



RULES for GOLF NT PENNANT 2011 - 2012

1. The teams will consist of six(6) players with the following handicap breakdown:

A Grade	2 players	0 - 12 Handicap
B Grade	2 players	13 - 18 Handicap
C Grade	2 players	19 - 27 Handicap

Players playing off higher handicaps than 27 are eligible to play but must play off the maximum handicap of 27.

2. All Players must be a financial member of Golf NT.
3. Players being members of more than one club have their choice of representation but cannot represent two clubs or transfer between clubs once the competition has started.
4. Players of one team within a club cannot change teams after playing their first game.
5. There will be strokes given/taken (full difference) between players on their handicaps on the day of play in all grades and the Match Play index will be used and the lowest handicapper reverts to zero (0) handicap.
6. All sheets are to have player's names and handicaps placed on the sheets. There is a \$10.00 player's fee each game of which \$5.00 goes to Golf NT for Trophies etc., and \$5.00 goes to the home club for organizing the BBQ etc.. All sheets are to be signed by an authorized member of the team prior to the commencement of the match and also on completion of the match including the scores and points. Each Captain writes down their Team Sheet in playing order and then passes it to the authorized Golf NT representative for that day for the announcement of the pairing. This must be completed prior to the first tee time of your Team.
7. All players must play in the grade they commence in. A player qualifies for a specific grade by playing 3 games for that grade. If a player at any stage through the Pennants has his handicap adjusted below his current Grade he must now play with that handicap. (e.g. a "B" Grade players exact is 12.7 he has his Handicap reduced to 12.4, the player will stay in B grade but must now play off a 12 handicap, forfeiting an extra stroke in B Grade.
8. If a Club/Team has difficulty filling either an A or B Grade position a player who has played in B or C grade may fill that position for 2 games only (as long as he has not played 3 games to qualify for that specific grade). This will be the exception rather than the rule.
9. If there is reason for a player to play down a Grade this is within the rules, However he must play off the highest handicap for that Grade (e.g. a Player plays off 23 he may play in B Grade (for 2 games only) but now must play off 18.
10. Teams will play in groups of four (4) with "A" Grade teeing off first, "B" Grade then, "C" Grade.
11. If an individual match is squared (level) on completion of 18 holes the match is declared square and each player is awarded half a point each.

The exception to this is the Semi Finals and the Finals matches where if a score is squared (level) on completion of 18 holes the match *must* continue down the 1st (19th) giving/ taking shots as applicable until a result is reached (Penalty for breach both players disqualified). The Match Play Index is to be used once more from the 19th hole.

12. Teams will be declared in order of tee- off on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the games. The team having the honour on the first tee is the first team on the draw.



13. If Matches/Games are washed out the result will be a draw (Half Points), this includes the win points. ie. The teams will get 1 + 3 each = 4 points each.
- If the semi final round or final is washed out the game/s will be replayed the following weekend or at a time convenient to all concerned.
- The results of Matches/Games in the clubhouse will stand. The Match Referee will consult with the match committee of the day and the team captains to decide on the course of action for further play. Where a decision can not be agreed upon a vote will be conducted. If the vote is tied the match referee has a casting vote to break the deadlock.
14. The home club venue will provide a Match Referee for the days play; he may be called upon to make a decision. Any disputes on these decisions, or any other matters are required in writing to the Secretary, GOLF NT Inc. (address above), no later than the following Friday. The Match Referee is also responsible for the completion of all team sheets and returning them to the GOLF NT Inc. Representative with the GOLF NT Inc's portion of the starters fee. The Match Referee must always be available for adjudication of any matter/s that require/s a ruling.
15. Golf Carts may used by any player in this competition. Players sharing golf carts must be aware of the rules when sharing carts as to whose equipment the cart is. Eg. In singles match play, if A and B are sharing a cart and A's ball in motion is deflected or stopped by the cart, A loses the hole (Rule 19-2a) unless the cart is being driven or pulled by B when the incident occurs. If B is driving or pulling the cart, there is no penalty, and A would have the option of playing his ball as it lies or replaying the stroke (Rule 19-3). Penalty for breach – Loss of hole.
16. 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 (i.e. gradient, windspeed, temperature. etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such application is actually used.
17. All forfeits will only obtain a 4 – 2 win (6 points). The forfeiting team scores no points.
18. At the conclusion of round 11 a semi finals and finals round will be held comprising the top 4 teams. In the event of 2 teams equal on points at the end of round 11 a count back will be held to decide positions on the ladder. This will be done first on games won then on matches won to determine positions on the ladder.
19. The Semi finals matches will be Team 1 vs. Team 4 and this shall be played at Team 1's home club. Team 2 vs. Team 3 and this shall be played at Team 2's home club. (For Jabiru & Katherine this shall take place at a venue of their choice in Darwin). The highest ranked winner out of the semi finals matches shall then have the home ground advantage for the Final Game.
20. All finals matches will continue until there is a result. A sudden death playoff will be held in the event of a Game being all square in the semi finals or final game. All 6 players from each team shall play the first hole in a match play format against their original opponent giving or receiving shots as required by their handicaps. If the game is still all square, the playoff shall continue to the second hole and so on until a result is achieved. This shall be played in groups of 4 immediately after the conclusion of a drawn finals game.
21. Definitions
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| Game | The whole team is a game, |
| Matches | One on one is a match |
| Scoring | Points will be allocated at half a point each for a drawn match (except for finals matches, see 11), 1 point per winning match and 2 additional points for the winning game. One additional point will be allocated to each team in the event of a drawn game |