

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION (INC)

2010 PENNANT REGULATIONS

(To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status)

1. The Competition

1.1 The competition will consist of nine divisions.

1.2 Divisions One to Three

- i) All clubs represented in divisions one, two and three must have attained "A" Grade status and be financial members of the Western Australian Golf Association.
- ii) Each club must provide an "A" Grade team of nine (9) players and a junior team of seven (7) players.
- iii) Players may only be selected from those financial male members who have a minimum of six day playing rights.

Penalty: Loss of individual match.

- iv) Financial junior male members of all categories are eligible to play in Junior Pennants.

Penalty: Loss of individual match.

- v) All matches are to be played off the stick. Exception Juniors – refer Regulation 3.3

1.3 Division Four to Nine

- i) All clubs represented in these divisions must have attained "A" Grade status and be financial members of the Western Australian Golf Association.

Note- Various "C" clubs as determined by the WAGA Match Committee will be eligible for these divisions.

- ii) Each club must provide a team of seven (7) players.
- iii) Players may only be selected from those financial male members who have a minimum of six day playing rights.
- iv) All players must possess an Australian handicap.
- v) Division Four will be played off the stick.
- vi) Divisions Five to Nine will be played off handicap match play. The following restrictions apply in each division –

Division	Min. Handicap
5	6
6	8
7	11
8	13
9	15

Players in these division will play in handicap order ie. The lowest handicapped player in the team is listed at number one and the highest handicapped player at number seven.

Exception: Where a reserve plays he will play in the position of the missing player.

- vii) Where a minimum handicap is required a player's handicap shall be taken as at seven (7) days prior to the first pennant date. Any change in handicap after that date shall not affect eligibility.

For example – If a player on an 11 handicap at the date seven days prior to the first pennant date reduces his handicap to 10 the following week, he is still eligible to compete in division 7 regardless of which division he played in, in the first round. However, the player must play off his official handicap of that day ie. 10.

- 1.4** No player will represent more than one club during the year. A player belonging to more than one club will nominate his home club for Pennants prior to his first match.

Penalty: Loss of individual match.

- 1.5** All games will be played on a home and away basis.

- 1.6** All qualifying matches in divisions one to three (“A” Grade and Juniors) will be played to their conclusion.

Should an individual match be square after eighteen holes (or in the case of some finals after thirty six holes) then play will continue from the first hole played and will continue in sequence until a result is achieved eg. holes one, two, three, four, five etc.

- 1.7** In division 4 to 9 any individual match finishing all square at the completion of eighteen holes will be treated as a half. (Exception: Finals – refer Regulation 1.10).

- 1.8** Commencement times will be as set out in the fixtures.

- 1.9** In the event of a tie for positions at the end of the qualifying rounds, a countback system will operate. Firstly the number of individual matches won will be taken into consideration and if still a tie then the winning and losing margins in individual matches will be considered. In the case of a walkover being declared then for the purpose of deciding ties the result will be shown as 5-4. If still a tie then the Match Committee will determine the final positions.

1.10 Finals for divisions one and two will be played over thirty six holes. All other finals will be played over eighteen holes. All finals matches will be played to their conclusion.

Exception: Where a side has no chance of winning then an individual match(es) may be treated as a half.

1.11 Eligibility for Finals for Division One, Division Two and Division Three

“A” Grade

All members of a club who are eligible by way of Regulation 1.2 (iii).

Juniors

a) Those players who have played in three or more matches in juniors.

or

b) Those players who have played in less than three matches as long as these games were in Junior Pennants.

1.12 Eligibility for Finals for Division Four to Division Nine

a) All members of a club who are eligible by way of Regulation 1.3 (iii) and (iv).

and

b) Those players who have played in at least three matches in that team. Note: Matches played as a reserve or included on the nomination form as a reserve are considered to be qualifying matches.

2. Pennant Play

The following regulations apply –

2.1 All matches are to be played in accordance with the rules of golf in conjunction with the local rules of the club.

Notes: 1. Local rules will not include preferred lies for Divisions One to Three.

Notes: 2. The use of measuring devices during all matches is permitted and the following local rule will be in use during the entire season –

In this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (eg. Gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

2.2 Each team will be nominated fifteen (15) minutes prior to hit off time. These will be handed to an official of the home club.

- 2.3 The honour for the day will be decided by the toss of a coin between the two captains.
- 2.4 A reverse order of play will apply. Eg. Number nine player first followed by number eight etc.
- 2.5 If, after the teams have been handed in, a player fails to report then the reserve may take his position eg. If the number four player is missing then the reserve **must** play at number four.
- 2.6 The Match Committee of the home club will be responsible for any rules queries during the qualifying games. During the finals the Match Committee of the Western Australian Golf Association will be responsible for any rules queries.
- 2.7 The home club will provide starters.
- 2.8 The home club will be responsible for the completion of the official result sheets and will forward them to the Western Australian Golf Association within forty eight hours of the fixture.

3. Juniors

Junior Pennants will be played as per the regulations with the exception of –

- 3.1 Only players under the age of eighteen at the first day of January 2010 are eligible to play.
- 3.2 Players will be listed in handicap order (ie. lowest handicapped player at number one and so on).
- 3.3 Matches 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be played off the stick – ie. no handicap differential shall apply and matches 5, 6 and 7 will be played under handicap match play conditions.
- 3.4 All junior teams will be accompanied by a Manager.

4. Finals

4.1 Division One and Two

At the completion of the qualifying rounds, thirty six hole finals will be played as follows –

- i) Leading qualifying team Division One Black versus leading qualifying team Division One Gold (“A” Grade and Junior).
- ii) Leading qualifying team Division Two Black versus leading qualifying team Division Two Gold (“A” Grade and Junior).

4.2 Divisions Three and Four

At the completion of the qualifying rounds, eighteen hole finals will be played as follows –

- i) Leading qualifying team in Division Three versus the second placed qualifying team in Division Three (“A” Grade and Junior).
- ii) The leading qualifying team in Division Four Black - North versus the second placed team in Division Four Black - North.
- iii) The leading qualifying team in Division Four Gold – North versus the leading qualifying team in Division Four Gold – South.

4.3 Divisions Five to Nine

At the completion of the qualifying rounds, eighteen hole finals will be played as follows –

- i) The leading qualifying team in Division North versus leading team in the corresponding Division South.

5. Promotion, Relegation and Seedings

5.1 Promotion

- i) The winner of the Division Two (“A” grade) final will be promoted to Division One and be seeded number eight for the next season.
- ii) The winner of the Division Three (“A” Grade) final will be promoted to Division Two and will be seeded number eight for the next season (Note – Only clubs who have attained “A” Grade status will be eligible for promotion to Division Two).

Note – No promotion will take place for divisions four to nine.

5.2 Relegation

- i) The last placed teams in Division One Black and Division One Gold will play a relegation final over eighteen holes on the day of the pennant finals. The losing team will be relegated to Division Two and seeded number one for the next season.
- ii) The last placed team in Division Two Black and Division Two Gold will play a relegation final over eighteen holes on the day of the pennant finals. The losing team will be relegated to Division Three and seeded number one for the next season.

Note – No relegation will take place in divisions four to nine.

- 5.3** Promotion and relegation is determined by the position achieved by the “A” Grade side. Juniors shall follow accordingly.

- 5.4 The seedings of the teams in Division One, Two and Three for 2011 will be determined by the number of games and matches won by the “A” Grade team in 2010.

6. General

- 6.1 Pennant play takes precedence over any other event being played simultaneously on the course.
- 6.2 Motorised golf carts are not permitted for use by players during Pennant play.

Exception: Those players who have been given permission to use a motorized golf cart by the Match Committee. Permission will only be given where a player conforms with the WAGA Motorized Golf Cart Policy.

A full copy of which is available on the WAGA website – www.wagolf.com.au.

6.3 Drugs Policy

The Western Australian Golf Association has adopted in full the GA (Golf Australia) Policy. “All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Drug Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia’s Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, may be disqualified. A copy of the policy is available at www.golfaustralia.org.au.

6.4 Player Code of Conduct

All players are subject to the WAGA’s Player Code of Conduct. A full copy of which can be found on the WAGA website – www.wagolf.com.au.

- 6.5 Players will be permitted to practice on the course well in advance of hit off times on the day of the Pennant match. Such practice will not interfere with Pennant matches in progress.
- 6.6 Clubs will make practice times available for Division One, Two and Three teams the week prior to the match.
- 6.7 Dress regulations of the home club will apply both on and off the course including the on course footwear policy of the home club.
- 6.8 In order to maintain the fellowship of the game clubs are asked to announce the results of the days play soon after the completion of the fixture and to provide light snacks for players, caddies and officials.
- 6.9 Clubs are expected to present their course for home games at the highest possible standard. The course will be played as close to full length as possible. Tee markers should be positioned on the plates and pin positions should be in a championship position.
- 6.10 The Match Committee of the Western Australian Golf Association may inspect courses and where a course is considered unfit for play either prior to or after commencement of the Pennant season then the club either –

a) Prior to the Pennant Season

- i) Forfeits all home games;
or
- ii) Changes the game(s) to the opposing club's course.

b) After Commencement of Pennant Season

- i) Changes the game(s) to the opposing club's course;
or
- ii) If this is not possible the game shall be forfeited.

6.11 In the event of play being suspended or cancelled on any day of a pennant match the following will occur –

Division One, Two and Three

- i) Clubs will arrange for the completion of the fixture prior to the commencement of the next round. Should this not be possible then upon request to the WAGA Match Committee the period may be extended to a maximum of fourteen days following the fixture in question.

Should the fixture not be completed by the due date then the match will be abandoned and no points will be awarded to either team and no individual matches will be registered as having been won, lost or halved.

- ii) In the event of a total postponement the Match Committee will decide the outcome of the fixture.

A total postponement for this purpose is defined as where the final individual match in "A" Grade has not commenced play.

Division Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight and Nine

- i) If play cannot commence due to local conditions the result will be deemed to be a draw.
- ii) If play cannot be completed and the overall result of the match has been determined then incomplete matches will be deemed to be halved.
- iii) If play cannot be completed and no matches are completed then the result will be deemed a draw. Each team will be awarded one point and three and a half individual games.
- iv) If play cannot be completed and some individual matches are completed and the result of the overall match is unresolved then the final result will be determined by the WAGA Match Committee.

- 6.12** Any claims, disputes or protests must be lodged with the Western Australian Golf Association by 5.00 pm on the Tuesday following the fixture. Otherwise the result of the game shall stand. The WAGA Match Committee will adjudicate and the result announced prior to the next fixture. The Match Committee's decision will be final.
- 6.13** For any breach of the Pennant Regulations for which there is no specific penalty, the WAGA Match Committee will consider the nature of the breach and if seen fit apply an appropriate penalty. The decision of the Match Committee will be final.