



# **SOUTH WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION Inc**

## **JUNIOR PENNANT**

### **PLAYING CONDITIONS**

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## **1. Definitions**

- a. The Junior Pennant competition is under the control of the SWGA Junior Committee.
- b. A Member Club means a Member Club as defined in the SWGA Constitution.
- c. The competition between two teams will be known as a "Contest".
- d. In Junior Pennant, a Contest consists of five individual matches.
- e. In Junior Pennant, a Contest is decided once the five individual matches are completed or when one club has won a minimum of three individual matches.

## **2. Trophies**

- a. The 2018 Junior Pennant Competition will compete for the Westerveld and Trevenen Shields with the winners playing off for the Ford Cup.

## **3. Club Responsibility**

- a. Each club entering Junior Pennant must be prepared to make their course available for pennant and ensure that the tee is closed to other players for a minimum of 30 minutes prior to play commencing.
- b. Each team shall be accompanied by ONE mentor who will assist with the running of the round and whose name shall appear on the team and result sheets. The team mentor must be approved and hold a current Working with Children permit.
- c. The host club in each round is expected to provide a committee member to assist with the running of the round and to give a ruling of Rules of Golf and local rules.
- d. Although not compulsory for parents of competing children, all adults actively involved in Junior Pennant are requested to complete a Working with Children Check.

## **4. Player Eligibility**

- a. To be eligible to play Junior Pennant, players must be registered with a club, affiliated with the SWGA
- b. Eligibility is restricted to players who are under 18 on the day of the first round. For the 2018 season a club may play up to two players whose 21<sup>st</sup> birthday falls on or after the day of the first round. Players under 18 must be played in preference to under 21 players.
- c. Player's names, handicap and date of birth must be lodged with the SWGA Junior Coordinator on or before 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Additional players may be added to the list after the commencement of the season by advising the Junior Coordinator.
- d. No player may represent more than one club during the current pennant season, unless approved to assist another club to field a full team.
- e. Where a club has more than one team competing in Junior Pennant, there shall be NO interchange of players between teams.

## **5. Substitutes**

- a. Registered players may be used as substitutes in other teams with the consent of the participating team mentors. It is the responsibility of the team requiring a substitute to arrange the substitute on the day. For assistance with obtaining substitute players(s) contact the SWGA Junior Coordinator.

## **6. Team Listing**

- a. A team shall consist of 5 players whose names shall appear on the team and result sheets. If no player is available the words NO PLAYER shall be listed on the team and result sheets.
- b. The mentor of each team shall submit a team sheet showing players ranked in order of handicap commencing at number 1 with the highest handicapped player ranked at number 5.
- c. The team list must be handed to the starting official 15 minutes prior to the designated starting time. Order of play shall be nos. 5,4,3,2,1. Any walkovers to be given shall start at number 5.

## **7. Handicaps**

- a. The handicap limit is the Australian Handicap of 36 for males and 45 for females.
- b. The lowest handicapped player reverts to scratch handicap and strokes given to opponent are determined using the stroke index on the host club's score card and full daily handicap differential.

## **8. Team Mentor**

- a. The Team Mentor can be a designated representative as approved by the Team's Club and must hold a current working with children permit. The Team Mentor shall be identified on the Team List submitted prior to the start of the contest. In accordance with the note to Rule of Golf 8-1, permission is given for each Team Mentor to give advice to members of that team. Team Mentors are not part of a match and are considered to be outside agencies.

## **9. Advice**

- a. Persons or parents not involved in the match must not in any way interfere with the play of the match. They must not offer their opinion, judgment or objection to any player. This would be considered 'outside' advice which could disqualify the player.
- b. Mentors may give advice to any player at any time.

## 10. Contests

- a. The honour of hitting off first shall be decided by the toss of a coin by the opposing captains.
- b. Play shall start at the designated time and shall be played in the order in which the competing teams appear in the draw unless otherwise approved by the SWGA Junior Committee.
- c. Players must be ready to commence play when called upon unless prior arrangements have been made by the opposing mentors at least 10 minutes prior to the designated time of the game. Such alterations must be within the normal hit off time of those teams and must be notified to the starter before commencement of the match (Penalty – Loss of Hole).
- d. Matches shall be played in groups of 2 or 4, as determined by the host Club, in reverse order of placement, i.e. number 5 to number 1.
- e. Male and female players shall play from their respective tees with the exception of matches played between 2 players on a handicap of 30+. These matches may be played off forward tees with both players playing from the same tee. This applies to Boys, Girls or Mixed matches
- f. Matches between two male players shall be played with strokes given/received according to the relevant male stroke index;
- g. Matches between two female players shall be played with strokes given/received according to the relevant female stroke index;
- h. Matches between one male and one female player shall be played with strokes given/received as follows:
  - i. If the male player is to receive strokes, they shall be received according to the male stroke index,
  - j. If the female player is to receive strokes, they shall be received according to the female stroke index.
- k. Matches between one male and one female player shall also be played with adjusted scores to apply when there are differences between men's and women's par of a hole, i.e par, bogey, etc.
- l. Matches which are still square at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole shall be halved (except finals)

## 11. Alcohol

No alcohol is permitted to be consumed on the course during any junior pennant competition

## **12. Caddies**

- a. A player may be assisted by a caddie but he is limited to only one caddie at any one time.
- b. All players, officials, caddies and supporters are required to observe dress standards and special regulations advised by the host club.
- c. Players failing to adhere to host club's dress regulations, including footwear, will not be permitted to play, hence the result of the match shall be a walkover. It is the responsibility of the starter to enforce the penalty and report the incident to the SWGA Junior Organiser at the earliest possible time.
- d. Caddies must be attired in accordance with the host club dress standards and any caddie not attired in this manner will be withdrawn

Note: Clubs having any special course requirements such as golf shoe requirements are asked to provide such details to visiting clubs with adequate notice.

## **13. Motorised Transport**

- a. Players are not permitted to ride in or on any form of motorised transport during the play of a hole, except where a club has received written dispensation from the SWGA Junior Committee for a particular player and the approval of the host club concerned.
- b. To assist with the monitoring of play, Team Mentors may ride in or on any form of motorised transport during the play of a hole.
- c. The penalty for breach of this condition by a player or caddie is disqualification of player or players involved.
- d. Exception: Championship Committee members may utilize motorised transport to transport a player/caddie in the interests of pace of play where necessary without penalty.

## **14. Rules and Disputes**

- a. All matches are to be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews Scotland together with such local rules as are in force where the matches take place.
- b. If a dispute arises it shall be decided by the club representative in charge of the Junior Pennant competition on the day. If in doubt they should refer the matter to the SWGA Junior Committee whose decision shall be final.
- c. Any claims or disputes on the course must be made before any player in the match plays from the next teeing ground, or in the case of the last hole, leaves the putting green. (all players should be made aware of rule 2.5 of the Rules of Golf)

## **15. Distance Measuring Devices**

- a. Distance measuring devices that show distance (not gradient and wind) are allowed.

## 16. Code of Conduct

In conjunction with Golf Australia and Golf Victoria Code of Conduct, it is expected that all players will be subject to certain behaviour.

SWGA Inc will consider it an offence if:

- a. physically attacks or abuses in any way, a player, an official or person during a competition
- b. verbally threatens a player, an official or person during a competition
- c. racially vilifies a player, an official or person during a match
- d. wrongfully damages the facilities, including the course and the clubhouse, of the competition golf course
- e. wrongfully removes or damages property belonging to another player, an official, the tournament organiser or the competition of the club
- f. deliberately breaks a Rule (as defined in the Rules of Golf)
- g. deliberately returns a false scorecard
- h. during a competition, deliberately seeks to manipulate the players Australian handicap
- i. fails or refuses to co-operate with, or obstructs any investigation by the Investigative Officer of the Player or Caddies conduct of another person
- j. fails or refuses to co-operate with or obstructs a hearing by the Conduct Officers or the Appeal Tribunal
- k. behaves in a manner detrimental to the good name of GA, GV or SWGA
- l. brings the game of golf into disrepute

A breach of any of these Codes of Conduct will result in the first instance an investigation within the Junior Sub-Committee. A decision on the Disciplinary Procedure and subsequent Penalties if necessary will be provided to the player in line with SWGA Inc Rules of Association.

## 17. Results

- a. Results are entered directly into the Golf Box Tournament System by the host club via the link provided prior to the round.

If there are any difficulties entering results please call Chris Crabbe on 0401 597 066

## 18. Finals

- a. At the completion of the last round of matches the top team in each section will be declared the winners of Trevenen or Westerveld Shields.
- b. In the event of a tie, a procedure already determined by the SWGA Junior Committee will be automatically applied to decide the finalists. The procedure shall be as follows;

Step 1 Contests won

Step 2 Matches won

Step 3 Holes won in individual matches during the regular season, eg, 4&3 result equals 4.

- c. Matches which are square at the end of eighteen holes shall continue until a result is reached.
- d. The Team recording the best record during the preliminary rounds will be given the option to host the Ford Cup Final.