



## SA PENNANT COMPETITION – 2025 SEASON

### TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

#### References

The references listed including the most updated version/s are the basis of the Terms of the Competition.

- a) The Rules of Golf – effective January 2023
- b) Official Guide to the Rules of Golf – effective January 2023
- c) Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status – Effective January 2022
- d) Course Management, Marking the Course & Course Set-up Procedures – GA Recommendations 2019
- e) Results of Multi-tee and Mixed Gender competitions – WHS Operational Guidance 2020
- f) Local Rules of the host venues
- g) Golf Australia Policies - <https://www.golf.org.au/policies-and-by-laws>

#### History

In 2009 the (then) Golf SA Men's, Women's & Junior Pennant Competition was consolidated under one set of competition conditions. This consolidation was aimed at reducing the call on time and facilities and at the same time providing the best competitive environment for club golfers. The SA Pennant Competition can now be justifiably called a significant event in the golf schedule.

Men's Pennant: The Simpson Cup, named after Mr Fred N Simpson, was inaugurated in 1927 '*For the annual competition between several city clubs...*' Fred Simpson was a member of the family that established the Simpson white goods industry in South Australia.

The Simpson Cup was originally for competition between Kooyonga & Royal Adelaide from 1927 to 1938. Post World War 2 the Grange & Glenelg joined in the fray with the competition being modified and altered from time to time with finals and additional club teams. In 2008 Southern District and Mid-North District entered teams in the competition.

Women's Pennant: The start of Women's Pennant has a less certain history dating back to 1929 when '*...three wooden shields, black with silver lettering, were purchased for A, B & C Grade – cost not to exceed £2/2/- each...*'

#### Current Competition

The SA Pennant Competition continues to evolve and expand in its effort to provide competition golf between clubs at the highest level. Adaption of technology such as on-line competition management and scoring has simplified administration of the Competition for all concerned.

The highlight of the current Competition is no doubt the Final where Simpson Cup & Sanderson Cup are played at one of the sand-belt golf Clubs.

## DEFINITIONS

- a. **'Club'** means an affiliated club or district (per Schedule 1 & 2 of the Golf SA Constitution) competing in the SA Pennant Competition
- b. **'Contest'** means the competition between two Clubs
- c. **'SA Match Committee'** means the Match Committee of Golf Australia - SA established by the Board of Golf SA responsible for the conduct of the Competition.
- d. **'Golf Australia – SA or GA - SA'** means the parent body governing amateur golf in South Australia
- e. **'Host Club Match Committee'** means the Match Committee of the Host Club established to run a minor round contest and/or Semi Final of the competition.
- f. **'Host Club'** means the Club nominated by Golf Australia - SA to host the contest, whether at that club or another venue
- g. **'Match'** means the contest between individual players of opposing teams
- h. **'Rules of Golf'** means the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status (current at the time of the event)

## 1 COMPETITION

**1.1 Competition Format:** The SA Pennant Competition will be conducted as three (3) separate competitions – Women's Pennant Competition, Men's Pennant Competition and Junior Pennant Competition. Each Competition comprises of divisions. Each division is divided into grades. Each grade will consist of up to eight (8) teams that will play a minor round of up to seven (7) contests, a semi final and final.

- a. **Semi Final:** A Semi Final will be played between the 1<sup>st</sup> placed team versus the 4<sup>th</sup> placed team and the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team versus the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team at the end of the minor round. The winners of the Semi Final will progress to the Final. Semi Finals matches will be played out to a result. If the Semi Final is abandoned for any reason, the teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each division at the end of the minor rounds will automatically progress through to the Final. **Semi Finals will only take place for divisions consisting of more than seven (7) teams (except for Sanderson Cup & Pike Cup).**
- b. **Final:** A Final will be played in each grade between the winners of the Semi Final. If the Final is abandoned for any reason, the Final will be played out on the following week at the same venue, or a venue as directed by Golf Australia – SA. If rescheduling is not possible, Golf Australia – SA will determine the winner. **Divisions consisting of seven (7) or less teams will have a Final between the teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the end of the minor round.** (\*\*excluding Sanderson Cup & Pike Cup\*\*)
- c. **'Off the Stick':** Women's A, Men's A & B and Junior (Sharp Cup) are to be played 'off the stick.'
- d. **Handicap Match Play:** Women's Cleek and Junior (Division 2 & 3) are to be played off the player's Daily handicap. The 'Standard Match Play Index' provided in Appendix B must be used for all matches.

**1.2 Multiple Teams in a Grade:** A Club will be permitted only one team per grade for Men A , Men B , Women A3/A4 & Cleek.

**Exception :** Sanderson Cup and Pike Cup– clubs will be permitted to have a team in both Sanderson and Pike Cup competitions but will be ineligible for promotion/relegation (**see 7.1**).

**Exception (2) :** Junior Pennant – A club is able to nominate a team for Sharp Cup as well as Div 2/Div 3, but is unable to have two (2) teams in any division

- 1.3 Women's Pennant Competition:** Women's Pennant will comprise of two grades being A Pennant & Cleek.
- a. **Women's A Pennant:** Will comprise of four divisions: Sanderson Cup (A1) & Pike Cup (A2) to be played on Sunday and Women's A3 & A4 to be played on Monday.
  - b. **Cleek:** Will comprise of two divisions Cleek 1 & Cleek 2 and will be played on Monday. The handicap range is GA 16.0 – 32.0. If a player reduces her GA handicap such that she would be ineligible to play in that division, but has played at least three matches in that division, she may remain in that division, playing off her Daily Handicap. If a player's handicap exceeds the maximum allowed GA Handicap limit for a division, she may play in that division, on a Daily Handicap calculated on the maximum GA Handicap limit for that division.
- 1.4 Men's Pennant Competition:** Men's Pennant will comprise of two grades being A Pennant & B Pennant.
- a. **Men's A Pennant:** Will comprise of two divisions Simpson Cup (A1) & A2 and will be played on Sunday.
  - b. **Men's B Pennant:** Will comprise of two divisions Bonnar Cup (B1) & B2 and will play on Sunday.
- 1.5 Junior Pennant Competition:** Junior Pennant will comprise of three divisions being:
- a. Sharp Cup (Division 1) and will be played on Sunday.
  - b. Division 2 & 3 which will be played on Sunday.

## 2 TEAM COMPOSITION

- 2.1 Women's Pennant:** Women's Pennant Teams (Women's A & Cleek) will consist of five (5) eligible players. A reserve player may be nominated.
- 2.2 Men's Pennant:** Men's Pennant Teams (Men's A & B) will consist of seven (7) eligible players. A reserve player may be nominated.
- 2.3 Junior Pennant:** Junior Pennant Teams (Division 1, 2 & 3) will consist of five (5) eligible players who may be either a male or a female and who are under the age of eighteen (18) as of 9 February 2025. A reserve player may be nominated. Teams in all divisions must play in Daily Handicap order; ie: player with highest handicap to be No. 5 and player with lowest handicap to be No. 1. If two or more players have the same Daily Handicap, their positions will be at the discretion of the Team Manager.
- Refer to Appendix B; Guidelines for Junior Divisions**

**Note:** a reserve player in any competition is not considered as "played a match" if they are simply named as reserve and do not play.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATION

- 3.1 Player Eligibility:** A player is eligible to play in the SA Pennant Competition if he/she is an **Amateur Golfer** whose **Club** that he/she represents is affiliated to Golf Australia - SA and meets the following criteria:
- a. Has been a financial member of that golf club for at least three (3) months prior to the first day of the competition.
- and*
- b. Who has playing rights allowing that player to compete in the club championship.

- 3.2 Junior Players:** In exceptional circumstances a junior player may be granted an exemption by Match Committee if he/she does not meet the Player Eligibility criteria in 3.1.
- 3.3 Represents Only One Club:** A player may only represent one Club in any one pennant season in the SA Pennant Competition.
- 3.4 Club May Appeal on Behalf of Player:** A club may appeal to the SA Match Committee on behalf of a player in exceptional circumstances if that player falls outside the stated Player Eligibility criteria in 3.1. An exemption to play may be granted in exceptional circumstances and then only with the support of the player's 'previous' club.
- 3.5 Player Qualification to Play Minor Rounds:** A player is not eligible to play in a lower grade if that player has played more than half of the stipulated minor round contests in a higher grade. A club may seek approval from the SA Match Committee for an exemption from the above condition by making a submission that clearly explains the reasons why that player is no longer in the Club's higher grade team.

This submission must be received by COB on the Tuesday preceding the contest and should detail the factors supporting the request, which may include :

- Loss of form
- Availability of new/different players
- Other issues

**Note:**

- a. A junior player who plays more than half the stipulated minor round contests in the Men's or Women's competition is not eligible to play in the Junior competition. A Club may seek approval from the SA Match Committee for an exemption from the above condition by making a submission that clearly explains the reasons why that player is no longer in the Club's Men's or Women's team.

This submission must be received by COB on the Tuesday preceding the contest and should detail the factors supporting the request, which may include:

- Loss of form
- Availability of new/different players
- Other issues

- b. Players who compete in Sanderson Cup (Women's A1) or Pike Cup (Women's A2) on the Sunday will be ineligible to play in Women's A3 , Women's A4, Cleek 1 or Cleek 2 on the following Monday

- 3.6 Player Qualification to play Finals (including Semi Final):** A player must have played at least two (2) minor round matches in the division (Women's Pennant, Men's Pennant, Junior Pennant) to qualify to play in any Finals (including Semi Finals) in that specific division. A player who qualifies to play Finals may play in any grade above that in which he/she has qualified.

Any player who plays more than half of the minor rounds in a higher grade competition is ineligible to be chosen for lower grade Semi and/or the Final for their club.

**Except:** When a club has two teams participating in either the Semi Final or Final, competing on the same day, of the same competition (Women's Pennant, Men's Pennant or Junior Pennant) they can pick any eligible player in the top side and any other eligible players in their second side – irrespective of whether they have played more than half of the stipulated minor round contests in a higher grade during the season.

**Note:** a reserve player in any competition is not considered as "played a match" if they are simply named as reserve and do not play.

- 3.7 Player Qualification to play in the Final (Grand Final):** A player who is eligible and plays in a lower grade Semi Final is eligible to play in the lower grade Final.
- Note:** Should a player be chosen to play in a higher grade Semi Final and this team loses, he/she is no longer eligible to return to the lower grade side for any more matches during that season's Final series.
- 3.8 Junior Player – Qualification to Play Women's & Men's Finals (including Semi Final):** A junior player who has played at least one (1) minor round match in the Junior Competition is qualified automatically to play either Women's Pennant or Men's Pennant Finals with his/her respective club.
- 3.9 Playing an Ineligible Player in a Minor Round:** A Club that plays an ineligible player during a minor round will result in that team losing the individual match involving the ineligible player. A score of 10 & 8 will be recorded for that match.
- 3.10 Playing an Ineligible Player in a Final (including Semi Final):** A Club that plays an ineligible player in a Final (including Semi Final) will result in the team losing the match involving this player.

## 4 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Club to Register Player List:** Each Club is required to register a list of eligible players, using the provided template, to Golf Australia – SA no later than **Friday 24 January 2025**.
- 4.2 Adding Player/s to the List:** Eligible players may be added throughout the season by contacting Golf Australia - SA prior to that player playing a minor round match.
- 4.3 Player Audit:** From time-to-time GA - SA may conduct a player eligibility audit. Clubs may be requested to provide proof of eligibility in the form of a copy of relevant clauses of their constitution and by-laws, membership applications and payments as substantiation.

## 5 CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

- 5.1 Host Club Match Committee:** The Host Club Match Committee will comprise of three (3) members nominated by the Host Club. One of these members **must** be an accredited Level 1 Rules Official. The Host Club Match Committee is responsible for the conduct of the Competition at that venue. At any time the Host Club Match Committee may seek a second opinion from GA-SA.
- a. Host Club to Advise Team Managers:** A Host Club is to advise Team Managers of the appointed Host Club Match Committee (including contact details) prior to commencement.
- b. Decisions on Rules:** Any decisions on the Rules required during play will be given by the appointed Host Club Match Committee in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- 5.2 Golf Course:**
- a. Course Set-Up:** The Host Club is requested to set up the course from the championship tees whilst considering the conditions of the day. For Monday Women's Pennant and Junior Pennant clubs may use their discretion for appropriate course set-up. Consideration for the players enjoyment is also a requirement.
- b. Tees & Times:** Matches will commence from the designated tees and at the appointed times in the order listed in the competition draw unless otherwise advised by GA - SA.

- c. **Tee Closure:** The Host Club is requested to ensure that tees are closed at the appropriate time prior to the start of the first match to ensure the first matches are not delayed or held up.

**5.3 Teams:**

- a. **In keeping with the Spirit of the Competition clubs are requested to select their teams based on players' ability.** For clubs with teams in multiple divisions, all players should be selected based on the most appropriate division for their ability.
- b. **Team Lists:** Team Lists are to be provided to either the Pro-Shop or the Host Club Match Committee representative on the prescribed form at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first match.

**Penalty:** The penalty for late or non-submission of Team lists is:

<b>Within 16-30 minutes prior to scheduled tee-off time.</b>	No. 7 (5) Player will lose the first hole of his/her match. Play in that match to start on the 2nd hole.
<b>Within 15 minutes prior to scheduled tee-off time.</b>	No. 7 (5) Player will lose his/her match.
<b>Team List not Submitted prior to scheduled tee-off time.</b>	Team disqualified with all matches recorded as 10/8 loss

- c. **The Honour:** The honour on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee will be given to the club who is listed first on the scheduled draw.
- d. **Order of Play (teams):** The host club each week will be drawn to play in the first match of the day's play
- e. **Order of Play (players):** **In keeping with the Spirit of the Competition clubs are requested to play their players in order of merit.** Players will hit off in reverse order of the Team List i.e. No. 7 player or No. 5 player first through to the No. 1 player last.
- f. **Reserve Player:** The nominated reserve player may be substituted for a player who does not arrive on time. The reserve player is to play in the same designated position on the Team List as the listed player.
- g. **Reporting to Starter:** The first player from each Team (No. 7 or No. 5) must report to the Starter at least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled hit-off time. Subsequent players are to report to the starter immediately after the preceding match leaves the tee.
- h. **Player Arrives Late:** (Rule 5.3) If a player arrives late at his/her starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after his/her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rules 5.3a Exception 3, the following Penalties will apply:
  - i. **Penalty:** Failure to start on time: Loss of first hole. Play to start from the next tee.
  - ii. **Penalty:** Lateness beyond five (5) minutes: Disqualification.
- i. **Player Withdraws during Match:** Where a player withdraws from a match for any reason after it has commenced, the remaining holes will be forfeited to the point where a result is achieved.
- j. **Forfeited Match:** If a team is required to forfeit a match or matches for any reason prior to the team sheet being submitted, the No. 7 (5) match will be recorded as a 10/8 loss, followed by the No. 6 (4) match and so on. **If it is known in advance that a Club cannot field a full team, then the team manager of that club is to inform the team manager of the opposition club as soon as that situation becomes apparent, to avoid unnecessary travel.**

- k. **Practice:** Rule 5.2a is modified in this way; a player is not permitted to practice on any part of the course except for the designated practice areas for the day of a pennant match, as determined by the host club.
- i. **Penalty First Breach:** General penalty applied to the players first hole
  - ii. **Penalty Second Breach:** Disqualification
  - iii. **Note:** The host club is to advise the manager/captain (in writing) of all competing teams of the designated practice areas and conditions.

#### 5.4 Results:

- a. **Game All Square:** Where a match is all-square after 18 holes, a square will be recorded for the match result.
- b. **Match Abandoned:** If a contest is abandoned (either during the contest or before the contest has commenced) by the decision of the Host Club Match Committee, the result will be a tie with the score recorded as three and a half (3 ½) matches to each team in Men's Pennant and two and a half (2 ½) matches to each team in Junior Pennant and Women's Pennant. All players on the day are deemed to have 'played the match'.  
**Except:** If a Team has established a winning position when the contest is abandoned, i.e.: a minimum of four (4) matches won out of seven (7) or three (3) matches won out of five (5), that result will stand with any remaining matches being halved.
- c. **Protests:** (See Condition 8).

#### 5.5 Ladders: Ladders will be calculated in the following manner;

- i. Teams will be positioned on their respective Ladder by Total Contests.
- ii. Total Matches will be used to determine the position of teams tied on Total Contests.
- iii. If Total Contests and Total Matches are tied, holes are then used to determine a team's position on the ladder.
- iv. Teams still tied are ordered by the result of the most recent contest in the current season between the two teams.
- v. If the contest was undecided or the teams have not played each other in the current season, teams still tied are ordered by lot.

## 6 FINALS

### 6.1 Venues:

- a. **Women's A1 (Sanderson Cup), Men's A1 (Simpson Cup) Finals:** The two significant Finals will be played at a sand-belt club in annual rotation
- b. **Other Finals:** All other Finals will be played at appropriate venues as directed by Golf Australia - SA.

### 6.2 Conduct of Finals (including Semi Final):

- a. **Matches to be Played Out to Result:** All Finals matches are to be played out to a result.  
**Except:** When a team has established a winning position, i.e. a minimum of four (4) matches won in seven match contest or three matches (3) won in a five match contest then the contest is considered won and any remaining matches in progress will be halved irrespective of their match score at that time.
- b. **Abandoned Finals:**
- i. If the **Semi Final** is abandoned for any reason, the teams placed 1st and 2nd in each division at the end of the minor rounds will automatically progress through to the Final.
  - ii. If a **Final** is abandoned for any reason the Final will be played out on the following week at the same venue or a venue as directed by SA Match Committee. If rescheduling is not possible, then Golf Australia – SA will determine the winner.

**6.3 Trophies:** The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

- a. **Men's A1:** The Simpson Cup
- b. **Men's A2:** A2 Shield
- c. **Men's B1:** Bonnar Cup
- d. **Men's B2:** B2 Shield
- e. **Women's A1:** Pauline Sanderson Cup
- f. **Women's A2:** Fiona Pike Cup
- g. **Women's A3:** A3 Plate
- h. **Women's A4:** A4 Shield
- i. **Junior Division 1:** Sharp Cup
- j. **Junior Division 2:** Division 2 Cup
- k. **Junior Division 3:** Division 3 Cup

## **7 PROMOTION, RELEGATION ENTRY INTO COMPETITION**

### **7.1 Promotion & Relegation:**

- a. **Women's Sanderson Cup (A1) & Pike Cup (A2) Pennant:** The team finishing last at the completion of the minor round of Sanderson Cup will be relegated to Pike Cup. The team winning the Pike Cup Final will be promoted to Sanderson Cup (*Note Condition 1.2 regarding promotion/relegation*)
- b. **Women's A3 & A4 Pennant:** The team finishing last at the completion of the minor round of Women's A3 will be relegated to Women's A4. The team winning the Women's A4 Final will be promoted to Women's A3.
- c. **Women's Cleek:** The team finishing last at the completion of the minor round in Women's Cleek 1 will be relegated to Women's Cleek 2. The team winning Women's Cleek 2 will be promoted to Women's Cleek 1.
- d. **Men's A Pennant (including Simpson Cup):** The team finishing last in Men's A1 (Simpson Cup) will be relegated to A2. The team winning the Men's A2 Final will be promoted to A1 (Simpson Cup).
- e. **Men's B Pennant (including Bonnar Cup):** The team finishing last in Men's B1 (Bonnar Cup) will be relegated to B2. The team winning the Men's B2 Final will be promoted to B1 (Bonnar Cup).
- f. **Junior Division 2 & 3:** The team finishing last at the completion of the minor round of Junior Division 2 will be relegated to Junior Division 3. The team winning the Junior Division 3 Final will be promoted to Junior Division 2.

**7.2 Entry into Competition:** Any Club or Country District per Schedule 1 & 2 of the Golf SA Constitution may apply to enter a team/s into the SA Pennant Competition. The Golf SA Board will determine the application at its discretion.

## **8 PROTESTS & DISPUTES**

**8.1 Lodgement:** The Team Manager is responsible for lodging a protest with the Host Club Match Committee and informing the opposing Team Manager within 15 minutes of the completion of the final match.

- a. Full details of any protest must be lodged in writing to the Golf Australia – SA Office by 5.00pm Monday (Sunday Competition) or 5.00pm Tuesday (Monday Competition) by the protesting club.



**8.2 Determination of Protest:** SA Match Committee will determine any protest under the:

- a. SA Pennant Terms of the Competition
- b. Rules of Golf
- c. Golf Australia Policies (as appropriate)
- d. Golf SA Constitution

**8.3 Match Committee May Delegate:** Depending on the nature of the protest Golf Australia - SA may delegate its power to a duly formed sub-committee for the purpose.

**8.4 Decision Final:** A decision given by the SA Match Committee or its appointed delegate/s on any protest by any competing club will be considered final and binding on all competing clubs.

## 9. HEAT POLICY –

The following extreme heat policy will be implemented for the 2025 Pennant Season:

### a) Sunday Competitions (Men & Women):

If the **forecast temperature** stated on the Bureau of Meteorology website ([www.Bom.gov.au](http://www.Bom.gov.au)) for the Sunday is **37 degrees Celsius or above** at **either 5:00pm on the Saturday prior or 5:30am on the Sunday morning**, all Sunday play for that round will be cancelled for all divisions, across all venues.

- Forecast used will be for ADELAIDE, *not the specific host clubs' area*
- Forecast to be observed at approx. 5:00pm on the Saturday prior, and again at 5:30am on the Sunday morning (Note : it is the forecast temperature for the Sunday, NOT the real time temperature) .

### b) Monday Competitions (Women's A3, Women's A4 , Cleek 1 , Cleek 2):

If the **forecast temperature** stated on the Bureau of Meteorology website ([www.Bom.gov.au](http://www.Bom.gov.au)) for the Monday is **35 degrees Celsius or above** at **either 5:00pm on the Sunday prior or 5:30am on the Monday morning**, all Monday play for that round will be cancelled for all divisions across all venues.

- Forecast used will be for ADELAIDE, *not the specific host clubs' area*
- Forecast to be observed at approx. 5:00pm on the Sunday prior, and again at 5:30am on the Monday morning (Note : it is the forecast temperature for the Monday, NOT the real time temperature)

### c) Junior Divisions:

If the **forecast temperature** stated on the Bureau of Meteorology website ([www.Bom.gov.au](http://www.Bom.gov.au)) for the Sunday is **35 degrees Celsius or above** at **either 5:00pm on the Saturday prior or 5:30am on the Sunday morning**, all play for that round will be cancelled for all junior divisions across all venues.

- Forecast used will be for ADELAIDE, *not the specific host clubs' area*
- Forecast to be observed at approx. 5:00pm on the Saturday prior, and again at 5:30am on the Sunday morning (Note : it is the forecast temperature for the Sunday, NOT the real time temperature)

**d)** Golf SA Match Committee will notify all competing clubs' team manager should matches need to be cancelled.

**e)** Matches cancelled before any play has commenced do not count towards playing eligibility requirements even if a player was named to play for that team

**f)** If play has commenced and both team managers of a particular contest are in agreement that playing conditions are unsafe due to heat, the following will apply.

- i. All uncompleted matches for that contest will be abandoned and each team will be awarded ½ point each per uncompleted match.
- ii. Results of matches completed will stand and go towards total contest score

**g)** If play has commenced and the Host Club Match Committee deems that playing conditions are unsafe due to heat, the following will apply. (Note: Host Club Match Committee to liaise with the SA Match Committee in determining the outcome):

- i. If the Host Club Match Committee and SA Match Committee are in agreement that it is unsafe for players to continue, all uncompleted matches at that venue will be abandoned and effected teams will be awarded ½ point for the uncompleted match.
- ii. Results of matches on the day completed prior to the cancellation will stand
- iii. Cancellation after play has commenced will only be for teams competing at that corresponding venue. All other divisions at other venues will be assessed on their own should the same circumstance eventuate.
- iv. SA Match Committee, in consultation with the Host Club Match Committee, have the final decision regarding cancellation

**h)** Any player competing in Open Men's or Open Women's competitions that are not of adult age (18 years or older) will require signed consent from a guardian/parent to compete under adult heat policy guidelines in the Open Age Groups.

*Should consent not be supplied, said player will be judged as a "junior" and will therefore play under Junior Division heat policy as stated in (c) and be ineligible to compete in Open Men's or Open Women's competitions should forecast temperature be 35 degrees Celsius or above.*

**i)** A player may choose to cease playing at any time should they feel unsafe due to heat.

If conditions **(f)** or **(g)** as stated above are not met and play would continue otherwise, their match will count as a forfeit and result will be a 10&8 victory to the opposition for that match.

*\*\*\*For more information on heat stress management, please refer to the South Australian Sports Medicine Association "Sports Hot Weather Policy" at [sasma.com.au](http://sasma.com.au) or [here](#)\*\*\**

## **10 ADMINISTRATION**

### **10.1 Team Manager/s**

- a. Appoint a Team Manager:** Each team is to appoint a Team Manager who is to be identified on the Team List submitted prior to the start of the contest.
- b. Duties:** The duties of the Team Manager include:
  - i. Monitor the conduct of the players in his/her Team in accordance with the appropriate Codes of Conduct
  - ii. Lodge any protest/dispute (in accordance with Condition 8) if necessary
  - iii. Reporting any incident in writing to GA - SA that occurs during the contest that may potentially lead to a breach of Codes of Conduct
- c. Score Sheets:** Ensure that the score-sheets are correct and signed/counter-signed.

- d. Working With Children Check (WWCC):** Team managers must have a valid WWCC to attend a contest. Each club must submit the required WWCC information for each of its team managers to GA prior to the team manager attending a contest. If a Pennant manager attends a contest when they are not permitted to do so, the following penalty applies:

First offence:	Warning
Second offence:	One match point is deducted from the team's total of the day of the breach
Third offence:	The team loses the contest 7-0 (or 5-0 for Youth Pennant) of the day of the breach
Fourth offence:	The team is disqualified from the competition

## 10.2 Host Club:

- a. Provide Starters:** The Host Club is required to provide a Starter for each tee as per the Scheduled Draw. Starters must be provided with Team Lists & Local Rules.
- b. Local Rules:** The Host Club is to provide Local Rules sheet to each Team Manager for handing to players/officials prior to the start of each match. (Refer 9.2.d. Envelopes).
- c. Carts for Rules Officials/Managers:** Carts for Rules Officials and/or Managers (to share) should be provided at the discretion of the Host Club.
- d. Envelopes:** The Host Club is to provide envelopes to be collected by visiting Managers and Rules Officials at either the Pro-Shop or with the Host Club Match Committee representative containing:
- Results Sheets
  - Local Rules
  - Daily 'Look-Up' Charts (Handicap Match Play)
- e. Team Sheets:** A copy of the team sheets to be provided to Managers, Rules Officials and Starters.
- f. Post-Match Catering: There is no requirement for the Host Club to provide post-match catering for any divisions of Pennant (including Juniors).**
- Visiting Clubs are encouraged to attend the Host Club facilities with their playing partners at the conclusion of the day's play.

## 11. RULES OF GOLF & ETIQUETTE

- 11.1 Advice – Rule 10.2 and Rule 24.4:** Other than a player's caddie, the Team Manager or Non-Playing Captain, who is appointed prior to the start of the contest, is the only person who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of the team.

**Penalty:** Loss of hole

- 11.2 Transportation:** A player or a caddie will only be permitted to ride on motorised transportation in circumstances expressly described in (a) or (b) below.

- When authorised (or later approved) by the committee in charge of the competition due to circumstances that arise during the playing of a round. For example, a player who is about to play (or who has just played) under penalty of stroke and distance, and their caddie, is automatically authorised to ride on motorised transportation.
- When approved by Golf Australia as a person who currently requires the use of motorised transportation in order to participate in the game of golf. To be considered for approval, the player or caddie must provide to Golf Australia written advice from a medical practitioner, or a physiotherapist, or a chiropractor, or an osteopath, or the like, or other documentation as approved by Golf Australia, stating they currently require the use of motorised transportation to participate in the game of golf. The advice must be emailed to Johnny Tsai – Events Coordinator ([johnny.tsai@golf.com.au](mailto:johnny.tsai@golf.com.au)) before the round they are due to play. When an exemption is granted, the use of motorised transportation must solely serve the purpose of

transportation. Where a player is granted permission to utilise motorised transport during the Pennant season, the player's caddie is permitted to ride with the player for any stipulated Pennant round without separate permission being required.

**Penalty for breach of Local Rule:** The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

### 10.3 Caddies:

- a. There are no restrictions as to who may act as a caddie.
- b. A player who had been nominated to play in a particular **contest** may, whilst that **contest** is in progress and after his/her own **match** has been decided, act as caddie for another member of his/her Team playing in the same **contest**.

**11.4 Mobile telephones:** Except in case of emergency or to call for a ruling, mobile phones must not be used to make or receive calls or messages during a stipulated match.

**Penalty:** Refer Golf Australia Code of Conduct

**11.5 Smoking & Alcohol:** Players and caddies are prohibited from smoking and consuming alcohol during a round. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like).

**Penalty:**

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|------|---|--------------------|
| I.   | First breach:                               | Warning            |
| II.  | Second breach:                              | One-Stroke Penalty |
| III. | Third breach:                               | General Penalty    |
| IV.  | Fourth breach or any subsequent misconduct: | Disqualification   |

**11.6 Measuring Devices:** A player may obtain **distance** information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated match, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.

**11.7 Dress Code:** Players and caddies must adhere to the dress code of the Host Club.

**11.8 Conforming Golf Balls & Conforming Driver Heads:** The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards to Conforming Golf Balls and Conforming Driver Heads.

### 11.9 Code of Conduct:

- i. All players, caddies and club officials are required to abide by GA's Code of Conduct
- ii. In the event that a person is reported for a possible breach of the GA Code of Conduct, such report will be considered by GA.

**11.10 Images:** GA may arrange for promotion of Pennant, for radio, internet and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the competition or excerpts thereof in any and all media, whether now known or hereafter developed. For players under 18 years of age, by accepting selection in a competing team the parent/guardian consents to the use by GA, or persons authorised by GA, of their child's name, likeness, voice and references to them and photographs and other images of them and their play connected with their appearance in the competition, or any portion(s) thereof, in connection with such media promotion, broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the competition. GA may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this competition as well as other GA Championships and GA. The cooperation of players with authorised representatives of the media is required, provided that no pre-competition activities outside of those activities which are part of the competition will be required and provided that the player's competition play is not unreasonably interfered with.

### **11.11 Anti-Doping Policy and Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy**

The Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy within Sport Integrity Australia's National Integrity Framework and Sport Integrity Australia's National Anti-Doping policy apply for this event. The National Anti-Doping Policy prevails if there are inconsistencies. These can be found by [clicking here](#).

**11.12 Insurance:** With the exceptions of the final (grand final), the host club must maintain public and products liability insurance, including personal injury and property damage, associated with the club's conduct and hosting of the Pennant competition. For the finals (grand final), GA shall maintain, at its own expense, public and products liability insurance, including personal injury and property damage, to no less than AUD\$10,000,000. Release and Indemnity With the exceptions of the finals, the host club: (a) releases and will release GA from all Claims that the host club may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with the club's conduct and hosting of the Pennant competition; and b) indemnifies and will keep indemnified GA to the extent permitted by law in respect of any Claim by any person arising as a result of or in connection with the club's conduct and hosting of the Pennant competition. Claim means and includes any action, suit, proceeding, claim, demand, damage, penalty, cost or expense however arising including but not limited to negligence.

**11.13** The SA Match Committee has full power at any time to alter or vary any one of the Conditions in fairness to the competition.

**End**

### **Appendix:**

- A.** Team Registration/Results Sheet
- B.** Standard Match Play Index & Guidelines for Junior Divisions



## STANDARD MATCH PLAY INDEX – CLEEK & JUNIOR DIVISION 2

Hole	Index	Hole	Index
1	18	10	5
2	8	11	11
3	12	12	2
4	3	13	15
5	14	14	7
6	6	15	13
7	10	16	4
8	1	17	17
9	16	18	9

Note: When using the match play index in match play competitions, the index should be adapted when a match commences at any other hole on the course other than the 1st. Hole 1 in the recommendation should apply to the first hole to be played, Hole 2 to the second hole to be played, etc.

### GUIDELINES FOR JUNIOR DIVISIONS

**Sharp Cup:** Boys to play off the designated Men’s tees and Girls to play off the designated Women’s tees.

If the pars of a hole are different for Boys and Girls (eg. one hole is a Par 5 for Girls and a Par 4 for Boys), the player who completes the hole in the least number of strokes wins the hole irrespective of gender. If there is a hole where the Boy’s and Girl’s tees are normally closely positioned, but is a Par 5 for Girls and Par 4 for Boys, the Girl’s tee must be moved forward and played as a Par 4.

Golf Australia recommends an 85% ratio to be used in this instance, that is, the Girls to be 85% in length of the Boys. For example; Girl’s 400m and Boy’s 470m. (For Par 4 for Girl’s and Par 3 for Boy’s; Girl’s 210m and Boy’s 250m).

**Please note:** These course setup adjustments should not be applied to Junior Division 2 as the Handicap Adjustment allows for the difference in the courses. It may be necessary to have multiple tees or temporary tee markers in some instances.

**Division 2:** Standard Match Play Index to be used by both Boys and Girls on all courses in Junior Division 2 matches. Boys to play off the designated Men’s tees and Girls to play off the designated Women’s tees.

**The number of handicap strokes to be given by the lower handicap player is calculated as follows:**

- (i) Each player will calculate the Daily Handicap that is appropriate to the Slope Rating of the set of tees they are to play from.
- (ii) The player with the lower Daily Handicap is reduced to a handicap of 0, and the other player’s handicap is reduced by the same amount. For example, Player L’s Daily Handicap would be 16 and Player M’s Daily Handicap would be 28 - Player L is reduced to 0 and Player M is reduced to 12.
- (iii) No additional strokes are added to the standard calculation of the Daily Handicap when the par is different between tees (i.e., a Par 5 for Girls and Par 4 for Boys) however refer below.

**The result of each hole should be determined by each player’s score in relation to par.**

For example, the 13th hole is a par 5 for girls and a par 4 for boys. Michelle has a net 6 and David has a net 5. Michelle and David both have 1-over par for the hole so the hole is tied.