's Match Committee advises otherwise.

b) An emergency player who fulfils the criteria may play in the Finals.

(Note: A player must have played one match in the grade during the season to qualify to play in final of that grade).

Pace of Play:

a) All matches are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum time of 4 hours (approximately 13 minutes per hole). In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather /playing conditions), the VGL Women's Match Committee has the authority to modify this time requirement.

b) Any match will be considered out of position if it falls a clear hole behind the preceding match and is taking more than an average of 13 minutes per hole to play.

c) If a match is out of position, loss of hole penalties may be issued to an individual who, by her pace of play is responsible for such delay. Officials are not required to issue warnings prior to imposing penalties.

d) 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.

e) When both playing pairs (all four balls) are on the green, the pair, whose has a player furthest away, should putt out (if possible i.e. does not interfere with lines of other pairs putts) and then proceed to the next tee. Then the other pair putts out.

To aid pace of play, if the pair that has gone to the next tee is ready, and it is safe to do so, they should tee off, even if the other pair has not yet reached the tee or means playing out of order.

ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE VGL WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE SHALL BE FINAL

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VGL 2017 PENNANT DATES

February	3	Pennant Entries Close
February	14	Pennant Captains' Meeting
February	27	Pennant Round 1
March	6, 20, 27	Pennant Rounds 2, 3 & 4
April	3, 10	Pennant Rounds 5 & 6
April	24	Pennant Finals – Werribee Park Golf Club