



2026

Women's Pennant Handbook

**North-Eastern
District Golf
Association**



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1.3 Players not on team Player List at start of season

- (i) Team lists may be modified within reason, until 7 days prior to the first week of play. Further changes will only be permitted where a player becomes unavailable through injury or illness and has withdrawn for all of the remainder of the season (however long that may be). In this case, a substitute player (of a suitable handicap for the Division in question) may be registered. The player withdrawing may not return to the team and the substitute player will take their place for the remainder of the season, including finals. For this reason, clubs are encouraged to submit the maximum of 9 players per team for each division they wish to play in.
- (ii) Substitute player requests must be submitted via email to nedgawomen@gmail.com no later than 24 hours prior to any match in which they are intending to play in.

1.4 Pennant Season and Draw

The pennant season shall commence as close to the start of March as is possible and shall continue until the round robin series of matches in each division has been completed. Wherever possible, no matches shall be played on Public Holidays. All matches shall be played on a Friday.

1.5 Starting times & tees

The scheduled starting time for each match will take into account the distance to be travelled by the teams. The starting time shall be 9.00 am or 9:30am, unless a club has requested, prior to the draw, a different starting time. In this case, the time shall be indicated in the draw.

1.6 Playing in Fours

- (i) Players will play in twos unless otherwise specified in the draw. If playing in fours, once started, players may separate into twos if space allows in front of them.
- (ii) When playing in fours, there is to be **no communication between team members** that could influence a player's choice of club or course management. Penalty for breach of this will be loss of hole.
- (iii) When a division with six teams is scheduled at these courses, for equity reasons, the host club is to provide two extra players on similar handicaps to play with the single pair. As the extra players are not playing pennant, they shall not interfere with the match and should not unduly hold up play.
- (iv) Please refer to the 'Format for Playing in Fours' procedure included in this Handbook (p.14).

2. Host Club Responsibilities:

- (i) Each host club must ensure that its course is available at the scheduled time and in good playing condition to host a listed match. If a club notifies the NEDGA at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of a round that its course is unfit for play, the Match Committee will source another venue and notify the Captain of the relevant Clubs.
- (ii) Host clubs are to ensure they have their Daily Handicap Lookup Chart displayed in a prominent position.
- (iii) The host club must provide a person to receive the Pennant Results Sheet from the Team Captains on arrival and then to record the results after play.
- (iv) The host club must provide a **competent** person who will act as the **Starter** and to submit the Pennant Results Sheet/s. The Starter will:
 - Ensure the players are aware of any local rules. This is typically announced to both teams as a group, prior to the first pair teeing off.
 - Send the field out in the order shown on the Pennant Results Sheet ie. Players 1 play first.
 - Remind players that they must not carry more than 14 clubs and of the requirements for using motorised carts and distance measuring devices.
 - Announce the handicap difference between the players. The Captain of each team is responsible for allocating where strokes are given or received. This is not the responsibility of the starter or

4.2. Starting tees, late arrival, walkovers and result sheets.

- (i) Matches will commence from the designated starting tees at the times and in the order listed on the draw unless otherwise advised by the NEDGA Match Committee. Players are to be at the starting tee no less than 5 minutes prior to the commencement of their match.
- (ii) If a player arrives at her starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes **after** her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the 1st hole. Play will commence from the 2nd hole. If both players arrive at the starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes **after** the starting time, play will commence from the 2nd hole with the match all square.
- (v) If a player arrives at the starting tee **more** than 5 minutes after the starting time the penalty is disqualification.
- (iv) In exceptional circumstances (ii) & (iii) may be waived if the player/s arrive within 30 minutes after the first pair hit off. ('Exceptional: meaning illness, car break down, family problems or the like). The player/s may be allowed to play in the last position/s of the team. This will be determined by agreement between both teams and the host club.
- (vi) If a Team consists of fewer than 5 players, walkovers will be given from the 5th position. If a club intends to give a walkover in an individual or entire contest, the captain or manager of the opposing team and the host club should be notified, if possible, at least the day prior to the match. If a walkover has been given, the opposing player or team need not be present on the day of the match. Refer section 5 p.8
- (vii) If a Club forfeits an entire Contest, they will be required to pay the host club \$75 to cover cost of lunches. Full points will be awarded to the opposing team if entire contests are forfeited. Refer section 5 p.8. If the forfeit is without good cause, an additional team point will be deducted from the team's accumulated total.
- (vii) **Signing Pennant Results Sheet..**
Once scores for each match are checked with **both** players it is to be recorded by the host club on the Pennant Results Sheet. Each Team Captain must then sign the Pennant Results Sheet. **This is the only sheet requiring signatures of both Team Captains and is to be emailed to nedgawomen@gmail.com.** Incorrectly recorded scores and unsigned sheets could result in disqualification of both teams.

4.3. More than one team from one club

Where Clubs have more than one pennant team, players must play in handicap order both between teams and within the team. However,

- a player may remain in a particular team provided the player begins the season within the correct handicap range and has played two matches in that team (such players to be known as "same team players").
- If a player who remains in a team for this reason and therefore possibly out of handicap order in relation to other players in a different division from the same club, she is prohibited from playing in a lower division (e.g. from division 2 to division 3) for the remainder of the season including a play-off or final.
- A player who has played two matches in one division may play in a higher division (e.g. from division 5 to division 4) if handicap restrictions permit (i.e. for Division 1 with a G.A. Handicap limit of 20), but once that player plays two matches in the higher division she cannot return to the lower division for the remainder of the season, including in a play-off or a final. She may play in the final in the higher division.
- No more than 9 individuals may play over the season in any one Division, excepting substitutions under rule 1.3
- *If a club has 2 teams in the same division, a player must remain in the one team for the entire season, including a play-off or final.*

6. Pace of play

- (i) All players are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum time of 3 hours and 45 minutes (approximately 12 and 1/2 minutes per hole). In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather/playing conditions), the Match Committee has the authority to modify this time requirement. When playing in fours, 14 minutes would be considered a reasonable time to play each hole
- (ii) The first match shall be considered out of position if it is taking more than the average time specified above, per hole.
- (iii) Any following match will be considered out of position if it
 - falls a clear hole behind the preceding match; and
 - is taking more than an average of 12 and a half minutes per hole to play, or in the case of playing in fours, 14 minutes.
- (iv) If a match is out of position, loss of hole penalties may be issued by the host club member responsible for pace of play. This person is required to issue 2 warnings prior to imposing penalties. If this occurs the matter must be reported to the NEDGA Match Committee.
- (v) If both players in a match are equally contributing to an unacceptable pace of play, they may be 'walked' a hole(s) until they are considered to be in position. If this occurs, the matter must also be reported to the Match Committee.

7. Mobilised Transport.

- (i) Motorised carts are allowed. Medical certificates are no longer required. It is not allowed however, to change to a motorised cart part way through the match. It is permissible however, to make use of carts which are provided by the club, for such general use, as accessing toilets at the turn.
- (ii) It is the responsibility of the player to comply with any club requirements regarding cart usage. In the spirit of supporting all Clubs who make their courses available for our pennant, it is expected that players will hire carts from the host club and not make private arrangements to borrow carts from the host club members, except where cart availability is limited.

8. Caddies:

- (i) Caddies are not permitted prior to the finals. It is accepted that many players will have a caddy for finals and therefore prior notification to the opposing team is not required.
- (ii) Professional golfers or professional caddies may not act as a caddie at any time.

9. Distance measuring devices:

Players may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a Pennant match, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule of Golf 4-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.



2026 Women's Pennant Information for Captains and Players

Captains are to read the NEDGA Women's Pennant Competition Conditions and to ensure that all players receive the following information.

All Pennant games must be played in **G.A. Handicap** order through all grades. For clubs who field more than one team, please refer to Pennant Rules and Conditions Rule 4.3 p7.

It is the responsibility of the players to know their current G.A. Handicap and to ascertain their correct Daily Handicap for the day's play. Host clubs are to ensure they have their Daily Handicap Lookup Chart displayed in a prominent position so that all players are aware of their correct handicap for the day. Playing to a incorrect higher handicap, will result in disqualification and loss of match. (R&A Rule 3.2c)

No player is allowed to play on a Daily Handicap greater than 45.0 regardless of their G.A Handicap. The G.A. Handicap limit for Division One shall be 20.0.

- Matches in 2026 will commence in handicap order as per the team list i.e. 1-5 in all divisions through the season. The playing order for Finals will be reversed such that Player 5 (highest HC) will play first and Player 1 will play last.
- Players are to verbally agree on the final game score before they leave finishing hole.
- The Pennant Results Sheet is to be carefully checked after all play finishes and signed by both Team Captains. Refer to Condition 4.2 (vii).
- The host club must email the Pennant Results Sheet to **nedgawomen@gmail.com** by 5pm on the day the contest takes place. Incorrectly signed sheets may result in disqualification of both teams (Pennant rule 4.2).
- We recommend that any clubs, with players new to pennant or sandgreens, discuss with them the rules / etiquette of Matchplay and Sandgreens.
- Pennant players must familiarise themselves with the Local Rules when they arrive at a club.
- If a Club cannot field a complete team, the opposition and Host Club must be advised as soon as practicable, the number of players who will be competing
- If a member of a Pennant Team has special dietary requirements, it is the responsibility of the team captain to notify the host club. (24 hours' notice).

• **CLUBS PLAYING IN FOURS**

A 'Format for Playing in 4's' recommendation is included in this Handbook (p.14). Where required, please copy this form for match day. One copy must be given to the starter of the day and another to the Captain of the opposing team.

For the Clubs where Pennant is played in 4'S, we ask that the two extra players be provided (swingers) when required, who are on similar handicaps to the players in that Division. NB: When playing as swingers, these players are NOT to participate in ANY club event or competition.

HOSTING PENNANT FINALS

- The club chosen to be the host for pennant finals will receive a hosting fee of \$250
- Lunches for the players in finals will be paid by NEDGA to the host club at \$15 per head.
- Caddies lunches are to be paid for by their club or club members direct to the host club on the day.
- Lunch on finals day will be as specified in 2. (vi). Pg 5. The lunch will be sit-down, with tables of 10, in order to accommodate 2 teams on each. The number of tables will depend on the number of divisions playing. Additional tables are required for caddies and officials.
- An additional “presentation” table should also be provided along with microphone for use by the NEDGA officials.
- NEDGA officials are responsible for completing finals paperwork
- The Host Club is required to provide a number of helpers to assist the NEDGA officials on the day. This may include helping as starters and pace of play monitoring and will be agreed in advance.
- The Host Club should provide NEDGA officials with a list of local rules and any GUR or abnormal course conditions they should be aware of.
- The Host Club should make one cart available for use by NEDGA officials on the day.



2026 Women's Pennant Pennant Players of the Year

We will once again be awarding a Pennant Player of the Year in each Division for 2026.

These awards will be presented at the District Championships in June, along with the Pennant Flags to each Division's winning team.

Throughout the season points will be awarded for games played, games won, and the ease of the win or loss.

2025 POTY Winners

Div 1: Julie Kirchen
Yarrawonga

Div 2: Olivia Ng
Yarrawonga

Div 3: Kerry Newton
Myrtleford

Div 4: Julie-Ann Davies
Commercial Albury



2026 Women's NEDGA Pennant Results Sheet

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DIVISION	
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DATE	
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Team 1-

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Team 1 Captain signature-

Team 2-

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4			<input type="text"/>				
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Team 2 Captain signature-

Won By	Score
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Email this completed sheet by 5pm of the match day to:
nedgawomen@gmail.com