



Rules for the A Pennant and Palmanui Shield Competitions (to be read in conjunction with the Rules for all Pennant & District Competitions) - 2016

1. The District A Pennant and Palmanui Shield competitions are open to all bona fide members of the club that they represent and shall be played in two divisions:
 - a. A Pennant of eight club teams with eight players in each team
 - b. Palmanui Shield of five club teams with six players in each team
2. No club is allowed more than one team in any one division of the A Pennant and Palmanui Shield competitions.
3. The competitions are played without handicap.
4. The A Pennant competition will consist of seven round robin matches, with semi-finals and a final. In the round robin series and the finals 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 8.30 am and for the singles round shall be 12.15 pm from multiple tees. Following the end of Daylight Saving the starting times will be 8.00 am for the foursomes round and 11.45 am for the singles round.

The Palmanui Shield competition will consist of five round robin matches with semi-finals and a final played concurrently on the same courses as A Pennant. Where the host club does not have a team in the Palmanui Shield competition there will be a bye. The playing format will be the same as A Pennant, but with 6 players per team.

The semi-finals of both competitions will be played on the same neutral course nominated by the Men's Committee and the finals of both competitions will be played at the course of the team which was placed highest in the A Pennant round robin.

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. In the event of a draw in semi-finals or the final the result shall be determined as follows: The respective No 1's shall play sudden death for a maximum of three 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.

The bottom placed team in A Pennant will automatically be relegated to B Pennant at the end of the round robin series

5. In A Pennant, each team except the team seeded eighth on the basis of the previous year's finishing position, will play one round of matches on its home course.
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:

Venue Seeding	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Matches	1v6	2v7	3v1	4v2	5v3	6v4	7v5
	2v5	3v6	2v6	1v7	1v4	1v5	1v2
	3v7	4v5	4v7	5v6	6v7	2v3	3v4
	4v8	1v8	5v8	3v8	2v8	7v8	6v8

7. 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.

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.