



2019 FNQGA Pennant Conditions of Competition

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The competition is open to teams of male amateur players from affiliated FNQGA clubs.
2. Players may compete in A grade providing they have a GA Handicap on the day of play.
3. Players in B grade must have a GA Handicap on the day of play of at least 10.5.
4. Players in C grade must have a GA Handicap on the day of play of at least 17.5.
5. Players who are restricted or suspended from playing at any FNQGA affiliated club on the day of any round are not eligible to play for any team.

TEAMS:

6. Teams consist of five (5) players for each of A, B and C grades (15 players).
7. Teams may represent a single club or be a composite of players from two or more clubs.
8. A player cannot play for more than one team during the competition season.
9. Teams will be divided into a North district and a South district with preliminary rounds and a semi-final and final.
10. Players must have full playing rights at the club they represent. Players representing composite teams must have full playing rights at one of the clubs in the composite team.
11. Clubs entering teams must make their courses available to host at least one round of the competition without green fees.
12. Teams must nominate yearly on or before the 30th April by email to match@fnqgolf.com.au.

PLAY:

13. All matches are to be played under the R&A Rules of Golf, the local rules of the host club and the FNQGA Code of Conduct. The attention of all teams and players is particularly drawn to Rule 20.
14. Matches are to be played 'off the stick' in all grades.
15. Except for the semi-finals and final, play should be in groups of 4 starting at 8AM.
16. No two players from the same team may play in the same group.
17. Except for the semi-finals and final, matches which are square after 18 holes are halved.
18. Except for the semi-finals and final, all matches will be played as a shot gun start.
19. Fifteen minutes before the scheduled starting time a representative of each team must attend a briefing by the representative of the host club.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

20. Players are responsible for cost of cart hire, food, beverages and all other personal expenses.

21. Host clubs must provide a representative to receive team lists and to provide the briefing before play. The briefing must include any local rules not printed on the club scorecard.
22. Each team must nominate a captain who must give the representative of the host club a list of all players in numerical playing order at least half an hour before the scheduled starting time.
23. Host clubs must reserve the entire course for the duration of the match and reserve practice areas until all matches have started.
24. Host clubs must provide the FNQGA with a draw for the day's play showing the starting hole for each match from A1 to C5 at least a week before play.
25. Host clubs should provide the FNQGA with relevant information for circulation to clubs at least a week before play.
26. The FNQGA will nominate one or more rules officials for each contest whose decisions are final.

SCORING and RESULTS:

27. In each grade the team which wins the greatest number of individual matches is the winner of the contest. The winning team will be awarded two (2) points. No points are awarded for losing teams. If the number of individual matches is equal, then the winner is the team with the greater number of holes won. If the number of holes won is equal, then the contest is tied. Both teams in a tied contest will be awarded one (1) point.
28. Failure by a team to field five (5) players in each grade will result in that team forfeiting all points in that grade for that contest. Players who are not present when the captain submits their list must be allocated to the lowest position(s). Match(es) with only one player present must be recorded as a 10 and 8 win to that player. A team with a full grade must still win or tie the contest to receive points.
29. Team captains must complete and sign a results form approved by the FNQGA showing all match results. The form must be returned to the rules official(s) nominated by the FNQGA within 15 minutes of the completion of the last match.
30. After both Captains have signed and returned the results form, the results are final unless disputes are lodged. Disputes must be lodged together with the results form and must be in writing including written statements of all parties necessary to resolve the dispute. In this instance the result will remain pending until the Full FNQGA Match committee have investigated and resolved the dispute.

FINALS:

31. The semi-finals and final will be played at Palmer Sea Reef on dates and times and in groups and in the order arranged by the FNQGA.
32. The leading two teams in the North and South districts in each grade are entitled to play in the semi-finals.
33. Positions in the North and South district will be decided on total points, then if tied decided on total games won, then if tied decided on total holes won, then if tied decided on the results of the match(es) when the tied teams played each other in the preliminary rounds (first on points then games and holes if necessary).
34. The leading team from each district will play the second placed team from the other district.
35. Matches finishing square after eighteen (18) holes must be played to a result if the contest is yet to be decided.
36. Should a winner be unable to be determined in a semi-final or final for any reason, the FNQGA Match Committee or its appointed rules officials will in their sole discretion determine a method for deciding the winner.