

**Golf Central Victoria**  
**2022**  
**Monday Pennant**  
**Competition Conditions**



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1. **“GCV” means Golf Central Victoria**, the parent body for the golf clubs in the Central Victorian Geographical Region.

- GA means Golf Australia, the parent body for all amateur golf in Victoria.
- The Pennant competition is under the control of the GCV General Committee.
- The competition between two teams will be known as a Match.
- In GCV Pennant, a Match consists of a team of 3 or 5 individual games.

**2. General**

- GCV Pennant is a club teams match play competition made available to the 21 Clubs of GCV.
- Prior to the pennant draw, all Captains of GCV Clubs will be requested to provide a list of dates that their club can make their course available for play. Venues will then be selected at the discretion of the GCV General Committee and Captains will be notified once the draw is complete or should any amendments be required thereafter.

**Representation**

- Each Club is represented by teams of 3 or 5 players eligible in accordance with the eligibility criteria set out in condition 2.3.

- Each team participating in the Pennant competition must be financial in accordance with the GA & GCV Constitution and By-Laws at the time of play. Any Club that does not satisfy this clause may be precluded from participating in any given Pennant Season.
- Division 1 & 2 will consist of 5 players.
- Division 3 will consist 3 or 5 players per team (Depending on club numbers)
- After Teams have been received the ~~GCV General Committee~~ will decide on configuration of Divisions.

#### **GCV General Committee**

- Any disputes that cannot be resolved by the Captains of the teams involved shall be submitted in writing ie email, to GCV – attention Tristen Wearne or Jenny Brown no later than Tuesday mid-day.
- A phone call prior to email would be advised. Unless otherwise indicated, the GCV General Committee does not have the authority to alter or vary any Pennant condition.

The Golf Central Victoria General Committee will consider each individual case on its merits, and the decision it makes will be final.

#### **3. Eligibility**

- A pennant player must be a financial member of an affiliated Club of Golf Central Victoria
- A player taking part in the GCV Match Competition must be an amateur golfer and a financial member of the club they represent.
- To be eligible for finals a player must have PLAYED TWO matches in that division with the team qualifying for finals.
- If a player represents a Club during the current season, they are ineligible to represent a different Club in the same season.
- An ineligible player competing in a match is penalised by loss of the specific individual match (5/4).
- The GCV General Committee reserves the right to allow a substituted player in exceptional circumstances.

#### **4. Team Qualification for Finals**

- At the conclusion of the 'round robin' contests, the leading two teams in Divisions will qualify to compete in Division Final.
- The leading teams in all Divisions will be those teams which have the greatest number of match wins.
- In the event of the number of contests won being equal, the leading teams in a Division will be those teams which have the greatest number of wins and then games.
- In the event of the number of wins and games being equal, then the decision shall be reached by count back based on the results of individual matches between the tied teams during the season.
- In the event of teams still being unable to be separated, a count back on the basis of the difference between holes won and holes lost in all individual matches during the season shall decide the finishing position of each team.
- In the event of teams still being unable to be separated the matter shall be referred to the GCV General Committee for decision.
- The winner of each Division shall be the team winning the final, which will be played on a designated course between the two leading teams at the conclusion of the season.

#### **5. Divisions**

- Clubs to enter teams of either 3 or 5 players,
- GA Handicaps are to be averaged – teams shall then be allocated to divisions according to the average of their GA Handicaps. The original average shall hold for the season.
- A composite pennant team maybe entered at the discretion of GCV General Committee.
- Teams of 3 or 5 players for either grass or sand may combine with another club to form a Composite Pennant Team, OR may nominate another club from which they may acquire emergencies if the occasion arises.
- Division 3 has either 3 or 5 players depending on Club Team numbers.
- The GCV General Committee will decide on the competition structure for Division 3 depending on entries.

**Composite team is only available to a club with insufficient pennant players to field a team.  
To Avoid Disqualification THIS MUST BE NOTIFIED TO THE GCV GENERAL COMMITTEE WHEN ENTERING YOUR TEAM PRIOR TO THE PENNANT SEASON COMMENCING.**

- Matches in all Divisions will be played off the DAILY HANDICAPS OF THE HOST CLUB.
- DAILY HANDICAPS SHALL BE DETERMINED FROM “The Daily Handicap Look Up Chart” of the host club.

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: Players MUST bring their current GA handicap. \*\*\***

**PLEASE NOTE: In Division 1 no player is required to give more than 18 Strokes.**

- Contests shall be played according to the draw, on the courses and at the times and tees stated, or as directed by the GCV General Committee.
- All matches shall be played unless the Green keeper, or the Referee at the host club declares the course unplayable.
- Matches shall be played under the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of the host Club.
- Match play directive - The ball furthest from the hole is played first on or off the green.  
Refer to Match Play Rules (Rules of Golf) 6.4 & 6.4a
- Players are permitted to practice on the course on the day of competition prior to the commencement of their matches refer to Rules of Golf 5.2a
- Please check at the pro shop or host club representative as to where practice can take place.

#### **6. Caddies**

- No player is permitted to have a caddy in this competition.
- With an exception of medical reasons.
- For a player to have a caddy, the Club Captain of the player concerned must contact the GCV General Committee, who will advise the Club Captain of their decision.
- Penalty for infringement – Disqualification of the player from the match.

#### **7. Payment**

- Monday Pennant - \$15 per team is to be submitted by the club upon registration of the team in the pennant competition. BSB 633 000, Acc: Golf Central Victoria, A/C: 154777379
- A further payment of \$10 per player per week is required to be paid to the host club representative for each round played.

#### **8. Team Lists & Starting times.**

- The list of team members in daily handicap order from the No.1 (lowest handicapped) to No. 5 player
- The Results sheet is to be exchanged with the opposing team no later than 10 minutes prior to the stated hit-off time. Handicaps must also be recorded on the team lists.

Order of Play will be Highest Handicapper to Lowest Handicapper

#### **9. Starting Times**

- Players arriving late on the starting tee will be penalised as follows:
  - Up to 5 minutes late - loss of the 1<sup>st</sup> hole
  - Over 10 minutes late - loss of match (5/4)
- Note: If a player arrives at their starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after their starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 5.3a (Rules of Golf), the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play instead of disqualification.
- Play will commence from the second hole. Players are to wait on the starting tee and must not proceed to the amended starting hole without an opponent.
- Matches commencing behind a late start, must commence play as if it were a “call through” situation. Late matches commencing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole can take their place in the correct order of play upon arrival at the tee.

- Clubs are reminded that teams which fail to present for a Match will incur a fine of \$50 (teams of 5) & \$30 teams of 3. Should a team have to give a walkover, either as a team or an individual match, the GCV General Committee and Captain of the opposing club must be notified prior to the game, preferably the day before.
- Clubs will also be fined \$10 for each match missed should there be an unavailable player on the day.
- **In the event of a club being unable to field a full team, the walkover must be given in the last place or places. Viz. No.5 position first walkover and No.4 position the second**

Note:

This payment is to be made by the team whose player is missing to ensure the daily fee of \$50 (team of 5) OR \$30 (team of 3) per team is fully paid to the host club and to avoid unnecessary administration after the fact.

#### **10. Playing Out of Order**

- **Teams shall play in order of their Daily Handicap, i.e highest marker (No. 3 or 5 player ) hitting off first. Should a player play in an incorrect position in her team, or should an ineligible player be included in the team, that player, and any other who is consequently wrongly placed, shall be disqualified from the match, the opposing team thereby gaining a walkover for any match or matches affected.**

#### **11. Match Index**

- Strokes being given and received, according to the match play index on the card of the host club or the Universal Match Index – host club to decide for Division 1 and 2.

#### **12. General**

Matches shall commence from designated starting tees at the times and in the order listed on the draw unless otherwise advised by the GCV General Committee

- A toss of a coin between captains will determine the honour for all matches.
- A player playing two or more matches in a division is not eligible to play in a lower division or in a team in the same division.
- Handicaps will be those as stated on the day as shown on GOLFLINK.
- If a team is playing with less than the required numbers then the forfeit will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> match away or the number 5 player, then number 4 player etc.

#### **13. At the conclusion of play**

- Results of all matches to be entered by the winning team on the Result Sheet provided at the Clubs, and signed by both team Captains.
- This sheet shall be handed to the Daily Referee – who will forward on.

#### **14. Finals**

- Pennant teams will be seeded at the conclusion of Round 5. The top 2 teams in Division 1, 2 and 3 will play off in the week immediately following the end of the competition.
- Players will all Tee off on either 1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Tee as required by host golf club.
- The winners on this day will then become winners of their Division.
- However, if the weather is unsuitable for play on that day OR if play is abandoned during play, results from the final ladder will then stand.
- Unless there is an outright winner on the day at the time of play being abandoned, then the ladder result will stand.
- Members from GCV General Committee will be on hand to settle any disputes that may occur and their decision on the day will be final.
- All finals matches will be played to the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, if no winner, the players then continue on to 19<sup>th</sup> etc with each hole being a Sudden Death Hole – (handicaps used)
- However the Captains of both teams may agree that a match shall terminate without a decision, if the Division Final contest is decided.

### **15. Host Club Responsibilities**

- Provide a Referee for the day
- Will receive \$10 per player, paid prior to play.
- Will ensure results are recorded and that team captains sign result cards.

**Coffee / Tea and biscuits to be provided by host club.**

### **16. Measuring Devices**

- A player may obtain distance information only by Rule 4.3a (2019 Rules of Golf)

### **17. Players - Dress, Footwear & Course Requirements.**

- Players are required to wear footwear in accordance with host club policy.

### **18. Match Duration**

- All Matches shall be played to a result – playing on after 18 holes if required.

### **19. Weather Conditions.**

- Severe Frost - Play will only commence after the Ground Staff have cleared the greens and it is safe underfoot to commence play.
- Extreme Heat Play will be cancelled if: - the Ambient Temperature Forecast exceeds 35 degrees C. Hot Dry Day and/or Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) exceeds 25 – Hot Humid Day.
- If - indications are that the weather forecast for the day of the Tournament are of an unacceptable risk then Women's Captains will be notified no later than 4pm Sunday prior to the day of play.
- The GCV General Committee reserves the right to change any of the above, for the safety of players after assessment of the day's weather conditions.

### **20. Suspensions of Play and Abandonment of Match.**

- All matches shall be played unless the Green keeper, or the host club Referee declares the course unplayable, and play is suspended. Players must mark their ball and immediately return to the club house.
- Matches shall be played under the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of the host Club
- Lightning/Thunder: At first sign of lightning/thunder play is to cease. Players
  - MUST mark their ball and immediately return to the club house, wait up to 30 minutes for the lightning and/or thunder to clear, then resume play.
  - If after 30 minutes the lightning/thunder has not cleared, play is to be abandoned
  - No points will be allotted.
  - Refer to GA Rule Book 5.7 C players responsibilities.

### **21. Pace of Play**

- Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it and maintain timely play.
- Motorised Carts - Bikes.
- Women please note:- Doctors' Certificates are no longer required for the use of carts.
- Players using a Cart may share the cart.

**In exceptional circumstances, such as to protect a course in adverse conditions, some forms of motorized transport may not be allowed. These exceptional circumstances will be determined by host clubs.**

### **22. Course Regulations & Care**

- It is the responsibility of all players to observe their obligations as guests when playing away from their own club during pennant season.
- GCV is greatly appreciative of all clubs that host pennant.