



Victorian Golf League

By-Laws

BY-LAW No 1: MEMBERSHIP

There are two categories of membership ó Full Member Club and Restricted Member Club.

1.1 Application for membership.

An application for membership of the League by a club shall be made in writing to the Executive Manager and shall be accompanied by:

- The names of the office bearers of the applicant club.
- A statement setting out the number of members at the close of the club's last financial year. This number must exceed twenty members.
- A copy of the incorporated rules of the club.
- Particulars of the course on which its members will play, including location, ownership, tenure, green fees, a copy of the scorecard and local rules.
- Such other information as the Board may require.
- A club which applies to the VGL for membership, and which proposes to play on a course which is already used by a member, may also be admitted as a member, provided that the applicant club undertakes to comply with such conditions relating to multiple use of the course, as the League may from time to time require.
- When an application is received by the Executive Manager from a club, he shall refer the matter to the Board. The Board may cause to be made such inquiries as it deems to be necessary to formulate a recommendation to the council about the application.
- An applicant club shall only be admitted to full membership if the council in a general meeting, approves its admission, by special resolution.
- Membership of the applicant shall commence from the date of the council meeting at which it was admitted. The executive manager shall inform the applicant of the result as soon as practicable after the council has made its decision.
- A club which, for any reason, has ceased to be a member of the League may, at any time, apply to the Executive Manager for reinstatement of its membership. Such an application shall be dealt with in the same manner as if the club were an applicant for the first time.

1.2 Full Members of the League;

- Have voting rights as stipulated in the Victorian Golf League constitution.
- Are bound by the by-laws, event & pennant rules.
- Cannot be granted Restricted Membership without Board approval and based on extenuating and substantiated circumstances

1.3 Restricted Members of the League;

- Do not have voting rights
- Are exempt from By-laws 13-18, 21
- By invitation from the Committee, or by writing to the League, may apply for full membership of the League, in accordance with by-law 1.1

BY-LAW No 2: ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL FEES

2.1 Entrance Fee

- \$ 0.00

2.2 Affiliation Fee

- Full Member Club \$11.00 (inc GST) per adult member and \$5.50 (inc GST) per junior (under 18) member plus any and all affiliation fees and charges levied by Golf Australia and Golf Victoria.
- Restricted Member Club \$72.00 (inc GST) per adult member and \$48.85 (inc GST) per junior (under 18) member ó includes all Golf Australia and Golf Victoria affiliation fees and charges, magazine subscription, and insurances.

The classification of a member where affiliation fees are payable is in accordance with Golf Victoria By-Laws.

2.3 If affiliaiton fee is not received by the due date, and without an accepted reason being received, the club will immediately have their Golf Link access suspended and will not have access until 30 days AFTER receipt of fees.

2.4 A Club will be disaffiliated if its fees are not paid within 30 days of the due date. A payment extension may be approved by the Board, in special circumstances, but cannot be approved on components due to Golf Victoria, Golf Australia or Insurance companies.

BY-LAW No.3: MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

3.1 At the 31st December, the Member Club must complete the form provided by the League and forward it to the Executive Manager no later than January 15th. This form must be signed by the Club Secretary and have Statutory Declaration filled out by Club Secretary together with a golf link òcurrent membership reportö as at 31st December.

3.2 If member number declaration form is not returned by the due date, and without an accepted reason being received, the club will immediately have their Golf Link access suspended and will not have access until 30 days AFTER receipt of declaration.

BY-LAW No. 4: BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board is responsible for, but not limited to, Finance, Marketing, Budgets, Policies, Planning, Constitution, By-Laws, the First T Motel, Sub-Committees and External/Golf Victoria/Golf Australia Relations.

BY-LAW No. 5: GOLF COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Women's and Men's Golf Committees report to the Board and are responsible for the formation and running of golf events and pennant, golf rules, course rating and handicaps. By-Laws for rules and conditions for pennant and events will be created and submitted to the Board for ratification. The pennant and event rules will be published and from time to time will be updated.

BY-LAW No.6: BUDGET

The Treasurer shall prepare a Budget for discussion at the September Board meeting of the League. The Board of the League must then submit the Budget to all clubs for consideration at the last Council meeting before the Annual General Meeting. The Budget will act as a guide to setting the Affiliation Fees and Bulk Entry Fees for the ensuing year.

BY-LAW No 7: RE-IMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

The Board and Committees shall be reimbursed expenses for approved League business for the following items upon application; Approved League business including Council meetings, Club forums, Meetings on behalf of the League, V.G.L. Events & Pennant finals, Mirboo North 1st T Motel business.

(Note: members are not entitled to expenses when they play golf at an event)

- Travel costs when using private car or based on RACV medium car kilometre rate, rounding up to nearest ten cents.
- Travelling to Committee meetings is calculated at half this rate.
- Entertainment expenses or pre-approved by the Treasurer.
- Telephone calls, Toll charges, Parking expenses on League business.
- Entry fee to V.G.L. Events
- Green fees & Comp fees at courses attended on behalf of the V.G.L.

BY-LAW No. 8: APPEALS

An Appeal to the Board against a decision by the Board or Committees may be made by a Member Club in writing to the Executive Manager of the League within seven (7) days of being informed of the decision giving rise to the appeal. The appellant will be required to lodge a \$400 bond with their appeal, to cover costs associated with the appeal, such bond to be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

BY-LAW No. 9: LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Each year, the Board should consider recommendations to confer life membership for distinguished service to the League upon any person.

Following Board approval, a motion should be made by a special resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

MEN'S EVENTS

BY LAW No. 10: RULES OF GOLF

The Rules of Golf as approved from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, and adopted by Golf Australia shall be the Rules of Golf of the League and Member Clubs.

BY LAW No. 11: HANDICAPPING AND COURSE RATING

The Australian Course Rating system as approved from time to time by Golf Australia, and adopted by Golf Victoria, shall be the system used by the League for rating courses on which Members conduct competitions.

The Australian Handicapping system as approved from time to time by Golf Australia and adopted by the Golf Victoria shall be the method used by the Members of the League to determine the golf handicap of each affiliate.

The maximum GA handicap for all V.G.L. competitions is GA 27.4.

BY LAW No. 12: MAJOR CLUB EVENTS

Any Member Club who wishes to conduct a Major Event or Charity event on its course on Saturday or Sunday shall inform the Executive Manager of the League in writing of the proposal.

The Executive Manager of the League shall examine the proposal to determine whether the proposed date of competition conflicts with any other League event.

All clubs must submit their syllabus for the ensuing year by 31st January in each year.

BY-LAW No.13 : BULK ENTRY FEES

The League shall conduct a number of men's events throughout each year.

Each Member Club with more than 20 male members shall at the time of paying Affiliation Fees, pay to the League, an amount set annually by the committee as a Bulk Entry Fee.

The Bulk Entry Fee will cover the costs of one compulsory entry from each club for each of the following events:- Men's Foursomes Championship (2 players), Mixed Foursomes (2 players), Men's Open Championship (A.R. Martin 1 player), Men's President's Trophy (1 player), Men's Team Event (4 players), Men's Champion of Champions (1 player), Men's Medalist of Medalists (1 player) and President, Captain, Secretary, Delegates Day (4 players). This equates to 16 green fees and catering at most events.

Notes:

*The Men's Veteran's Championship, Men's Senior's 4BBB Championship, and the Junior Championship entry fees are **not** included in the Bulk Entry Fees.*

BY LAW No.14: LEAGUE EVENTS

Where entry to a League event is declared compulsory, each Member will be required to enter a specified number of players in that event. The number of players to be entered shall be set by the League's Committee.

Each Member will be required to complete an entry form for each League event and such entry form shall be returned to the League by the date specified. Conditions of Entry on entry form must be read in conjunction with the League's Pennant & Event Rules.

A Member who has paid entry fees in advance shall be required to submit an entry form for League events. An entry will be deemed not to have been received unless the entry form is returned to the League on or before the due date specified.

Any Member who has entered in any League Competition, and is not represented on the day, may incur a \$50.00 penalty.

All scratch events, in the case of ties, will be decided by a sudden death playoff on holes determined by the League Match Committee on the day.

All Nett events, in the case of ties, will be decided by the count-back method as recommended by Golf Australia.

The V.G.L. Teams event will be a stableford event with the result being the best 3 scores returned. In the event of a tie the fourth score will act as a tie breaker. If still tied then the third best score will act as tie breaker, if still tied then the second score. If still tied then the count-back method, as recommended by Golf Australia will be used on the best score from each team.

Perpetual trophies for events will be given to clubs to display in their clubrooms. The trophy must always be in the possession of the club. While in the club's possession the club will be responsible for the security, safety and condition of the trophy. Any damaged trophy will be repaired or replaced with the cost to be borne by the club. Any trophy returned unclean or tarnished will incur a cleaning cost of \$50.00. The trophy must be returned to the V.G.L. within 12 months or before the next holding of the event, whichever occurs first.

BY LAW No. 15: V.G.L. MEDAL COMPETITION

The conditions of competition of the V.G.L. Monthly Medal shall be set from time to time by the League. Each Member shall conduct a handicap stroke competition using Australian handicaps to be known as the V.G.L. Monthly Medal.

At least eight (8) V.G.L. Monthly Medals shall be conducted by each Member Club in each year. Trophies shall be purchased from the League and awarded to each Monthly Medalist.

Ties in V.G.L. Monthly Medals must be decided by the count-back method as recommended by Golf Australia.

BY LAW No. 16: V.G.L. MEDALLIST OF MEDALLISTS COMPETITION

Each Member shall conduct an event prior to the 1st November of each year in which the monthly Medalists shall compete in a handicap stroke play competition. The winner of this event shall be known as the Club Medalist of Medalists.

To be eligible to win the Club Medalist of Medalists the player **must** be available to represent his Club in the V.G.L. Medalist of Medalists on the date as advised in the V.G.L. Program of Events for that year.

In November of each year, the League shall invite the "Club Medalist of Medalists" to take part in a handicap stroke competition to determine the winner of the title "V.G.L. Medalist of Medalists".

Ties in "V.G.L. Medalist of Medalists" will be decided by the count-back method as recommended by Golf Australia.

BY LAW No 17: P.C.S.D. EVENT

Each year the League will hold a President, Captain, Secretary and Delegate's event. This event will be a stableford competition and open to member clubs paying the bulk entry fee and Restricted Member clubs who pay the entry fee and if field capacity allows.

Only the current President, Captain, Secretary and Delegate are eligible to play in the event. Exception:- provided the League has been provided with written advice of current office bearers the following substitutes may be permitted.

President may only be substituted with Vice President
Captain may only be substituted with Vice Captain
Secretary may only be substituted with Assistant Secretary or Treasurer
Delegate may only be substituted with any current Committee person
No other substitutes will be allowed.

BY LAW No 18: CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS EVENT

The League shall invite each member's current Club Champion to take part in a gross stroke play competition to determine the winner of the title "V.G.L. Champion of Champions". No substitutes will be allowed.

BY LAW No. 19: MOTORIZED RIDE-ON TRANSPORT

Players having obtained the age of 70 may use ride-on motorized transport for League events without the need of applying for League approval.

The League's Committee may approve that an individual player may use ride-on motorized transport upon the following procedure being followed:-

An application for the use of a ride-on motorized transport is made in writing to the League on the form as supplied by the League. The application is supported by a certificate from the player's medical practitioner or at the discretion of the Committee of the League.

The League's Committee may request from the player making an application any further information that it requires in order to formulate a decision.

Once permission has been granted by the League, such ride-on motorized transport may be used in all League Events.

The final decision to permit the use of ride-on motorized transport on any course is a decision for the management of the course, who may require proof of insurance. It is the responsibility of the player to obtain the appropriate permission prior to using the ride-on motorized transport on any course.

BY LAW No.20 MEASURING DEVICES & MOBILE PHONES (refer Rule 14-3 and decisions 14-3)

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 device 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 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 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 should be on silent or turned off. A player or caddie cannot receive or make calls during the match - **Penalty - Loss of Hole**. Receiving 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.

BY LAW No. 21: VGL MEN'S PENNANT COMPETITION

The League shall conduct an annual match play competition to be known as "Men's V.G.L. Pennant".

The League's Committee shall determine the conditions on which the competition shall be conducted and the League shall publish the conditions and distribute the conditions to each Member.

Unless an exemption is granted each Member Club, with more than 20 male members, shall enter at least one team in the handicap pennant competition each year.

Any Member wishing an exemption from entering a team in the annual pennant competition shall apply to the League setting out in full the grounds on which it applies for exemption from entering a pennant team.

The League's Committee shall consider any application for exemption, and by special resolution grant an exemption to a member if warranted.

➤ 21.1 Men's Pennant Rules

PENNANT & EVENT RULES

HANDICAPS

1. The maximum GA handicap for all V.G.L. competitions is 27.4.

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) shall be DISQUALIFIED.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY & MOTORIZED RIDE ON CARTS

- 3.(a) Some courses can be physically taxing on players physical abilities to complete a match. It is the player's responsibility to take into account his personal health when competing on some courses.
- (b) In circumstances of hot weather and humidity, contest may be suspended or cancelled at the discretion of the respective VGL committee or representatives thereof present at the host venue.
- (c) The use of Motorized Ride-On Golf Carts in Pennant is permitted, provided that permission has been granted in accordance with the Leagues policy on the use of Motorized Golf Carts and that permission has been granted by the Course Management concerned. Penalty for Breach: Player or Players using cart shall be DISQUALIFIED.
Exception: Visiting SENIOR'S PENNANT players who are competing at Emerald Golf Course may use a motorized ride- on Golf cart if they consider that they could be physically affected by the severe inclines.

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 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.

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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 caddie will be permitted to caddie in any form of pennant.

PENNANT COMPETITION

8. (a) The Pennant competition shall be conducted in the following Grades:

Scratch: Open scratch match-play, not seeded

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

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

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

Note: Definition:- SEEDED DRAW of playing order MUST be arranged in handicap order i.e. player 7 (highest handicap) down to player 1 (lowest handicap). Player 8 is not included in the seeding.

- (b) The Committee of the League, subject to the League's Rules shall control the pennant competitions in all respects.
- (c) 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.
- (f) If a player is disqualified under these rules, then no Match points will be awarded to that player. The lost Match points will not be awarded to the opposition player.

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 9.(a) A player in Senior Scratch, Handicap and Seniors Pennant must be a bona-fide 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. Should a player join the club after 1st January and has not played with a VGL club in the previous year, the club may write to the V.G.L. golf committee to request consideration for special dispensation. Any request must be submitted prior to the first round of pennant.

As of the 1st October 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. (Junior pennant is exempt from this clause).

A player competing in Seniors pennant must have attained the age of 50 years prior to the first round of the season.

A player in Junior Pennant MUST be under the age of 21 (twenty One) years of age on the date of the Premiership final of the Junior Pennant competition. In Junior Pennant, Clubs will be able to invite members from another Club to form a Team, however once a player represents any team, he cannot participate for any other team/Club during the current season of Junior Pennant.

- (b) A player must be an amateur golfer as defined under the Rules of Golf at the commencement of the Pennant competition, not have played in Pennant competition for any other Victorian Golf League club or in any other Pennant competition during the current Victorian Golf League pennant season (Season commences 1st January). (Junior and Senior's Pennant is exempt from this rule)
- (c) Each club must submit a form registering proposed pennant players for the season (supplied to club by the V.G.L.), this registration form must include golf-link number. Players not on the registration form can be

added, once they compete in their first match, by including their golf-link number on their first match result sheet or by informing Executive Manager in writing in the time frame stated by Rule 13(a).

- (d) Once a player has played two (2) 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.
Note: Player 8 is included under this rule.
- (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.
- (g) For the purposes of handicap match play, the Australian Daily handicap that applies on the day and date the match takes place shall be the handicap that is utilized for the purposes of the match.

RECIPROCAL GREEN FEES.

- 10. The host club is responsible for the payment of both teams 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.

COMPOSITION OF TEAMS.

- 11.(a) Teams shall consist of:

Scratch:	(8) Eight Players
Handicap:	(8) Eight Players
Seniors:	(6) Six 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 shall be notified to the opposing team at the commencement of the match.
- (d) The Pennant competition shall be a team competition and a non-playing Team Manager may act within the scope of the Rules of Golf as allowed in the Note to Rule 8.
- (e) The Pennant Team Manager's 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.

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. [i.e. Player 8 first, Player 1 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.

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. [See Rule 19 for procedure on halved matches in final.]

- (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 GA Handicap to one decimal point and Daily Handicap as a whole number.
The team list must be in hit off order according to the Daily Handicap.
The team list should include the team manager.

Penalty for breach. A team not exchanging the team list on time will automatically lose the Player No. 8 match.

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 forfeit the match.

- (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 8. (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.

TEAM SHEET

CLUB:.....

DIVISION

TEAM MANAGER í í í í í í í í í í í í

PLAYER		Handicap	
		GA	Daily
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No. 6	í í í í í í í í í í ..	í .í	/ í ..í
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RESULTS OF MATCHES


- 13(a) In Scratch, Handicap and Junior pennant the Team Manager of the WINNING TEAM must POST, FAX or DELIVER the RESULT SHEET to reach the Executive Manager of the League no later than WEDNESDAY following the contest. In Seniors pennant the Team Manager of the Winning team must post, fax, or deliver the result sheet to reach the Executive Manager of the League no later than the Monday following the contest. Penalty for Breach: Being the winning team's sole responsibility that the results arrive by the prescribed time, that team may lose all Premiership and Match points gained in the contest. The lost points will not be awarded to the opposition team.
- (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.
- (c) In HANDICAP, SENIORS AND JUNIOR PENNANT, the current GA and Daily Australian Handicap of each player **MUST** be entered beside their name on the result sheet of each match in which the Player takes part. A player who plays off a handicap higher than his Daily Australian Handicap shall be DISQUALIFIED. A player who plays off an incorrect handicap which causes the order of play to be incorrect shall be DISQUALIFIED.
- (d) The Match Result for each winning player must be entered against each player's name, if match is halved then the result is to show against both players. (Walkover to be shown as w/o).

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 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.

- (e) The General penalty for a breach of the Pennant rules is Disqualification of the offending player or in the event the breach is made by an official, disqualification of the team.

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.



PENNANT MATCH RESULT

Handicap Division _____ **Date:** _____
Golf course: _____ **Slope rating of course played:-** _____

Completed and signed sheet must be faxed or posted by the winning Team Manager as soon as possible - as per Rule 13(a).
 Postal address: Suite 2/ 19 - 21 Hoddle St, Richmond 3121
 Fax No: 8677 1144

POINTS WIN = 2 HALF = 1 LOSS = Nil

If the match is tied then winning player number 8 will be awarded one (1) point to break the tie.
If result is not decided on player 8 match please show in PTS Column for player 8 either: -W (Win) L (Loss) or H (Halve)

Home team:-
Club _____

PLAYERS NAME	HCP		Match Result
	GA	Daily	
8			
7			
6			
5			
4			
3			
2			
1			
Total			

Visiting team:-
Club _____

PLAYERS NAME	HCP		Match Result
	GA	Daily	
8			
7			
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4			
3			
2			
1			
Total			

I have checked this result sheet thoroughly and confirm that it is complete and correct and aware of the consequences if incorrect.

Home Name: _____ Visiting Name: _____
 Manager: Signed: _____ Manager: Signed: _____

Winner of Contest _____

SPONSORSHIP LOGO'S 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 Victorian Golf Association.

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, that is 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: 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 Managerø that completion is not possible, play is to be suspended [see Golf Rules 33-2 and 6-8b]. If play cannot be resumed, then the contest is abandoned and each team shall be awarded two premiership points and seven 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 teamsø 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 Managerø 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 make arrangements for 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) 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 match shall proceed beyond the eighteenth hole. In the event of a tied result in a home and away game, the winning player 8 match shall be awarded one (1) point for the purpose of breaking the tie. In the event of the match between Playerø 8 being tied at the eighteenth hole, and the score being equal between the scoring matches the contest shall be declared halved and each team shall be awarded two premiership points.
- (f) 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 a tie between teams each team shall be awarded two premiership points.

- (g) Points for matches shall be two (2) for a win and one (1) point for each match finishing square at the eighteenth hole.

FINALS.

Qualification.

- 19.(a) The two(2) teams gaining the highest number of (a) Premiership points then (b) Match points shall play off for the Divisional Pennant. The leading teams in a division will be those teams which have the greatest number of premiership points. In the event that 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.

If still tied then the Number 8 player results between the two tied teams will be compared.

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

[Note: for this reason it is important that managers record the result of the Player 8 match on the result sheet, even if it is not a factor in the contest.]

Contest.

- (b) In the event of a TIE the Player 8 match will count.
- (c) Should the Player 8 match result in a tie then only the highest ranked tied match will continue until a result is obtained. In a handicap match, handicap strokes will be applied as in the stipulated round.
- (d) Should play in the VGL Pennant finals be abandoned in accordance with the Rules of Golf 6-8 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 VGL and many course managements are concerned with the pace of play within golf competitions. It is therefore our intention to 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).

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.

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.

Note: A complete copy of SPECIAL RULES AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO PENNANT FINALS will be distributed to all competitors at the finals venues.

DISPUTES and PROTESTS.

- 21.(a) DISPUTES;

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 Managers 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 Committee and MUST be in the hands of the Executive Manager of the League's Committee 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 or match, apart from a dispute on the play at any hole, MUST be forwarded in WRITING to the League's 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 CONTEST MUST BE HANDLED THROUGH THE CLUB SECRETARY(S) OF THE CLUBS INVOLVED IN WRITING DIRECT TO THE LEAGUE'S 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 Contest or 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 the 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 17(a) will apply.
Note: Senior's and Junior Pennant are exempt from this rule.

PENNANT ENTRIES. (Senior & Junior)

- 24.(a) Clubs must notify the League by the **30th June** of any changes for 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 League's Committee finds necessary.

BY LAW No. 22: VGL WOMEN'S PENNANT COMPETITION

The League shall conduct an annual match play competition to be known as "Women's V.G.L. Pennant".

The League's Committee shall determine the conditions on which the competition shall be conducted and the League shall publish the conditions and distribute the conditions to each Member.

➤ 22.1 Women's Pennant Rules

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 Match Play. A, B and C Grades will be played off scratch. D and E 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. The team shall be drawn from these players each week. Any registered player is eligible to play finals.

Handicaps will be capped at 40. Players with higher handicaps may still play but will play off the handicap limit for the grade.

Before February 7 each Club should enter the teams it can field with Golflink numbers and handicaps as at February for each squad member.

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 as entered on the entry form.

- a) The VGL Women's Match 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 Match 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 from which she is entered for three months prior to Round 1 of Pennant
- b) have amateur status
- c) have not played Pennant for any other VGL Club during the season.

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:

In extreme circumstances, when a club cannot field a team from the registered squad, an emergency player who fulfils all eligibility requirements above may replace a Registered Player in a team when necessary. An emergency player must have (E) after her name on the Results Form.

An Emergency Player

- a) Must have a handicap which is not lower than the handicap of the lowest registered squad member on the Entry Form.
- b) Can be a team member from a lower grade playing in a higher grade but must have (E) after her name on the result form.

PENALTY: Failure to write (E) after an emergency's name will result in the team being penalised one Match Point.

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 current Golfink Printout. Captains must disclose handicaps BEFORE commencing play. Failure to bring the current Golfink Printout will result in Loss of One (1) Match Point.

- a) Players must play in handicap order. The Daily Handicap in the handicap used, not the GA handicap. **PENALTY** for playing out of order is 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 Match 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) **WEATHER:** If opposing Captains consider for any reason that the course may be 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.
- f) Players must cease play when the match is over.
- g) 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)

- h) 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 Match Committee and must be in the hands of this Committee within 48 hours.
- i) The VGL Women's Match 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.
- j) 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.
- k) The VGL Women's Match Committee permits the use of Distance Measuring Devices. A player may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance only. If a player uses a Distance Measuring Device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (eg. temperature, gradient, wind speed) she is disqualified under Rule 14-3, regardless of whether any additional function is actually used. The use of a Distance Measuring Device such as an App. that has been downloaded to a Smart Phone which contains a compass as one of its features is prohibited.
- l) Caddies, spectators and non-playing Captains are not permitted on Course during play of Home and Away games.

Result Forms:

- a) The Captain of the home team must forward to the VGL Executive Manager, a Results Form signed by herself and the Captain of the opposing team, showing the result of each match played. In the event of a walk-over, a signed form must be forwarded by the Captain of the team who received such a walk-over.

Incorrectly completed forms will result in LOSS OF 1 MATCH POINT for each infringement.

Unsigned forms will result in LOSS OF 1 MATCH POINT.

- b) The Results must be forwarded to the VGL Executive Manager as soon as possible after the match, but certainly before 4 pm. If the result has been phoned in, the Result Form must be in the hands of the VGL Executive Manager by the Thursday following each Pennant match, otherwise the defaulting team SHALL LOSE ALL POINTS GAINED.

Home Captain to phone, fax or email results to:

VGL Executive Manager ó Philip Goad, Phone 9417 3019, Fax 8677 1144

Mobile 0488 598 113; Email info@vicgolfleague.com.au

Postal Address 2/19-21 Hoddle St, Richmond, 3121

Phoned results must be followed by posted hard copy. (Not required if faxed or emailed)

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. A Semi Final may be required. 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. If no result can be obtained, a play-off will be arranged by the VGL

Women's Match Committee.

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

- a) In a Semi-Final or Final, if all is square at the 18th hole, matches will not be halved, but played out unless the VGL Women's Match Committee advises otherwise.
- b) Caddies will be permitted for Pennant Finals, with the approval of the Course Management, and must be fully affiliated members of VGL Clubs.
- c) When extreme circumstances (eg. Sickness, death in family) result in a Club being unable to field a team from the registered squad a substitute emergency who fulfils the conditions of an emergency player may be used. The VGL Match Committee must be notified prior to the commencement of the match.
- d) Spectators and non-playing Captains are permitted on the course during the play of Finals.

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.

ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE VGL GOLF COMMITTEE SHALL BE FINAL

WOMEN'S EVENTS

BY LAW No. 23: VGL WOMEN'S EVENT'S COMPETITION

The League shall conduct a number of women's events throughout each year.

The League's Committee shall determine the conditions on which the competition shall be conducted and the League shall publish the conditions and distribute the conditions to each Member.

- 23.1 Conditions of Competitions for all VGL Womens Events
- (a) All competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by the Royal & Ancient Club of St Andrews Scotland, subject to local rules that are in force at the course where the tournament is conducted.
 - (b) A player must hold a Golf Australia Handicap to be eligible to compete. Golf Link Numbers must be provided on Entry Forms for all players.
 - (c) Any disputes and protests will be decided by the VGL Match Committee whose decision will be final.
 - (d) The VGL Match Committee makes all arrangements, and has full power to alter the conditions, should they deem it desirable and will have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
 - (e) Motorised transportation is prohibited. If a player has a permanent disability or is recovering from serious injury or illness and is unable to play without the use of a motorised vehicle or bike, the player must obtain a doctor's certificate and provide it at the time of entry.
Penalty: Refer Rules of Golf Appendix 1, Part C, 9
Exception: Rules officials may use a motorised vehicle to transport a player in the interests of pace of play where necessary without penalty
Players must check with the course Professional before use as some courses do not permit the use of personal carts.
 - (f) All competitors must comply with the dress code of the course.
 - (g) Entries will be refunded at the discretion of the VGL Executive.
 - (h) Except in Pennant Final, no other person is permitted to accompany a player in Club or VGL events.
 - (i) Caddies must be members of a VGL club and are only permitted with the approval of the Course management.
 - (j) Competitors must be ready to start at the appointed time. If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification.
 - (k) The results of ties shall be determined by the VGL Executive in accordance with Golf Australia Policy.
 - (l) The same player cannot win both gross and nett trophies.
 - (m) Mobile phones are only permitted for emergencies otherwise must be switched off. Unauthorised use of mobile phones will be considered a serious breach of etiquette and the VGL match committee may impose a penalty of disqualification under rule 33-7
 - (n) A player may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance only. If a player uses a distance measuring device designed to measure other conditions that might affect play (eg: gradient, wind speed) she is disqualified under Rule 14-3, regardless of whether additional function is actually used.
 - (o) If entries exceed limit, the last names from clubs with several players will be declined in order of receipt.

Registration Players are asked to arrive at the golf course at least 30 minutes prior to the stipulated tee time. The VGL match committee may impose a penalty of disqualification under rule 33-7

Entries: In the case of withdrawal, please contact the VGL Event Manager vglevents@yahoo.com.au

Joan Hope Memorial Trophy

1. Joan Hope Memorial Salvers was first held in 1988 and was named after Mrs Joan Hope, Vice President and President of the League from 1979 to 1986. She was instrumental in the VGLA/VWGL being part affiliated with WGV, which enabled our handicapping, to be into line with the State system.

2. Competition Procedure

The Joan Hope Memorial Salvers Event is an individual Stableford event contested over 18 holes.

The player with the highest Stableford score will win the Individual event in A & B division.

A and B division (Match Committee will divide the field)

In the event of a tie the winner shall be decided by a count back

3. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to:

A Division of Perpetual Salver

Best individual stableford score.

B Division of Perpetual Salver

Best individual stableford score.

Foursomes Championships

1. The first foursomes event was played in 1938, the 18 hole event held at East Malvern Golf Links. The original trophy was donated by League Executive. In 1996 two perpetual Trophies were donated by Mrs Beryl Berenholtz.

2. Competition Procedure

18 hole foursomes stroke event.

Shotgun start

Gross and Nett winners

In the event of a tie the winner shall be decided by a count-back

Clubs may enter more than one team.

3. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to:

Best Gross Foursome Team

Best Nett Foursome Team

VGL 4BBB Trophy:

1. 2010 was the inaugural VWGL 4BBB Trophy. With the success and increased participation in the VWGL foursomes event the executive decided to introduce a further pairs event.

2. Competition Procedure

18 hole 4BBB stableford event. Shotgun start Best team Stableford score

In the event of a tie the winner shall be decided by a count back

Clubs may enter more than one team.

3. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to: Best Stableford Score - Team

VGL Committee Members Day :

1. The inaugural VWGL Committee Day was held in 2010 at Huntingdale Golf Club. It was designed as an opportunity for VWGL affiliated clubs committee members to meet, share knowledge and play together.

2. Competition Procedure

Individual 18 hole stableford event and Irish Teams event

Best Individual Stableford score

Best Team Stableford score

In the event of a tie the winner shall be decided by a count back

Players will enter as individuals and be allocated a team on completion of the draw.

Irish Teams

Stableford points

- Par 3 of the best players score is recorded
- Par 4 of the best 2 scores are recorded
- Par 5 of the best 3 scores are recorded

3. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to:

- Best Stableford Score of Individual
- Best Stableford Score of Team

Life Members / VGL Cup

1. The Life Members event was first held in 1956. The Life Members traditionally join the competitors for lunch. VGL (VGLA, VWGL) Cup was inaugurated in 1992 replacing the Sun Cup.

2. Competition Procedure

Aggregate Stableford team of three event. Best individual Stableford score overall, A, B and C divisions.

Field to be divided by the VGL Women's Golf Committee.

In the event of a tie the winner shall be decided by a count-back

3. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to:

- The Winning team
(Winning team to hold the VGL Cup for twelve months)
- Best overall Stableford Score to hold the Life Members Perpetual Trophy for twelve months
- A trophy will be awarded for the best individual stableford score in A, B and C grades.

Champion of Champions

1. The first Champion of Champions was played in September 1945 at Yarra Yarra Golf Club.

In 1956 it was reduced from a 36 hole event to a 27 hole Stroke event, from 2013 it will be a 18 hole event

2. Competition Procedure

Champion of Champions Stroke 18 holes Open to Club Champions Only

Caddies permitted.

Minor Champions Stroke 18 holes - automatic to Club Champions handicaps over 18

No Caddies permitted.

League Championship Nett and Gross 18 holes players with handicaps 36 and under

If a Championship player has increased her handicap to 37 or over after entering the competition, she will be required to play off 36

In the event of a tie, in the three Gross events the winner shall be decided by a sudden death play-off. A referee who is not affiliated with either club involved will accompany the players.

The Championship Nett event winner shall be decided by a count back

3. Eligibility

- Open to any affiliated VGL Golf Club
- Competitors must be financial for at least 3 months
- Hold a current Golf Australia Handicap
- Qualification outlined above in Competition Procedure

4. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to:

- Champion of Champions ó Best Gross Overall
- Minor League Champion ó Best Gross Overall
(18+ Handicap)
- League Champion ó Best Gross
- League Champion ó Best Nett

1) Bowls and Salvors

a) Host Clubs may decide the number of teams from each Club, permitted to enter their Bowl/Salver.

b) Clubs holding a Bowl or Salver should clearly state on the entry form the green fees payable and to whom cheques should be made out.

c) Handicap Managers of Clubs conducting Bowls and Salvors must verify AWCR on score cards of all players before sending that score card to the player's Home Club Handicap Manager.

d) The handicap limit for all players in Bowls and Salvors shall be 39. If a competitor has increased her handicap to 40 or over, after entering the competition, she will be required to play off 39.

2) Club Championship – Gross Event

a) League Club Championships are to be decided at the discretion of each member Club.

b) To be eligible to compete for Club Championships, a player must have been a member of that club for at least three (3) months.

c) In Clubs holding more than one competition day in the same week, the champion of each day shall play off to determine eligibility for the League Champion of Champions.

d) In the event of a tie, play-off to be between 3 and 18 holes, (as determined by the Club Match Committee) on a day mutually agreed upon by the players concerned and the Match Committee. This rule applies until a result is achieved.

3) Club Championship – Nett Event

a) Handicap event concurrent with Championships -

b) In the event of a tie in a handicap event, play-off to be over 18 holes, on a day mutually agreed upon by the players concerned and the Club Match Committee. The handicap for each player shall be the handicap she played off in the final round of the Competition.