

**METROPOLITAN GOLF SUB ASSOCIATION**  
**Inter-Club Pennant Competition Rules 2012**

**1. Team**

Teams to consist of 6 (six) players in the following **Handicap Index** ranges:

Senior A = Open

Senior B = Up to 9.0

Intermediate = 8.0 – 15.0

Junior A = 14.0 – 22.0

Junior B = 21.0 – 30.0

President = 2 x Players Handicap Index up to 12.0, 2 x Players Handicap Index 12.1 to 17.0, 2 x Players Handicap Index 17.1 to 30.0. Players may play off lower Handicap Index to enable them to compete. All matches played off Handicap. Order of Teams to be; Senior's play at 1 & 2, Intermediate's at 3 & 4, Juniors play at 5 & 6.

PLAYERS CAN ONLY PLAY FOR THEIR HOME CLUB

Handicaps used will be as listed on player's home club handicap boards and not as listed on individual player's personal computers. Players with handicaps higher than those listed may participate as long as they reduce their handicaps to the grade maximum; e.g. Junior B Index handicap 33.6 would reduce to 30.0 to enable that person to play in that grade.

Players can only play in ONE team per grade in any particular year, but when a person's handicap index changes, and makes them eligible to play in a different grade, then this is permitted. Therefore a person could possibly play for up to 3 separate grades in a season e.g. Junior B, Junior A & Intermediate or Senior B, Intermediate & Junior A. Players can also go back & play in a grade where their index changes to allow this.

**2. Format**

Points will be awarded as 3 (three) for a win and 1 (one) for a drawn match. A count back on individual games will apply under rule 8.

In all divisions ties will be recorded as a half.

Senior A: Played as matchplay. Play in any order – NO SHOTS

Senior B: Played home & away matchplay. Shots are to be given. Play in any order and the top four teams to play off for the grade winner.

Intermediate: One full round of round robin matchplay. Shots are to be given. Play in handicap index order. The top four teams will play off for the grade winner.

Junior A: Same format as intermediate grade.

Junior B: One Qualifying Round of stableford, then the top four teams play off. 1<sup>st</sup> plays 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> plays 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Playoffs will be matchplay. Shots are to be given. Play in handicap index order.

President: One round of matchplay. Shots are to be given. Play in handicap index order.

Important: Players handicaps where applicable to be stated on team list (See Rule 6)

**Score Cards**

**Match play cards**

- Cards must be correctly completed and signed & handed to the Section coordinator at the completion of each round.

Once the game is completed, **regardless of whether you continue on and finish the round**, you must record each remaining hole as if you scored 2 stableford points.

If a match finishes under 12 holes the cards are to be handed in to the coordinator to confirm results of the match only e.g. 10 and 8 etc. These cards will not be processed for handicap purposes.

Please also record winning or losing margin on the cards.

Players who fail to hand a card in are to be disqualified & loss recorded against their name. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### **3. Rules**

The Rules of Golf and local club rules to apply (on-course etiquette to be maintained at all times)

**NO CELLPHONES TO BE USED BY PLAYERS OR CADDIES DURING THE ROUND. THE PENALTY FOR CELLPHONE USE IS DISQUALIFICATION. CELLPHONES ARE DEEMED TO BE IN USE IF THEY ARE TURNED ON.**

The use of GPS may be used to speed up play.

Carts may be used in all grades after presenting a medical certificate on the day of competition.

### **4. Order of Play**

Teams, in playing order 1 (one) to 6 (six), to be supplied to Duty Member 10 minutes before the commencement of play at the allotted tee time. This tee time will apply to all team members.

Players must play in handicap index order in all grades (except Senior A & Senior B) with player 1 to tee off first.

### **5. Starting Times**

The starting times for Senior B / Intermediate / Junior A / Junior B (except 1 round) and Presidents grades will be as per the draw sheets for Sunday's. Times for Senior A will be at the discretion of the home club on a Saturday.

Team Captains, your attention is drawn to the Rules of Golf, **Rule 6-3a**, concerning starting times.

Where possible, and warranted, a multi-tee start will be used

### **6. Duty Member**

Each Club shall have a Duty Member who is present at least twenty minutes prior to commencement of play. This person is required to fill out the result sheets in playing order from the list provided from the individual Team Captains (as in rule 4).

The Duty Person is responsible for calling the Teams to the correct tee and starting the field.

### **7a. Cancellations**

A General cancellation due to course closure or any other reason will be decided by The Metropolitan Match Committee, in consultation with others and advised to Radio Newstalk ZB along with Classic Hits 89FM. To access this information, players should listen to these stations.

### **7b. Abandoned Play**

Agreement to abandon play on the day will be decided by the local Duty Person of the day after discussion with the Course Convener where possible. Teams Captains may be consulted, at the discretion of the Duty Person, but the ultimate responsibility will lie with the Duty Person. All matches cancelled due to weather will be rescheduled at a later date.

### **7c. Course Availability**

Club Course Conveners should advise The Secretary of the Metropolitan Sub Association should their course be closed for any given Pennant Day.

### **8. Defaults**

Should any Team wish to default they should advise The Match convener of the Metropolitan Sub Committee or his Deputy 48 hours prior to the day of play. If teams are tied on points at the end of the series, then games won will count, but if a default has been given to any of the tied teams, then a playoff situation will be incurred, at a convenient date. This will apply to all grades.

### **9. Divisional Coordinators**

Duties will be as follows

- A. To ensure smooth running of there respective grades. Should any problems arise they should refer them directly to the Chairman Metropolitan Match Sub Committee or his deputy in the first instance.

- B. To distribute result sheets to the duty member before commencement of play, which should be obtained before the season commences.
- C. To ensure the result sheets are completed properly and forwarded in due course to the Secretary
- D. To Collect the Score cards from each player at the completion of the round for handicapping.  
**Players failing to hand in a scorecard will have a loss recorded against them for their match.**

Divisional Coordinators are as follows:

Senior A	Alastair Hinsley	027 4371600
Senior B	Craig Stringer	021 730910
Intermediate	Alastair Hinsley	027 4371600
Junior A	Brian Donnelly	488 4610
Junior B	Dave Mitchell	027 6674800
President	Lawrie Warwood	471-0883

### **10. Distribution**

These rules should be posted on Club notice boards for all players, a copy given to all Team Captains and a copy to all Clubs appointed duty persons.

Match Committee Chairman –	Blair Melrose	027 4329224
Deputy Match Committee Chairman –	Lawrie Warwood	471-0883