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### **Rules for the Men's A Pennant Competition**

1. The District Men's A Pennant competition is open to all bona fide members of the 'home' club that they represent.
2. It is a Matchplay competition played without handicap between six club teams with six players in each team.
3. No club is allowed more than one team in the A Pennant competition.
4. Player eligibility: Players entered in the A Pennant competition must meet all the following eligibility criteria: -
  - 4.1 The 'home' club is the club where the handicap of the player is held.
  - 4.2 The 'home' club of the player must be within the Manawatu Wanganui Golf Inc Men's Committee jurisdiction.
  - 4.3 The player must be a financial member of, and have playing rights, at the club he is representing. A player may only represent one Club in the current Pennant season unless dispensation under Rule 4.5 has been granted.
  - 4.4 The player must be eligible for selection in the District's representative teams. To be eligible to play representative golf for the District a player must hold New Zealand Resident status.
  - 4.5 Any transfer of a Pennant player from one club to another during the duration of that year's competition must have the approval of the Men's Committee, in writing, prior to that player representing the new club.
  - 4.6 Each club may enter one player whose eligibility does not meet 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4 of the above criteria. The club must apply in writing to the Men's Committee 10 days prior to the round in which this player first plays for the club, identifying the player whose eligibility does not meet the criteria. Each player must be re-registered each season. *The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be disqualification of the games contested by the ineligible player and in addition a further one game will be deducted from the offending club's total and awarded to the non-offending opposing club. If considered serious by the Men's Committee, the offending team may be disqualified.*

- 4.7 A player is ineligible to play in the semi-finals or final for their Club if they have not played in at least two rounds of A Pennant in that year's competition.
5. Team lists and substitutions:
- 5.1 A list of team members in playing order must be submitted to the starter no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled tee time of each competing team. The playing order shall be six through one. *Teams failing to meet these requirements shall be penalised two match points.*
- 5.2 In A Pennant singles matches the two lowest index handicapped players shall play in the No 1 and 2 positions for their respective team. These players may play in either position – not necessarily in handicap order.
- 5.3 Any player late to the starting tee and not arriving by the time the others in the four have played from the tee, or not playing in the correct order, *shall be disqualified from the match.*
- 5.4 If a player is substituted after the due time for entries, the substitute player will take the position held by the player replaced, unless their handicap is within the two lowest in the team when he shall play in one of these positions.
- 5.5 In the event of a player suffering injury or illness during the morning foursomes round rendering him unfit to play in the afternoon a replacement player may be used. The replacement player will take the position held by the player replaced.
6. The Competition:
- 6.1 The Men's A Pennant competition will consist of 5 round robin matches, with a final. Each round will consist of one round of foursomes matches played in the morning and one round of singles matches played in the afternoon. The starting time for the foursomes round shall be 8.00 am and for the singles round shall be 12.15 pm from multiple tees unless otherwise declared by the Committee of the day.
- 6.2 The final will be played at a course nominated by the Men's Committee prior to the commencement of the round robin matches. This course will host all Pennant finals. That is, 48 players, 6 A, 6 B, and 6 C Pennants and 6 players Handicap Pennant. Expressions of interest to host the finals will be called prior to the commencement of the playing season. This is to be a neutral course.
- 6.3 In the event of a tie following the round robin, places will be decided on the total number of foursomes and singles matches won, with further ties decided in favour of the team which won when the teams first met. Any further ties will be decided by lot.

- 6.4 In the event of a of a draw in the final the result shall be determined as follows: The respective No 1's shall play sudden death for extra holes to be designated by the Match Committee of the day. Should no result be forthcoming then, the winner shall be the winning team when the two teams met in the round robin series and failing that the highest seed coming into the finals series shall be declared the winner.
- 6.5 The bottom placed team in A Pennant at the completion of the round robin matches may be subject to a promotion relegation match upon application to the Men's Committee prior to 1 August of that competition year. There will be no promotion relegation match if two teams are tied in bottom place.
- 6.6 The A Pennant draw, which is made by the MWG Inc Men's Committee, is based on the previous year's seedings. The draw will be as follows:
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| Venue Seeding: | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| Matches:       | 1v5 | 2v4 | 3v2 | 4v1 | 5v3 |
|                | 2v6 | 1v3 | 4v5 | 2v5 | 1v2 |
|                | 3v4 | 5v6 | 1v6 | 3v6 | 4v6 |
- 6.7 Each team, except the team seeded sixth, based on the previous year's finishing position, will play one round of matches on its home course when available.
- 6.8 Where the MWG Inc Men's Committee considers that a club's course is an unsuitable venue for A Pennant, the hosting club will nominate a substitute course (which will need to be approved by the Men's Committee in writing prior to the start of the Pennant series), and the host club will need to make all the necessary arrangements and pay any costs associated with hiring the nominated course. No A Grade Pennant round will be played on a non-eighteen hole championship course unless approved by the MWG Inc Men's Committee.

## 7. Reserve days and disputes

- 7.1 Should a round of the A Pennant be cancelled for any reason a reserve day or days will be allocated to allow the competition to be concluded. This will be following the final round robin round of the competition on a day allocated by the Men's Committee prior to the commencement of the round robin matches.
- 7.2 In the event that a final round has, for any reason, to be delayed a reserve day shall be allocated to enable the competition to be concluded.
- 7.3 In the event that a Club defaults their team in a round of A Pennant the team defaulted to shall receive 3 competition points and 6 match points. Any Club defaulting a team shall have 1 competition point deducted.

- 7.4 Objections to any penalty imposed by the Disputes and Judicial Committee on the day must be made by the Team Captain or Manager, in writing, before the results of the day's play are announced. Any objection must be reported, in writing, to the District Executive Officer for referral to the MWG Inc Men's Committee, whose decision shall be binding.
- 7.5 Any protest resulting from a breach of these rules shall be reported, in writing, to the District Executive Officer within 5 days of the completion of the round for referral to the MWG Men's Committee. Any decision of the Committee regarding the protest shall be binding.
- 7.6 Advice (Rules of Golf 8.1 note) Teams may nominate one person on the day, prior to the commencement of play. If no such person is nominated it shall be deemed to be the Team Manager on the day.
- 7.7 The current NZ Golf rules pertaining to:
1. Slow Play – (where a Club has official able to enforce the Rule)
  2. The use of Distance Measuring Devices (Distance measuring devices are allowed in the A Pennant competition) and
  3. The Use of Motorised Carts will be those pertaining to the competition.
8. Responsibilities of the Host Club:
- 8.1 The Host Club, appointed by the Men's Committee, is responsible for the reporting of all results to the District Executive Officer and Media at the end of the day. Results are to be transmitted to the District Executive Officer and Media representatives as listed on the Result Sheet supplied.
- 8.2 The Host Club is responsible for organisation and control of the day's play and must appoint a Disputes and Judicial Committee. They must have an appointed starter who is to collect the team playing orders and write up a starter's sheet, at least 15 minutes prior to the start of play. This committee may include a member of the District Men's Committee, or his appointee, assigned to officiate at the Pennant round and will make decisions on cancellation, postponement, adherence to conditions and procedure, or alterations to the days play made necessary by weather or other conditions. This Disputes and Judicial Committee may, at its discretion, refer any matter to the MWG Inc Men's Committee.
- 8.3 The Host Club must ensure that its course is well groomed, and out of bounds, ground under repair and penalty areas are defined. Pin placements should be in keeping with the event and where Championship tees are available they must be used.
- 8.4 The Host Club is responsible for the provision of all officials required on the day and is also responsible for any expenses incurred.

- 8.5 Local Rules are to be announced before commencement of play and prominently displayed near starting tees. Where possible a copy of these Rules should be available to competitors prior to the commencement of play.
- 8.6 Whether practice on the course prior to play commencing is permitted or not is to be decided by the Host Club and is to be policed by the Host Club. If this rule is breached a written protest must be lodged with the MWG Inc Men's Committee within 5 days of the occurrence. The MWG Inc Men's Committee will determine any penalty required and their decision shall be binding.

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- 9.1 In A Pennant matches teams are to provide at the conclusion of the round a result sheet showing each team's results. This must be signed by each team's manager or captain.  
*The penalty for non-compliance of this Rule will be the deduction of 1 match point for each breach of the rule by a team.*
- 9.2 In A Pennant matches individual scorecards are not compulsory. However, players may submit a scorecard for handicapping purposes. These scorecards must be completed properly and signed as true and correct by the player and his opponent.
- 9.3 When A Pennant matches are played on the Host Club's course the course can be used by Club members at specified times. This must be confirmed prior to the event.

### **Golf Etiquette**

Members of visiting teams have a duty towards the Host Club to acquaint themselves with dress regulations that apply on the course and in the Clubhouse. Clubs should ensure that the dress of their representatives is appropriate.

Visiting teams are expected to patronise the Host Club's refreshment facilities after the conclusion of the round.