



# 2025 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 9.5.
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 play each other once in the preliminary rounds followed by a semi-final and final.
10. Not all Matches will be played on Neutral grounds. A team which does not host a round will not play against a home team during the preliminary rounds.
11. 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.
12. Clubs entering teams must make their courses available to host at least one round of the competition without green fees.
13. Teams must nominate yearly on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> April by email to [match@fnqgolf.com.au](mailto:match@fnqgolf.com.au).

## **PLAY:**

14. 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.
15. Matches are to be played 'off the stick' in all grades.
16. Except for the semi-finals and final, play should be in groups of 4 commencing at 8AM.
17. No two players from the same team may play in the same group.
18. If a match is tied after 18 holes, extra holes must be played until a winner is achieved.
19. Except for the semi-finals and final, all matches will be played as a shot gun start.
20. Fifteen minutes before the scheduled starting time a representative of each team must attend a briefing by the representative of the host club.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

21. Players are responsible for cost of cart hire, food, beverages and all other personal expenses.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. Host clubs must reserve the entire course for the duration of the match and reserve practice areas until all matches have started.

25. 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.
26. Host clubs should provide the FNQGA with relevant information for circulation to clubs at least a week before play.
27. The FNQGA will nominate one or more rules officials for each contest whose decisions are final. Unless otherwise stated this will be the Match committee of the home course.

## **SCORING and RESULTS:**

28. 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.
29. Failure by a team to field five (5) players in each grade will result in that team forfeiting win points and match and hole points in that grade for that contest. Match(es) with only one player present must be recorded as a 10 and 8 win to that player. The team with the full grade is awarded the win points but must still win matches and holes for accumulative match and hole points.
30. Team captains must complete and sign a results sheet approved by the FNQGA showing all match results. The results sheet must be returned to the rules official(s) nominated by the FNQGA within 15 minutes of the completion of the last match. The home club will E Mail the results to [match@fnqgolf.com.au](mailto:match@fnqgolf.com.au)
31. After both Captains have signed and returned the results form, the results are final unless disputes (Will only be considered if there was information that was not available at the time) 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.  
For the purposes of transparency, the full FNQGA Match Committee is the members of the FNQGA management committee which hold no playing rights at the clubs which are in dispute. The resources of Golf Queensland's rules committee will be called upon if needed.

## **FINALS:**

32. The semi-finals and final will be played at a venue on dates (FNQGA Calendar) and times and in groups and in the order arranged by the FNQGA.  
2025 Innisfail, 2026 Cairns, 2027 Mareeba, 2028 Gordonvale, 2029 H.M.B.G.C., 2030 Atherton, 2031 Mossman, 2032 Southern Districts.
33. The Semi Finals will be contested as follows – Position 1 v Position 2 from opposite Divisions.
34. Positions will be decided on total points, then if tied decided on total matches won, then if tied decided on total holes won, then if tied decided on the result of the contest when the tied teams played each other in the preliminary rounds.
35. The Final will be contested by the winning semi-final teams.
36. Matches finishing square after eighteen (18) holes must be played to a result if the contest is yet to be decided.
37. 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.
38. CRAIG HARNETT CHAMPION PENNANTS CLUB – Will be the club who has won the most POINTS in all grades combined during the preliminary rounds. If tied most Matches won in all grades combined during the preliminary rounds. If still Tied most HOLES won in all grades combined during the preliminary rounds. If still tied, the clubs will be awarded joint Champions.
39. Finals will be held on consecutive Sundays, to allow clubs to have their normal Saturday competition.

40. Social green fees applicable to the finals host club, will be paid per player to the host club on each finals weekend (Sunday)
41. If a Club Forfeits in all grades, it is automatically excluded from the Pennants Competition for a minimum of 2 years.