



Conditions of the Competition - updated 13th Jan 2019

1. The R&A & USGA, Rules of Golf and Golf Australia's rules on code of conduct: in conjunction with the SAPCPGA "Conditions of the Competition" and Constitution are the guidelines for the Committee. Applying penalties: the Committee's decision shall be final.
2. The competition between teams shall be known as Matches. The competition between opposing players shall be known as Games.
3. Matches shall commence at the time listed in the SA Public Courses Committee Program. No club/team shall alter the published program. PENALTY: LOSS OF MATCH - opposing side awarded 8 winning matches with each player awarded a 5/4 winning margin per match. If late tee off *exceeds 30 mins*. Home team shall report within seven days to the President (Committee) in writing for further action.
4. Clubs are to be represented by teams of 8 players. A player taking part in the Pennant competition must be a *bona-fide* member of the club he/she represents. A member must be an *Amateur Golfer* in accordance with the rule of Amateur status of Golf Australia Rules of Golf.
5. A player may not represent more than one club in the competition during any one season. Penalty: LOSS OF GAME- opponent awarded a 5/4 win.
6. Eligibility of players and teams for FINALS:
 - A. Teams shall be financial before the start of round 1 to qualify for the final.
 - B. Players must play 3 games in that Division to qualify.
 - C. Played 3 games in any division, the player must play in that Division final and may not be selected for a lower Division.
 - D. Division 3: Players must have a starting GA handicap of 14.0 and above. 13.4 to 13.9 are not acceptable. *Passed at a General Meeting March 2016.*
 - E. All players who qualify for Div.3 must have their golf link number sent to the Secretary and President in advance! Players must be placed in handicap order highest at 8 and lowest at 1. Managers or team captains listing a player out of order: PENALTY: LOSS OF GAME- opponent awarded a 5/4 win. *Passed at a general meeting Dec 4th 2018*
7. Matches shall be played upon the "Home and Away" basis, on the course of the club named first in the draw. Finals: As per match programme. At the conclusion of "Home and Away" matches, the two leading teams in each division will play a final on the best possible 18-hole course available. In the event of a vote to choose the venue and the result is split, the President will have the casting vote.
8. For the purpose of determining any dispute the Home club shall appoint a Referee who will be in charge of the competition. The Captain of each team shall be advised of the appointment. **The Referee's decision is final.** In "Home and Away" matches the visiting teams shall have the honour in each game. In a final or play-off the honour shall be decided by lot or toss. The referee and players shall carry a rule book. *Passed at a general meeting Dec 4th 2018*
9. Games shall be off 18/16 holes (Rule 18 applies for a 16 hole match) all game's square after 18/16 holes shall be halved. This does not apply in Finals or play-offs, where games continue until a decision is reached. However, when the result of a Match is decided, any following games shall finish after 18/16 holes and remaining games shall be halved.
10. The teams to play finals; shall be decided by Matches Won and Halved. To obtain a premier in each Division the teams shall be awarded 3 points for a match win and 1 point for a match halved; with these being equal, a count back of Matches Won and Matches Halved; shall decide, in the event of the number



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of matches and halves being equal, the number of individual Games in a match won and halved shall decide, Should there still be a tie: a count of the Teams total holes won during the season shall decide the finalists. This formula is applied to decide the player of the year in Div.1 Div.2 and Div.3

11. In the finals: Matches finishing equal on 4 wins each. There will be a countback of holes won on that day. If all tied the winner shall be the minor premiers.
12. Individual games, including finals, are to be played in foursomes from the tee discs as directed by the home club The order of play, in all Divisions, shall be in reverse to the teams' list, i.e. numbers 8 and 7 plays first, No's 1 and 2 last. Division 3: Captains shall list players on the team sheets in handicap order, lowest handicap player at 1 the highest at 8.
13. Captain/ Manager shall exchange team sheets 15 Min's prior to the start of the match. Players shall be listed in order 1 to 8. Captains/Managers may substitute another player up to 5 minutes before tee off; that player shall only fill the position left vacant, Once the time has exceeded less than 5 minutes, no replacement shall take place. PENALTY: Loss of first hole.
14. Failure to start on time exception: On the day of a match the player informs their captain and then both Team Captains and Referee determine that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time, there is NO PENALTY. If the player arrives at their starting point and ready to play, within five minutes AFTER their starting time- PENALTY: Loss of first hole.
15. Players under 65 electing to use a ride-on motorised vehicles, players must supply a medical certificate to the President prior to the commencement of that match. Passed at a general meeting January 20th 2016. If a player is injured during a match and requires a motorised buggy to continue, the player shall obtain permission from the opposing Captain or Referee, players 65 and over do not have to supply a medical certificate, but must supply proof of age, drivers licence, birth certificate or passport, PENALTY Loss of Game Passed at a general meeting Dec 4th 2018
16. **Rule 10.3** Caddies. You may have a caddie to carry your clubs and give you advice and other help during the round, but there are limits to what your caddy can do. You are responsible for your caddy's actions during your round and you will get a penalty if your caddie breaches the Rules.
Rule 10.3a - You may have a caddy to carry, transport and handle your clubs, give you advice and help you in other ways allowed during a round, but you must not have more than *one caddie* at one time or *change caddies temporarily for the sole purpose of getting advice from the new caddie.*
The committee has set in place caddie restrictions on who may serve as a caddie. A player is prohibited from having a playing team member on that day serve as a caddie, including the final. PENALTY: at the conclusion of the hole at which the breach was discovered the match is adjusted by deducting one hole at which the breach occurred. Maximum deduction 2 holes. Passed at a general meeting January 2016
17. A Caddy may use a motorised buggy (i.e. Ride-on motorised vehicles) without a certificate to carry a player's clubs during the season or a final; the player may remove or replace any items in their golf bag that assists in the playing of the game. Prior to and during a match the player shall not sit in or on the buggy, ride in or on the buggy. PENALTY: Before the start of the match, loss of first hole. During the match: At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach was discovered the match is adjusted by deducting one hole at which a breach occurred. Maximum deduction 2 holes.



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18. Promotion and relegation: All Clubs have a choice of promotion and relegation providing it doesn't cause more than one team from each club in any Division. At the conclusion of the Finals the winners of Division 1 and Division 2 or Division 3 shall have a choice to start the next season with a home or an away match, passed at the AGM October 2015.
19. During the series if a course is closed due to bad weather or other conditions, all competitions that day are cancelled. If the expected temperature is **40C** plus all competitions that day are cancelled, except for finals the committee shall make a decision prior to a final. No points awarded for the Teams and Player of the year. Passed at a general meeting Dec 4th 2018
20. On the Saturday prior, Channel 9s 6pm weather report has Sunday's reported temperature in the CBD to be 38c or 39c all competitions that day shall be played over 16 holes, except finals, when the Committee, shall make a decision prior to a final. Matches of 16 holes: Home club to supply water for the players **ONLY! Penalty (for playing 18 holes): Match Halved, one point awarded to each team, no Player of the Year points awarded.** *Increase of holes and supply of water passed at a General Meeting 26th July 2017.*
21. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** Player and caddie responsibilities to the association and other persons.
 - (1) Physically attacks or abuses, in any way a player, an official or person during a competition! Player and caddy are disqualified. Home club to forward a report to the Association Delegates for further investigation.
 - (2) Verbally threatens, racially vilifies a player an official or person during a competition! Player and caddy are disqualified. Home club to forward a report to the Association Delegates for further investigation.
 - (3) Smoking: (and the like): As from Round 1, 2019 Smoking by a player or caddie on the tee blocks and on the greens is forbidden. **Penalty: First offence- loss of hole; second offence - disqualification.** Thank you for respecting the health of others! Passed at a general meeting Dec 4th 2018
 - (4) During all competition's, player and caddie are prohibited from consumption of alcohol and the like. **Penalty: Disqualification** *Passed at a general meeting Dec 4th 2018*
22. Any reckless acts or failure to abide by these conditions and the rules of golf could result in individuals being held liable for any personal injury or property damage.
23. The home club shall provide:
 - A.** A starter, a Referee with a currant Rule book, Score cards listing local rules.
 - B.** Lunch for the players. If a club or player has any concern's regarding lunch, contact the committee (President) in writing within seven days for further action.
 - C.** Water, as required, when Condition 19 is enforced.
 - D.** It is the responsibility of the home club to email the results to the President and Secretary by 5pm of matchday.