



## **Rules for the Handicap Pennant Competition (to be read in conjunction with the Rules for all Pennant & District Competitions) - 2017**

1. The Handicap Pennant Competition shall be played between a maximum of twelve club teams with six players in each team.
2. Clubs are allowed more than one team in the Handicap Pennant series at the discretion of the Men's Committee.
3. The competition for each round is singles and four-ball played concurrently, with two rounds played on each day of competition unless there is an odd number of teams, when there will be a bye. Both formats are to be played off handicap with the number of shots to be taken in the four-ball to be determined by the handicap of the lowest handicapped player in the group.
4. In the event of a bye in the Competition the team which has the bye in the morning round is entitled to play a practice round at the end of the field. The team of the Club hosting the competition will have the bye in the afternoon round.
5. Following the round robin there will be semi-finals and a final which will be played on a course nominated by the Men's Committee.
6. In the event of a tie following the round robin, places will be decided on the total number of 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.
7. All matches shall be played on days set down by the MWG Inc Men's Committee. The starting time shall be 8.00 am for the morning round and 12.30 pm for the afternoon round from a minimum of 3 tees. Wherever possible 4 starting tees shall be used. The tees used shall be the standard club tees. The course is to be closed for the duration of the round.
8. Scoring: Three points are awarded for a team win and one point per team for a drawn team match. In the event of a tie in the full series places will be decided on the total

number of singles and four ball games won with further ties decided in favour of the team which won when the teams met.

9. The Pennant draw, which is made by the MWG Men's Committee, will be a random draw made annually. Where possible Clubs which do not host a round in year 1 will host in year 2.
10. When the Committee considers that a club's course is an unsuitable venue for Handicap Pennant, it will nominate a substitute course and make adjustments to the draw.
11. The Handicap index for the competition shall be between 4.0 and 24.0. A player with a handicap index above 24.0 may play in the competition but cannot claim his full handicap index.
12. 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 in handicap order for both singles and four-ball. The order of play shall be the same in the afternoon round (unless Rule 12 applies). *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 in handicap order and the team sheet will be modified to suit.
12. Teams may change up to 3 players between rounds. A new list of team members shall be provided for each round where changes have been made.
13. A postponed round of the Handicap Pennant shall be played on the day set aside for postponements when new team lists shall be submitted. If a course becomes unplayable in terms of Rule 33-2d (Rules of Golf), the following will apply:-
  - 13.1 If play is abandoned before the start of play on the scheduled date, or before all four-ball matches have been completed, the games shall be rescheduled as above. Every endeavour shall be made to complete all four-ball matches before play is abandoned.
  - 13.2 If all four-ball matches have been completed when play is abandoned, they will count and the singles matches will be rescheduled to a date decided by the Men's Committee with teams remaining as originally submitted.
  - 13.3 Every endeavour will be made to have all postponed or abandoned rounds completed, but at its discretion the MWG Inc Men's Committee may decide that a postponed or abandoned match or round may be resumed at a different venue or cancelled. No further points shall be awarded for the round.
14. All scorecards are to be duly signed, returned at the conclusion of the round and entered for handicapping purposes. The host 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.*