



## **RULES FOR ALL MEN'S PENNANT & DISTRICT COMPETITIONS - 2016**

1. The District competitions shall be played in four divisions:
  - i. A Pennant of eight club teams with eight players in each team
  - ii. B Pennant with a maximum of ten clubs with six players in each team.
  - iii. Handicap Pennant with a maximum of twelve clubs with six players in each team.
  - iv. Palmanui Shield with a maximum of six clubs with six players in each team.
2. No club is allowed more than one team in any one division of the Pennant series, except for Handicap Pennant where there is Men's Committee discretion for more than one team.
3. The A Pennant, B Pennant and Palmanui Shield competitions are match play without handicap over 18 holes.
4. Every club is guaranteed the entry of one team in the Pennant Competitions.
5. Player eligibility: Players entered in the Pennant competitions must meet all the following eligibility criteria:-
  - 5.1 The 'home' club is the club where the handicap of the player is held.
  - 5.2 The home club of the player must be within the Men's Committee jurisdiction.
  - 5.3 The player must be a financial member of, and have full playing rights, at the club he is representing. A player may only represent one Club in the current Pennant season unless dispensation under Rule 6.5 has been granted.
  - 5.4 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.
  - 5.5 Any transfer of a Pennant player from one club to another during the duration of the competition must have the approval of the Men's Committee, in writing, prior to that player representing the new club.
  - 5.6 Each club may enter one player whose eligibility does not meet 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 5 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.*
  - 5.7 A player is ineligible to play in the semi-finals or final for their Club if they have not played in at least three rounds of A Pennant, B Pennant or Handicap Pennant, and two rounds in Palmanui Shield. Players who have played in the top 4 of A Pennant are not eligible to play in the Palmanui Shield semi-finals and final.
6. 6.1 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 eight through one for A Pennant and six through one in B Pennant, Palmanui Shield and Handicap Pennant. *Teams failing to meet these requirements shall be penalised two match points.* If a player

is substituted after the due time for entries, the substitute player will come in at number eight or number six respectively.

6.2 In A and B Pennant singles matches the two lowest 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.

6.3 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*.

7. 7.1 Should a round of any Pennant Competition be cancelled for any reason a reserve day or days will be allocated to allow the affected competition to be concluded.

7.2 In the event that an A Pennant or Palmanui Shield round has to be cancelled the reserve day will be following the final round robin round of the competition on a day allocated by the Men's Committee.

7.3 In the event that a B Pennant or Handicap Pennant round has to be cancelled the reserve day will be following the final round robin round of the competition on a day allocated by the Men's Committee.

8. In the event that a semi-final or final round has, for any reason, to be delayed a reserve day shall be allocated to enable the affected competition to be concluded.

9. 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 8 match points. In B Pennant, or Palmanui Shield and Handicap Pennant matches the team defaulted to shall receive 3 competition points and 6 match points. Any Club defaulting a team shall have 2 competition points deducted in the respective grade.

10. 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.

11. 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 Inc Men's Committee. Any decision by the Committee with regard to the protest shall be binding.

12.1 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 then it shall be deemed to be the Team Manager on the day.

12.2 Distance measuring devices are allowed in all District Pennant competitions

13. The current NZ Golf rules pertaining to:

1. Slow Play - (where a Club has officials able to enforce the Rule),
  2. The use of Distance Measuring Devices and
  3. The Use of Motorised Carts
- will be those pertaining for all Competitions.

## **Responsibilities of the Host Club**

1. The Host Club 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 faxed to the District Executive Officer and Media representatives as listed on the Result Sheet supplied
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.

3. The Host Club must ensure that its course is well groomed, and out of bounds, ground under repair and lateral water hazards are defined. Pin placements should be in keeping with the event and where Championship tees are available they must be used (except for Handicap Pennant – when standard Club tees are to be used)
4. The Host Club is responsible for the provision of all officials required on the day and is also responsible for any expenses incurred.
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.
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.
7. All scorecards from singles matches are to be duly signed and returned to the host club for recording of the results. They are not required to be entered for handicapping purposes. The Club is to certify on the Result Sheet which is returned to the District Executive Officer that this has been complied with. *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.*
8. 8.1 When A Pennant and Palmanui Shield matches are played concurrently on the Host Club's course the course is to be closed to members for the duration of the round.  
8.2 When B Pennant and Handicap Pennant matches are being played on the Host Club's course any players other than those involved in the Pennant matches must ensure that there is no disruption to the Pennant matches.

## **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 in good taste at all times.

Visiting teams are expected to patronise the Host Club's refreshment facilities after the conclusion of the round, at least until the results of the day have been announced.