



**Men's**

**Pennant Rules**

## HANDICAPS

- 1.(a) The maximum GA handicap for all V.G.L. competition's is GA 36.4 (except for handicap pennant – GA 27.4). Players with higher handicaps can play but must use the maximum GA handicap.

Players with Provisional handicaps are ineligible to play in V.G.L. competitions.
- (b) Where following investigation of a player's performance, a player's returns, give rise to suspicion that they may be attempting to "manipulate a handicap", or where a player is showing better form than their GA Handicap, or where a player is playing better golf but is not returning cards which lead to an automatic reduction in GA Handicap, or some other justifiable circumstances make it apparent to the VGL Committee, that the player is over-handicapped. Where the VGL Golf Committee firmly believes the player's GA Handicap, for whatever reason, is not commensurate with the player's underlying ability. The VGL Golf committee is authorized by the GA Handicap System to allocate to a competitor a Special Competition Handicap.
- (c) Benchmarks include, but not solely, winning pennant match ratio of 75%, unusual pattern(s) of scores in handicap record or request(s) from a member Club. The investigation can span over the current or several pennant seasons.

## DRESS

- 2.(a) The following DRESS standards will apply to all Pennant Matches:  
SHIRTS: MUST have a COLLAR attached.  
No TEE SHIRTS or TANK TOPS are permitted.  
TROUSERS: Appropriate Slacks, Plus Fours or Plus Twos ONLY. (No Denim)  
SHORTS: May be worn with the appropriate SPORT SOCKS. Shorts resembling football shorts in appearance or colour are not permitted.  
SHOES: Correct Golf Shoes are to be worn on the Golf Course suitable to course rules.  
In the Clubhouse: Host club rules apply.
- (b) Any PLAYER or CADDIE who commences a match in dress that does not comply with the standards as set out in 2(a) must be DISQUALIFIED.

## PERSONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY & MOTORIZED RIDE ON TRANSPORT

- 3.(a) Some courses can be physically taxing on players physical abilities to complete a match. It is the player's responsibility to consider their personal health when competing on some courses.
- (b) The use of Motorized Ride-On Transport in Pennant is permitted, if permission has been granted in accordance with the Leagues policy on the use of Motorized Transport and that permission has been granted by the Course Management concerned. Penalty for Breach: Player(s) using cart will be DISQUALIFIED.

## LIQUOR

4. The consumption or carrying of any alcoholic beverages on the course during a pennant contest by a Player, caddie or nominated official is absolutely prohibited. Breach by Player or Caddie: Player is DISQUALIFIED. Breach by any nominated Official: **Team** is DISQUALIFIED.

#### DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

5. Distance measuring devices are permitted in any League competition. (Local Rule).  
A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance otherwise the player must be disqualified.

#### Notes:

If a player wishes to use 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 4-3.

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.

#### MOBILE PHONES

6. 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.

#### CADDIES

7. No professional golfer or professional caddie will be permitted to caddie in any form of pennant.  
During a contest, players must not share a caddie.  
A caddie can only switch to serving another player, after the completion of a hole. A caddie cannot switch to serve another player and then return to the first player during the contest.  
A player, who has completed his match, may caddie for another team player, provided he does not caddie on holes that he has already played during his completed match. (Penalty: loss of hole for each hole at which the action occurred).

#### COMPETITION

8. (a) The Pennant competition shall be conducted in the following Grades:  
Scratch: Division 1 - Open scratch match-play, **not seeded**.  
**Scratch: Division 2 – Open scratch match-play, seeded.**

Handicap: Handicap match-play with **seeded draw**. [GA Handicap range 0 – 27.4]

Seniors: Handicap match-play with **seeded draw**. [GA Handicap range 0–36.4]

Junior: Handicap match-play with **seeded draw**. [GA Handicap range 0–36.4]

**Note: Definition: - SEEDED DRAW – playing order MUST be arranged in Daily Handicap order i.e. player 1 (lowest handicap) down to last player (highest handicap).**

- (b) The Committee of the League, subject to the League's Rules shall control the pennant competitions in all respects.
- (c) Each club affiliated with the League must field at least one (1) team in pennant competition, (handicap team **must** be first choice) and the League's Committee reserves the right to allocate teams to Grades as it sees fit. A Club may enter in all Grades if it wishes,
- (d) The number of teams to make up each grade shall be determined by the League's Committee, and each Grade shall be composed of Divisions.
- (e) The competition between teams will be known as a contest. A contest will consist of a defined number of matches. Contests will be played upon the course first named in the draw issued by the League unless exemption given by League.
- (f) If a player is disqualified under these rules, then the Match points will be awarded to his opponent.
- (g) A players current Low GA Handicap is the Handicap to be used for the pennant competition. Daily Handicap will be calculated from the players current Low GA Handicap.

#### ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 9.(a) A player in Senior Scratch, Handicap and Seniors Pennant must be a bona-fide affiliated member of the Club that he represents by the 1st January in the current year. He must also hold a current Australian Handicap by the first round of pennant and in the Pennant matches he competes in.

**As of the 1st October in the preceding year until the first round of pennant each player must return at least THREE 18-hole cards (TWO 9-hole cards equal ONE 18-hole card) in singles competition played at the club they represent.**

A player competing in Seniors pennant must have attained the age of 55 years prior to the first round of the season.

- (b) A player must be an amateur golfer as defined under the Rules of Golf at the commencement of the Pennant competition. Players cannot have played in Pennant competition for any other Victorian Golf League club. Players who have played in any other Pennant competition during the current Victorian Golf League pennant season are eligible to play, up to a **MAXIMUM 2 players** for the season. (Season commences 1<sup>st</sup> January). (Senior's Pennant is exempt from this rule).

- (c) Each club must register online proposed pennant players for the season, this registration must include golf-link number. Players not on the registration form can be added online in the time frame stated by Rule 13(c).
- (d) Once a player has played three (3) matches in scratch pennant, he becomes ineligible to play in the handicap pennant team for the remainder of the current season. Penalty - Player is Disqualified.

Clubs who have more than one team in Scratch pennant, the higher Division team must nominate a squad before the 1st round (minimum 8). Those players nominated cannot play in a lower Scratch division. In addition, players who play in a lower scratch division can play in the higher scratch division only twice before they become ineligible to play again in the lower division and only 3 players can play up in the higher Division.

Where a club has two teams in Handicap and/or Seniors Grade, once a player has played one (1) match for a team he is ineligible to play in the other teams(s) in that Grade. Penalty – Player is Disqualified.

- (e) To qualify to play in finals matches, a player must compete in at least two matches in the grade in which he qualifies. (Where a three-team competition creates a bye then only one match is required to qualify for finals).
- (f) All competition cards from competitions held prior to each pennant round **MUST** be processed in the Golf-Link system before each pennant round. It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that team members are playing off their current and correct handicap. For those clubs not on Golf Link, competitions held prior to each pennant round must be manually processed and handicaps updated before each pennant round.
- (g) For the purposes of handicap match play, a players current Low GA Handicap is the Handicap to be used for the pennant competition. Daily Handicap will be calculated from the players current Low GA Handicap.

RECIPROCAL GREEN FEES & MEALS

- 10.(a) The host club is responsible for the payment of both team’s green fees to the course operator. It is the responsibility of the host club to ascertain if any concessional rates apply to any of the teams’ members. The V.G.L. will advise if any variation to this rule, in certain circumstances, will apply.
- (b) The pennant competition convention is for the host club to provide a meal and drinks for players and manager. This is NOT a compulsory provision. A club may decide not to provide meals or drinks but **MUST** inform opposition clubs in writing at same time as notifying tee off times.

COMPOSITION OF TEAMS.

- 11.(a) Teams shall consist of:

Scratch:	(8) Eight Players
Handicap:	(8) Eight Players

Seniors: (6) Six Players or (8) Eight Players  
Junior: (6) Six Players

- (b) The Manager of any Pennant team need not be a player but shall be an amateur under the Rules of Golf and a Member of the Club for which he represents. (Junior pennant is exempt from this rule).
- (c) The Team Manager should be included on the team sheet and identified/notified to the opposing team during the introductions prior to the commencement of the match.
- (d) The Non-playing manager must act within the Rules of Golf 10.2 Advice and 10.3 Caddies. If the team manager is playing in the contest, he forfeits his role as team manager whilst his match is in progress.
- (e) The pennant competition is a team competition (Rules of Golf 24) and as such a non-playing team manager may act with the scope of rules of golf and is defined as an “Advice Giver” (see rules 24.4a and 24.4b).
- (f) The Pennant Team Manager are responsible to ensure all Pennant Rules and “Rules of Golf” are enforced. They cannot agree to waive any of these rules. Penalty for Breach - Disqualification of both teams.
- (g) The Pennant Team Manager must only communicate with his own team players and can only communicate with the opposing team members if the opposing player invites the conversation.
- (h) If a dispute arises between players, that cannot be resolved by them, it should be referred to the non-playing team Managers for resolution – see pennant booklet rule 21.

### ORDER OF PLAY

- 12.(a) Honour for the contest shall be decided by the toss of a coin between the two competing clubs. Matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the host club and in order of the team list. [e.g. Player 1 first, Player 8 last.] Penalty for playing out of order – Disqualification. Exception: If a group has fallen behind, players can deviate from the order of play for the purpose of catching up **but must immediately return** to the order of play once caught up.

If a club does not field a complete team, the walk-over shall be given to the highest number player(s). If a club intends to give a contest walk-over, the VGL Men’s Golf Committee and the Pennant Manager of the opposing team should be notified prior to the match

All matches are to be played over eighteen holes of match play. If a match is square at the completion of 18 holes, the match shall be treated as a halved match.

- (b) The team sheet and copy of local rules including any temporary local rules shall be exchanged 10 minutes prior to the stated hit off time.
  - The team sheet must include team members and their Low GA Handicap to one decimal point and Daily Handicap as a whole number.
  - The team sheet must include players Golf Link number.

- The team list must be in Daily Handicap order.
- The team list should include the team manager.

**Handicap requirements not necessary for Division 1 scratch pennant.**

Penalty for breach. A team not exchanging the team list on time will automatically lose the Player No. 8 match (Player No.6 in six player teams).

**Once the team sheet is exchanged by both teams it must not be altered, and any player not ready to play when called to the first tee will lose the match.**

**TEAM SHEET**

<b>CLUB:</b> _____	
<b>DIVISION</b> _____	
COURSE _____	SLOPE _____
TEAM MANAGER _____	
Ph: _____	
<b>PLAYER</b>	Handicap Low <u>GA</u> / Daily
No. 1 .....	..... / .....
G/Link No: _____	
No. 2 .....	..... / .....
G/Link No: _____	
No. 3 .....	..... / .....
G/Link No: _____	
No. 4 .....	..... / .....
G/Link No: _____	
No. 5 .....	..... / .....
G/Link No: _____	
No. 6 .....	..... / .....
G/Link No: _____	
No. 7 .....	..... / .....
G/Link No: _____	
No. 8 .....	..... / .....
G/Link No: _____	

- (c) If the Team Manager is not part of a match in the contest, he is to be treated as an outside agency. A player receiving advice from any person other than his caddie or non-playing Team Manager shall be subject to penalties described in Rule 24.4. (Rules of Golf) If the Team Manager is a player or caddie, he **cannot** give advice to any other team member while he is engaged in his match.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

- 13(a) Result forms will be supplied to clubs for recording match results. These forms are to be kept by the club for future reference and must be produced for the V.G.L. Men's Match Committee if requested. Both competing clubs should have a copy.  
Host club should supply result(s) sheet.
- (b) The Team Manager of each team must check result sheet for accuracy and sign the declaration on the sheet. Result sheets that are incomplete or incorrect MAY result in the offending team losing points gained in each match that is incorrect. Where result sheets give rise to both teams losing all points due to incomplete or

incorrect information then the contest will be voided with no team receiving any premiership or match points.

NOTE: If any match result is disputed the Team Manager should either

(a) not sign the form or

(b) sign the form adding a note stating that a result is in dispute. (preferred)

(See DISPUTES & PROTESTS section for procedures).

The Golf Genius system is used to display pennant results – it is not the forum to initiate a dispute.

- (c) Results **MUST** be entered by the Winning Team Manager via the internet in the "Golf Genius" system before Monday (Friday for Senior's pennant) 11.59pm following the match.

PENALTY: Winning team will lose all Premiership and Match points gained in the contest. The lost points will not be awarded to the opposition team.

- (d) The Losing Team Manager should check Golf Genius for accuracy of entered results. Any dispute arising from information displayed must be communicated before Wednesday (Sunday for Senior's pennant) 11.59pm following the match.
- (a) In Handicap, Senior's and Junior Pennant a player who plays off a handicap higher than his Daily Australian Handicap must be **DISQUALIFIED**. A player who plays off an incorrect handicap which causes the order of play to be incorrect must be **DISQUALIFIED**.

Note: Any other player who plays out of order because of a player playing off an incorrect handicap is NOT disqualified.

#### LOCAL RULES

- 14.(a) All clubs must submit a card and copy of their current Local Rules and current Temporary Local Rules to be used for pennant to the VGL 14 days prior to the first round of pennant in which the club competes. Any additions, modifications to Local and/or Temporary Local Rules must be forwarded to the VGL at least 7 days or as soon as possible from their enforcement.
- (b) The Team Manager of the Home Team shall supply to the Team Manager of the Visiting Team a copy of all local rules adopted by the Club upon whose Course the Pennant Match is to be played. The Visiting Team should also be advised of any temporary local rules in force on the day of the Contest.
- (c) Players are **not** permitted to practice on the course on the day of competition.
- (d) Prior to the commencement of play. Practice is permitted only in the designated practice areas of the host club.  
Penalty for Breach of (b) or (c) - **DISQUALIFICATION** of player or players involved.

Note: It is the responsibility of all players to observe their obligations as guests when playing away from their home club. Many host clubs have special requirements concerning sand buckets, shoes and buggies. Host clubs are required to notify visiting teams in writing of these requirements when confirming tee times.



### SPONSORSHIP LOGO ON CLOTHING.

15. It is permissible for a Pennant Team to carry a sponsor's Logo on shirts or other items of clothing in accordance with the guidelines set down by the Golf Victoria.

It must be clearly understood that Sponsorship applies to the ENTIRE TEAM or TEAMS, and not to individuals within a Team. For Sponsorship of a Pennant Team to be permissible, the following conditions must be adhered to. Failure to adhere to the guidelines as set out may result- in a BREACH of the PLAYER'S AMATEUR STATUS.

- (b) All Members of the Pennant Team should wear all the Sponsored Clothing.
- (c) The Logo or Badge, which appears on the Clothing, must not exceed 220mm perimeter measurement, i.e. measurement around the outside of the Logo or Badge.
- (d) Only ONE Sponsors Logo can appear on each item of clothing, although the Sponsor's names may vary between items, e.g. one Sponsors name on a shirt and another on a visor.

Any queries on the suitability of any Sponsor's Logo to be used on clothing during Pennant Matches, these should be referred to the League's Committee for their consideration.

Penalty for Breach - DISQUALIFICATION for each player in breach of this rule.

### ADVERSE WEATHER

16. (a) Abandoning Contests: REFER to By-Law 19 & 20. 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 agreed by the nominated Team Manager's that completion is not possible, play is to be suspended [see Golf Rule 5-7]. If play cannot be resumed, then the contest is abandoned, and each team shall be awarded two premiership points and three and a half match points.
- (b) Should any player consider that there is danger from a threat of lightning in the area he should discontinue play until he considers it safe to resume. The player is the sole judge as to the discontinuance of play due to danger from the threat of lightning.

### DATES and TIMES FOR CONTESTS

17. (a) Once published, the draw can only be varied by the League Committee, or after a teams' written application to the Executive Manager of the League, at least (7) days prior to the date of the fixture and provided such variation is then approved by the Committee.
- (b) The draw for all contests [except Thursday Seniors] is to be played on a Sunday. The League would approve contests being played on the preceding Saturday, by mutual agreement of both teams, otherwise contests to be played on the Sunday as drawn.

- (c) The starting time of pennant contests shall be fixed between 7.00am and 12.00 noon on the day of the draw. Should circumstances affecting the starting time of the contest, both Team Manager's may mutually agree to forfeit their rights to protest the starting time of the contest. Otherwise, a protest may be lodged with the League. [Rule 21].
- (d) It is the responsibility of the First Named/Home Club, to arrange starting times with the proprietor of the course, well in advance of the pennant competition. These arrangements must be notified in writing to the visiting Club at least [7] seven days prior to the date on which the contest is to take place. Should Clubs fail to notify the visiting team of the appropriate arrangements under this rule, it is possible that a protest against the Club could be lodged with the League Committee, and a penalty imposed under rule 21.
- (e) At the same time of notification of starting times, the Home Club MUST state the TEE markers that will be used for the contest and the PAR, SCRATCH RATING and SLOPE rating of that course.
- (f) In the case of a team notifying the opposing team that they wish to forfeit a contest, it will not be necessary for the team receiving the forfeit, to attend the venue for the contest.

METHOD OF PLAY

- 18. (a) Each Division shall play a series of home and away contests, unless otherwise directed by the leagues committee.
- (b) The index to be used for handicap match play shall be the Australian Match-Play Index.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Index	18	8	12	3	14	6	10	1	16	5	11	2	15	7	13	4	17	9

- (c) If a match commences at the tenth hole then the index to be applied shall be:-

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Index	18	8	12	3	14	6	10	1	16	5	11	2	15	7	13	4	17	9

- (d) Should the course management direct that play shall commence at the 10th hole then that hole shall become the first hole for the purpose of allocating strokes against the Match-play Index.
- (e) Play shall be decided by holes and no matches shall proceed beyond the eighteenth hole.
- (f) Points awarded for matches shall be two (2) for a win and one (1) point for each match finishing square at the eighteenth hole.
- (g) The Team which gains the greatest number of match points shall be the winner of the contest and shall gain four premiership points. In the event of match points being equal the contest shall be declared halved and each team shall be awarded two premiership points

## FINALS.

### Qualification

- 19.(a) Except for divisions made up of seven teams, the two (2) teams gaining the highest number of (a) premiership points then (b) individual points shall play off for the Divisional Pennant. For division of seven teams, the three (3) teams gaining the highest number of (a) premiership points then (b) individual points will play off in the finals. The teams finishing second and third will play off in a semi-final, with the winner and the team finishing in first place playing off for the Divisional Pennant.

The order of teams in a division will be those teams which have the greatest number of premiership points. If the premiership points are equal, then the leading teams will be those which have the greatest number of match points.

If still tied, then the results between the two tied teams will be compared and the team with the most premiership then match points will be ordered higher.

If still tied, then team will be ordered by the number of matches won by the player or players who played in the number 1 position during the season. If still tied, then player(s) playing number 2 matches will be compared and so on.

If still tied, then the VGL will draw lots to determine the leading teams.

### Tie Breaker in finals.

- (b) Should the contest be tied with 4 wins and 4 losses the No. 1 players will play a sudden death playoff. Should the tied contest result contain ties the highest ranked tied match will continue - the format is sudden death. In a handicap match, handicap strokes will be applied as in the stipulated round.
- (c) Should play in the VGL Pennant finals be abandoned in accordance with the Rules of Golf 5-7 then the pennant shall be awarded to the team that finished on top of the division after the home and away series.

## PACE OF PLAY and MONITORING PACE

20. The Victorian Golf League and many course managements are concerned with the pace of play within golf competitions. The Men's Golf Committee will make a concerted effort to substantially improve the pace of play in pennant, finals, and other events. The committee consider that it would be reasonable for a group of four players to take an average of 15 minutes per hole. (4 hours & 30 minutes for the round).

A player is allowed 40 seconds to play a shot. Time commences when the player reaches his ball, or when it is the players turn to play.

Each group must maintain its position in the field with respect to the group in front of them. Any group with a clear hole in front of them will be considered out of position. Any such group found out of position will be monitored and penalties will be issued.

**Should a situation exist between the host club and the course management regarding the pace of play in pennant then the host club may appoint a course marshal to dispense penalties in line with the Special Rules and conditions applying to Pennant finals.**

**The opposing team may also appoint a marshal for the match. The appointed marshal's must be non-players and may be the team managers.**

DISPUTES and PROTESTS.

21.(a) DISPUTES: (see Rules of Golf 3-2)

If a dispute between players of teams regarding any particular hole or holes in a contest arises, it must be referred to the nominated non-playing Team Managers (or playing Managers who have completed their match) of both teams before playing the next hole. If the decision of the Team Manager's is unanimous, their decision shall be binding. If no unanimous decision can be reached, the details of the dispute shall be forwarded in Writing to the League's Men's Golf Committee and MUST be in the hands of the Executive Manager of the V.G.L. no later than FORTY-EIGHT (48) hours after the date of the contest. The decision of the League's Committee on any dispute referred to under this Rule **SHALL BE FINAL.**

Where play has ceased in a match to enable a dispute to be resolved, player in the match should call the following groups through, whether or not they are competition players. The attention of all players is drawn to the Rules of Golf concerning Slow Play and the play of groups following any match in which a dispute arises should not be unduly delayed while a dispute is resolved.

(b) PROTESTS:

Any protest arising from the conduct of a pennant contest, apart from a dispute on the play at any hole, MUST be forwarded in WRITING to the League's Men's Golf Committee NOT MORE THAN forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the contest at which the cause of the Protest arose.

All disputes and protests arising from a pennant match MUST be handled through the SECRETARY or PENNANT MANAGER of the Club's involved in writing direct to the League's Men's Golf Committee.

NOTE: Any dispute or protest caused by failure to enforce the PENNANT RULES must be rejected by the League's Committee.

POWERS OF THE LEAGUE'S COMMITTEE.

22.(a)The League's Committee shall investigate and decide disputes and protests occurring between Players and/or Clubs when such disputes or protests are submitted to it. The Committee may impose such penalties as it may deem desirable on the Pennant Teams or Players for non-observance of the Pennant Rules or Fixtures the Committee shall have the power to postpone all or any Pennant Matches or ORDER REPLAYS where deemed necessary. The Committee shall award the Pennants for the Season's competition. A large pennant only shall be awarded to the Premier Teams in Division 1 Scratch and Handicap. Premiers in all other Divisions shall be awarded a smaller sized pennant. The League will provide individual medallions for winning team members at cost.

(b) Serious breaches of etiquette and/or behaviour by any player, team official or caddy, may lead to disqualification of the player or team and forfeit of any premiership or match points gained by the player or team.

PROMOTION & RELEGATION.

23. With the exception of the winner of the highest division, the winner of each division shall be promoted to the next highest division. With the exception of the lowest division, the lowest team in each division shall be relegated to the next lowest division.

This procedure may be modified at the discretion of the league's committee.

To determine relegation or promotion, or to separate second from third to determine who will play off in finals when the number of contests is tied, then a count back system as used in rule 19(a) will apply.

Note: Senior's and Junior Pennant are exempt from promotion and relegation.

### PENNANT ENTRIES.

- 24.(a) Clubs must notify the League by the **30<sup>th</sup> June** of any changes to the ensuing year.
- (b) Immediately following the Completion of the current Pennant Season, the League's Committee will formulate the Draw for the Conducting of Pennant for the ensuing Pennant Season.
- This will in turn be forwarded to Clubs by the 31st of August in each year.
- The draw will then be confirmed as soon as possible following any further action that the Men's Golf Committee finds necessary.

## RULES AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO PENNANT FINALS CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

**Serious breaches of etiquette and/or behavior by any player, team official or caddy, may lead to a disqualification of the player or team.**

No alcohol permitted on the course at any time.

### TEAM SHEET

The Manager of each team shall hand to the VGL Official on duty the list of team members in hit-off order - Player No. 1 listed first down to Player No. 8 (Player No 6 or 8 in Senior's pennant) - no later than 30 minutes prior to the stated hit-off time. Handicaps not required for scratch pennant.

**Please Note :-** Clubs who are late in supplying their team list to the V.G.L. official will incur the following penalties :-

#### **Team List not submitted by:**

- \* 30 minutes prior to hit-off time. The clubs last listed player will lose the 1st hole of his match.
- \* 25 minutes prior to hit-off time. The clubs last listed player will lose the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> hole of his match.
- \* 15 minutes prior to hit-off time. The clubs last listed player will lose his match.
- \* 10 minutes prior to hit-off time. The clubs second last listed player will lose the 1<sup>st</sup> hole of his match.
- \* 5 minutes prior to hit off time. The team is disqualified.

The Team Manager must be a member of the team's club and shall not be a professional golfer. The Team Manager shall be identified on the Team List submitted prior to the contest. In accordance with the note to Rule of Golf 24-4, permission is given for each Non Playing Team Manager to give advice to members of that team. Non Playing Team Managers are not part of a match and are considered to be outside agencies. Clubs appointing Team Managers ineligible under the above conditions shall be subject to penalties as determined by the Leagues Committee.

Players receiving advice from persons other than Non Playing Team Managers and/or applicable caddies shall be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule 24-4.

Professional golfers are not permitted to act as caddies. In addition caddies must be amateur golfers in accordance with R & A Rules of Amateur Status.

Should the result be tied with 4 wins and 4 losses the No. 1 players will play a sudden death playoff. Should the contest be tied only the highest ranked tied match will continue - the format is sudden death. In a handicap match, handicap strokes will be applied as in the stipulated round.

Examples of possible results and scenarios :-

Win	Loss	Half		Win	Loss	Half	
4	4	0	= Tie	No.1 player to continue.	4	3	1 = Result
3	3	2	= Tie	Highest ranked tie to continue.			
3	2	3	= Result		3	1	4 = Result
2	2	4	= Tie	Highest ranked tie to continue.			
2	1	5	= Result		2	0	6 = Result
1	0	7	= Result				
1	1	6	= Tie	Highest ranked tie to continue.			
1	4	3	= Result		1	5	2 = Result
1	6	1	= Result		1	7	1 = Result
0	0	8	= Tie	No.1 player to continue.			

### **PACE OF PLAY**

In accordance with Rules of Golf and the pace of play, Rules 5-6 will be strictly enforced during this competition.

Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding them. Any group with a clear hole in front of them will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties. We realize that to achieve a co-operative approach in this manner all competitors should have a clear understanding of the expectation and intended method of application of Rule 5-6.

The committee believe that it would be reasonable for a group of four players to take an average of 15 minutes per hole (4 hours & 30 minutes for the round) to play.

The first group to start would therefore be considered out of position if at any point in the round the group is taking more than 15 minutes per hole to play. For example the first group would be expected to have completed:-

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Hole in 45 minutes
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Hole in 1 Hour 30 minutes
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Hole in 2 Hours 15 minutes
- The 12<sup>th</sup> Hole in 3 Hours
- The 15<sup>th</sup> Hole in 3 Hours 45 minutes
- The 18<sup>th</sup> Hole in 4 Hours 30 minutes

Any following group in that contest will be considered out of position if the group :-

- (a) falls behind; and,
  - (b) is taking more than 15 minutes per hole to play.
- Any such group found out of position will be monitored.

### **MONITORING OF PLAYERS:**

The time each competitor takes to play each stroke will be recorded.

Any competitor in a group out of position who takes more than 40 seconds to play a stroke on two occasions on that hole or any subsequent hole that is monitored, will incur automatically a penalty of loss of hole under Rule 5.6. Monitoring will continue until the group is considered to be playing at a reasonable pace (i.e. 15 minutes average per hole) for a minimum of two consecutive holes. A competitor incurring such a penalty will be notified at the completion of the hole.

The timing of a competitor's stroke will be when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play, and he could play without interference by another person or another ball.

Except on the putting green, if a competitor has reached his ball, it is his turn to play and there are no distractions, he will be allowed a few seconds to select his club, after which the timing will begin. Thus, and time spent in walking backward and forward for measuring purposes will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing will begin after a competitor has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift and clean his ball, repair his ball mark and remove loose impediments on the line of putt.

Undue delay may also occur between strokes. Accordingly a competitor may be subject to penalty under Rule 5.6 even if he plays each of his strokes in less than 40 seconds.

