



**Men's Events & Pennant**  
**By-Laws**  
**&**  
**Rules**

## MEN'S EVENTS

### BY LAW No. 10: RULES OF GOLF

1.1 The Rules of Golf as approved from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, and adopted by Golf Australia shall be the Rules of Golf of the League and Member Clubs.

### BY LAW No. 11: HANDICAPPING AND COURSE RATING

The Australian Course Rating system as approved from time to time by Golf Australia, and adopted by Golf Victoria, shall be the system used by the League for rating courses on which Members conduct competitions.

The Australian Handicapping system as approved from time to time by Golf Australia and adopted by the Golf Victoria shall be the method used by the Members of the League to determine the golf handicap of each affiliate.

Where a Member Club wishes to install and use a computerized handicapping System, other than Golf-Link, the Club shall inform the committee of the League prior to the installation of the system and supply a copy of the record produced by the system. The committee shall examine the record to ensure that it complies with the requirements as laid down by the Golf Australia Handicapping system.

The maximum GA handicap for all V.G.L. competitions is 27.4

### BY LAW No. 12: MAJOR CLUB EVENTS

Any Member Club who wishes to conduct a Major Event or Charity event on its course on Saturday or Sunday shall inform the Executive Manager of the League in writing of the proposal.

The Executive Manager of the League shall examine the proposal to determine whether the proposed date of competition conflicts with any other League event.

All clubs must submit their syllabus for the ensuing year by 31<sup>st</sup> January in each year.

### BY-LAW No.13 : BULK ENTRY FEES

Each Member Club with male members shall at the time of paying Affiliation Fees, pay to the League, an amount set annually by the committee as a Bulk Entry Fee.

The Bulk Entry Fee will cover the costs of one compulsory entry from each club for each of the following events:- Men's Foursomes Championship (2 players), Mixed Foursomes (2 players), Men's Open Championship (A.R. Martin 1 player), Men's President's Trophy (1 player), Men's Team's Event (4 players), Men's Champion of Champions (1 player), Men's Medalist of Medalists (1 player) and President, Captain, Secretary, Delegates Day (4 players). This equates to 16 green fees and catering at most events.

Notes:

*The Veteran's Championship, Senior's 4BBB Championship, and the Junior Championship entry fees are **not** included in the Bulk Entry Fees.*

### BY LAW No.14: LEAGUE EVENTS

Where entry to a League event is declared compulsory, each Member will be required to enter a specified number of players in that event. The number of players to be entered shall be set by the League's Committee.

Each Member will be required to complete an entry form for each League event and such entry form shall be returned to the League by the date specified.

A Member who has paid entry fees in advance shall be required to submit an entry form for League events. An entry will be deemed not to have been received unless the entry form is returned to the League on or before the due date specified.

Any Member who has entered in any League Competition, and is not represented on the day, may incur a \$50.00 penalty.

All scratch events, in the case of ties, will be decided by a sudden death playoff on holes determined by the League Match Committee on the day.

All Nett events, in the case of ties, will be decided by the count-back method as recommended by Golf Australia.

The V.G.L. Teams event will be a stableford event with the result being the best 3 cards out of four returned. In the event of a tie the fourth card will act as a tie breaker. If still tied then the count-back method as recommended by Golf Australia will be used. If both teams do not have a fourth card then the third card will be used for count-back purposes.

#### **BY LAW No. 15: V.G.L. MEDAL COMPETITION**

The conditions of competition of the "V.G.L. Monthly Medal" shall be set from time to time by the League. Each Member shall conduct a stroke play competition using Australian handicaps to be known as the "V.G.L. Monthly Medal".

At least eight (8) "V.G.L. Monthly Medals" shall be conducted by each Member Club in each year. Trophies shall be purchased from the League and awarded to each Monthly Medalist.

Ties in "V.G.L. Monthly Medals" must be decided by the count-back method as recommended by Golf Australia.

#### **BY LAW No. 16: V.G.L. MEDALLIST OF MEDALLISTS COMPETITION**

Each Member shall conduct an event prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> November of each year in which the monthly Medalists shall compete in a stroke play competition. The winner of this event shall be known as the "Club Medalist of Medalists". To be eligible to win the Club Medalist of Medalists the player **must** be available to represent his Club in the V.G.L. Medalist of Medalists on the date as advised in the V.G.L. Program of Events for that year.

In November of each year, the League shall invite the "Club Medalist of Medalists" to take part in a stroke play competition to determine the winner of the title "V.G.L. Medalist of Medalists".

Ties in "V.G.L. Medalist of Medalists" will be decided by the count-back method as recommended by Golf Australia.

The conditions of the competition shall be determined from time to time by the League. If a Club is not represented in this event, it shall incur a penalty of \$50

#### **BY LAW No 17: P.C.S.D. EVENT**

Each year the League will hold a President, Captain, Secretary and Delegate's event. This event will be a stableford competition and open to member clubs paying the bulk entry fee.

Only the current President, Captain, Secretary and Delegate are eligible to play in the event. Exception:- provided the League has been provided with written advice of current office bearers the following substitutes may be permitted.

President may only be substituted with Vice President  
Captain may only be substituted with Vice Captain  
Secretary may only be substituted with Assistant Secretary or Treasurer  
Delegate may only be substituted with any current Committee person  
No other substitutes will be allowed.

#### **BY LAW No 18: CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS EVENT**

The League shall invite each member's current Club Champion to take part in a gross stroke play competition to determine the winner of the title "V.G.L. Champion of Champions". No substitutes will be allowed.

#### **BY LAW No. 19: MOTORIZED RIDE-ON CARTS**

Players having obtained the age of 70 may use ride-on motorized golf carts for League events without the need of applying for League approval.

The League's Committee may approve that an individual player may use a Motorized golf cart upon the following procedure being followed:-

An application for the use of a motorized golf cart is made in writing to the League on the form as supplied by the League.

The application is supported by a certificate from the player's medical practitioner or at the discretion of the Committee of the League.

The League's Committee may request from the player making an application any further information that it requires in order to formulate a decision.

Once permission has been granted by the League, such Motorized golf carts may be used in all League Events.

The final decision to permit the use of motorized golf carts on any course is a decision for the management of the course, who may require proof of insurance. It is the responsibility of the player to obtain the appropriate permission prior to using the motorized golf cart on any course.

**BY LAW No.20 MEASURING DEVICES & MOBILE PHONES**

Local rule Appendix 1B-9 permits the use of Distance measuring devices in all League competitions.

Distance measuring devices must be limited to measuring distances only – a breach of the local rule would occur if the device has the capability of gauging or measuring other conditions such as wind speed, gradient, temperature etc. There would be a breach of the rules even if the additional functions can be switched off or disengaged.

Mobile phones may be carried during a competition but must be switched off unless to use in the event of an emergency to summon assistance or to obtain a rule decision.

**BY LAW No. 21: VGL MEN'S PENNANT COMPETITION**

The League shall conduct an annual match play competition to be known as “Men’s V.G.L. Pennant”.

The League’s Committee shall determine the conditions on which the competition shall be conducted and the League shall publish the conditions and distribute the conditions to each Member.

Unless exemption is granted to any Member club, each Member shall enter at least one team in the handicap pennant competition each year.

Any Member wishing an exemption from entering a team in the annual pennant competition shall apply to the League setting out in full the grounds on which it applies for exemption from entering a pennant team.

The League’s Committee shall consider any application for exemption, and by special resolution grant an exemption to a member.

- 21.1 Men’s Pennant Rules

## EVENT & PENNANT RULES

### HANDICAPS

1. The maximum GA handicap for all V.G.L. competitions is 27.4.  
Players with Provisional handicaps are ineligible to play in V.G.L. competitions.

### DRESS

- 2.(a) The following DRESS standards will apply to all Pennant Matches:  
SHIRTS: MUST have a COLLAR attached.  
No TEE SHIRTS or TANK TOPS are permitted.  
TROUSERS: Appropriate Slacks, Plus Fours or Plus Twos ONLY. (No Denim)  
SHORTS: May be worn with the appropriate SPORT SOCKS. Shorts resembling football shorts in appearance or colour are not permitted.  
SHOES: Correct Golf Shoes are to be worn on the Golf Course suitable to course rules.  
In the Clubhouse: Host club rules apply.
- (b) Any PLAYER or CADDIE who reports to the tee in dress that does not comply with the standards as set out in 2.(a) shall be DISQUALIFIED.

### PERSONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY & MOTORIZED RIDE ON CARTS

- 3.(a) Some courses can be physically taxing on players physical abilities to complete a match. It is the player's responsibility to take into account his personal health when competing on some courses.
- (b) In circumstances of hot weather and humidity, contest may be suspended or cancelled at the discretion of the respective VGL committee or representatives thereof present at the host venue.
- (c) The use of Motorized Ride-On Golf Carts in Pennant is permitted, provided that permission has been granted in accordance with the Leagues policy on the use of Motorized Golf Carts and that permission has been granted by the Course Management concerned. Penalty for Breach: Player or Players using cart shall be DISQUALIFIED.  
Exception: Visiting SENIOR'S PENNANT players who are competing at Emerald Golf Course may use a motorized ride- on Golf cart if they consider that they could be physically affected by the severe inclines.

### LIQUOR

4. The consumption or carrying of any alcoholic beverages during a pennant match by a Player, caddie or nominated official is absolutely prohibited.  
Breach by Player or Caddie: Player is DISQUALIFIED  
Breach by any nominated Official: Team is DISQUALIFIED.

### DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

5. Distance measuring devices are permitted in any League competition. (Local Rule).  
Distance measuring devices must be limited to measuring distances only – a breach of the local rule would occur if the device has the capability of gauging or measuring other conditions such as wind speed, gradient, temperature etc. There would be a breach of the rules even if the additional functions can be switched off or disengaged.  
Penalty for Breach - Player is Disqualified.

### MOBILE PHONES

6. Mobile phones may be carried during a competition but must be switched off during the match unless to use in the event of an emergency to summon assistance or to obtain a rules decision.  
Penalty for Breach of this rule by a player or his caddie is – Disqualification.

### CADDIES

7. No professional golfer or caddie will be permitted to caddie in any form of pennant.

### PENNANT COMPETITION

8. (a) The Pennant competition shall be conducted in the following Grades:  
Scratch: Open scratch match-play, **not seeded**  
Handicap: Handicap match-play with **seeded draw**. [GA Handicap range 0 – 27.4]  
Seniors: Handicap match-play with **seeded draw**. [GA Handicap range 0–27.4]  
Junior: Handicap match-play with **seeded draw**. [GA Handicap range 0–27.4]

**Note: Definition:- SEEDED DRAW – playing order MUST be arranged in Daily Handicap order i.e. player 7 (highest handicap) down to player 1 (lowest handicap). Player 8 (6 in Junior and Senior's) is not included in the seeding.**

- (b) The Committee of the League, subject to the League's Rules shall control the pennant competitions in all respects.
- (c) Each club affiliated with the League must field at least one (1) team in pennant competition, (handicap team **must** be first choice) and the League's Committee reserves the right to allocate teams to Grades as it sees fit. A Club may enter in all Grades if it wishes,
- (d) The number of teams to make up each grade shall be determined by the League's Committee, and each Grade shall be composed of Divisions.
- (e) The competition between teams will be known as a contest. A contest will consist of a defined number of matches. Contests will be played upon the course first named in the draw issued by the League.
- (f) The General penalty for a breach of the Pennant Rules is Disqualification.
- (g) If a player is disqualified under these rules, then no points will be awarded to that player.

#### ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 9.(a) A player in Senior Scratch, Handicap and Seniors Pennant must be a bona-fide member of the Club that he represents by the 1st January in the current year. He must also hold a current Australian Handicap prior to the first round of pennant. Should a player join the club after 1<sup>st</sup> January and has not played with a VGL club in the previous year, the club may write to the V.G.L. golf committee to request consideration for special dispensation. Any request must be submitted prior to the first round of pennant.

**As of the 1st October in the preceding year until the first round of pennant each player must return at least four cards in singles competition played at the club they represent.** (Junior pennant is exempt from this clause).

A player competing in Seniors pennant must have attained the age of 50 years prior to the first round of the season.

A player in Junior Pennant **MUST** be under the age of 21 (twenty One) years of age on the date of the Premiership final of the Junior Pennant competition. In Junior Pennant, Clubs will be able to invite members from another Club to form a Team, however once a player represents any team, he cannot participate for any other team/Club during the current season of Junior Pennant.

- (b) A player must be an amateur golfer as defined under the Rules of Golf at the commencement of the Pennant competition, not have played in Pennant competition for any other Victorian Golf League club or in any other Pennant competition during the current Victorian Golf League pennant season (Season commences 1<sup>st</sup> January). (Junior and Senior's Pennant is exempt from this rule)
- (c) Each club must submit a form registering proposed pennant players for the season (supplied to club by the V.G.L.), this registration form must include golf-link number (if applicable). Players not on the registration form can be added, once they compete in their first match, by including their golf-link number on their first match result sheet or by informing Executive Manager in writing in the time frame stated by Rule 13(a).
- (d) Once a player has played two (2) matches in scratch pennant, he becomes ineligible to play in the handicap pennant team for the remainder of the current season.  
Note: Player 8 is included under this rule.
- (e) To qualify to play in finals matches, a player must compete in at least two matches in the grade in which he qualifies. (Where a three team competition creates a bye then only one match is required to qualify for finals).
- (f) All competition cards from competitions held prior to each pennant round **MUST** be processed in the Golf-Link system before each pennant round. It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that team members are playing off their current and correct handicap. For those clubs not on Golf Link, competitions held prior to each pennant round must be manually processed and handicaps updated before each pennant round.
- (g) For the purposes of handicap match play, the Australian DAILY handicap that applies on the day and date on the course the match takes place shall be the handicap that is utilized for the purposes of the match.

#### RECIPROCAL GREEN FEES.

10. The host club is responsible for the payment of both teams green fees to the course operator. It is the responsibility of the host club to ascertain if any concessional rates apply to any of the teams' members.

COMPOSITION OF TEAMS.

11.(a) Teams shall consist of:

Scratch: (8) Eight Players  
Handicap: (8) Eight Players  
Seniors: (6) Six Players  
Junior: (6) Six Players

- (b) The Manager of any Pennant team need not be a player, but shall be an amateur under the Rules of Golf and a Member of the Club for which he represents. (Junior pennant is exempt from this rule).
- (c) The Team Manager shall be notified to the opposing team at the commencement of the match.
- (d) The Pennant competition shall be a team competition and a non-playing Team Manager may act within the scope of the Rules of Golf as allowed in the Note to Rule 8.
- (e) The Pennant Team Manager's are responsible to ensure all Pennant Rules and Rules of Golf are enforced. They cannot agree to waive any of these rules. Penalty for Breach - Disqualification of both teams.

ORDER OF PLAY

12.(a) Individual matches are to be played from the tee markers as directed by the host club and in order of the team list. [i.e. Player 8 first, Player 1 last.] Honour for the contest shall be decided by the toss of a coin between the two competing clubs.

All matches are to be played over eighteen holes of match play. If a match is square at the completion of 18 holes, the match shall be treated as a halved match. [See Rule 19 for procedure on halved matches in final.]  
Penalty for Breach:- Disqualification of any player playing out of order.

- (b) The team sheet shall be exchanged with the list of team members in hit off order and a copy of any temporary local rules 10 minutes prior to the stated hit off time. (See Format Below – Handicaps not necessary for scratch pennant). The team sheet must include team members and their GA Handicap to one decimal point and Daily Handicap as a whole number.  
The team list must be in hit off order according to the Daily Handicap.  
The team list should include the team manager.

Penalty for breach. A team not exchanging the team list on time will automatically lose the Player No. 8 match.

<b>TEAM SHEET</b>	
<b>CLUB:</b> .....	
<b>DIVISION</b> .....	
<b>TEAM MANAGER</b> .....	
<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>Handicap</b>
	<b>GA / Daily</b>
No. 8 .....	/ .....
No. 7 .....	/ .....
No. 6 .....	/ .....
No. 5 .....	/ .....
No. 4 .....	/ .....
No. 3 .....	/ .....
No. 2 .....	/ .....
No. 1 .....	/ .....

**Once the team sheet is exchanged by both teams it must not be altered, and any player not ready to play when called to the first tee will forfeit the match.**

- (c) If the Team Manager is not part of a match in the contest, he is to be treated as an outside agency. A player receiving advice from any person other than his caddie or non playing Team Manager shall be subject to penalties described in Rule 8. (Rules of Golf) If the Team Manager is a player or caddie he **cannot** give advice to any other team member while he is engaged in his match.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

- 13(a) In Scratch, Handicap and Junior pennant the Team Manager of the WINNING TEAM must POST, FAX or DELIVER the RESULT SHEET to reach the Executive Manager of the League no later than WEDNESDAY following the contest. In Seniors pennant the Team Manager of the Winning team must post, fax, or deliver the result sheet to reach the Executive Manager of the League no later than the MONDAY following the contest. Penalty for Breach: **Being the winning team's sole responsibility that the results arrive by the prescribed time, that team shall lose all points gained in the contest**
- (b) **The Team Manager of each team must check result sheet for accuracy and sign declaration on sheet. Result sheets that are incomplete or incorrect will result in the offending team losing points gained in each match that is incorrect.**



**PENNANT MATCH RESULT**

Handicap Division \_\_\_\_\_ Date:- \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golf course: \_\_\_\_\_ Slope rating of course played:- \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed and signed sheet must be faxed or posted by the winning Team Manager as soon as possible - as per Rule 13(a).**

Fax No: 8677 1144

Postal address: Suite 2/ 19 - 21 Hoddle St, Richmond 3121

**POINTS WIN = 2 HALF = 1 LOSS = NIL**  
 If the match is tied then winning player number 8 will be awarded one (1) point to break the tie.  
 Even if result is not decided on player 8 match please show in PTS Column for player 8 either: - W (Win) L (Loss) or H (Halve)

Home team:-  
 \_\_\_\_\_

	PLAYERS NAME	HCP		PTS
		GA	Daily	
8				
7				
6				
5				
4				
3				
2				
1				
Total				

Visiting team:-  
 \_\_\_\_\_

	PLAYERS NAME	HCP		PTS
		GA	Daily	
8				
7				
6				
5				
4				
3				
2				
1				
Total				

I have checked this result sheet thoroughly and confirm that it is complete and correct and aware of the consequences if incorrect.

Home Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Manager: Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Visiting Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Manager: Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Winner of Match \_\_\_\_\_

- (c) In HANDICAP, SENIORS AND JUNIOR PENNANT, the current GA Handicap and DAILY Handicap of each player **MUST** be entered beside their name on the result sheet of each match in which the Player takes part.  
 Penalty for Breach. Any player whose GA and DAILY handicap is not recorded or recorded incorrectly shall be DISQUALIFIED and lose any points gained in the match.



### LOCAL RULES

- 14.(a) All clubs must submit a card and copy of their current Local Rules and current Temporary Local Rules to be used for pennant to the VGL 14 days prior to the first round of pennant in which the club competes. Any additions, modifications to Local and/or Temporary Local Rules must be forwarded to the VGL at least 7 days from their enforcement.
- (b) The Team Manager of the Home Team shall supply to the Team Manager of the Visiting Team a copy of all local rules adopted by the Club upon whose Course the Pennant Match is to be played. The Visiting Team should also be advised of any temporary local rules in force on the day of the Contest.
- (c) Players are not permitted to practice on the course on the day of competition.
- (d) Prior to the commencement of play. Practice is permitted only in the designated practice areas of the host club.  
Penalty for Breach of (b) or (c) - DISQUALIFICATION of player or players involved.  
Note: It is the responsibility of all players to observe their obligations as guests when playing away from their home club. Many host clubs have special requirements concerning sand buckets, shoes and buggies. Host clubs are required to notify visiting teams in writing of these requirements when confirming tee times.

### SPONSORSHIP LOGO ON CLOTHING.

15. It is permissible for a Pennant Team to carry a sponsor's Logo on shirts or other items of clothing in accordance with the guidelines set down by the Victorian Golf Association.
- It must be clearly understood that Sponsorship applies to the ENTIRE TEAM or TEAMS, and not to individuals within a Team. For Sponsorship of a Pennant Team to be permissible, the following conditions must be adhered to. Failure to adhere to the guidelines as set out may result- in a BREACH of the PLAYER'S AMATEUR STATUS.
- (b) All Members of the Pennant Team should wear all the Sponsored Clothing.
- (c) The Logo or Badge, which appears on the Clothing, must not exceed 220mm perimeter measurement, that is measurement around the outside of the Logo or Badge.
- (d) Only ONE Sponsors Logo can appear on each item of clothing, although the Sponsor's names may vary between items, e.g. one Sponsors name on a shirt and another on a visor.  
Any queries on the suitability of any Sponsor's Logo to be used on clothing during Pennant Matches, these should be referred to the League's Committee for their consideration.  
Penalty for Breach - DISQUALIFICATION for each player in breach of this rule.

### ADVERSE WEATHER

16. (a) Abandoning Contests: In all cases of inclement weather, fog or bad course conditions, every effort should be made to complete all matches on the scheduled day. If agreed by the nominated Team Manager's that completion is not possible, play is to be suspended [see Golf Rules 33-2 and 6-8b]. If play cannot be resumed, then the contest is abandoned and each team shall be awarded two premiership points and seven individual points.
- (b) Should any player consider that there is danger from a threat of lightning in the area he should discontinue play until he considers it safe to resume. The player is the sole judge as to the discontinuance of play due to danger from the threat of lightning.

### DATES and TIMES FOR CONTESTS

17. (a) Once published, the draw can only be varied by the League Committee, or after a teams' written application to the Executive Manager of the League, at least (7) days prior to the date of the fixture and provided such variation is then approved by the Committee.
- (b) The draw for all contests [except Thursday Seniors] is to be played on a Sunday. The League would approve contests being played on the preceding Saturday, by mutual agreement of both teams, otherwise contests to be played on the Sunday as drawn.
- (c) The starting time of pennant contests, shall be fixed between 7.00am and 12.00 noon on the day of the draw. Should circumstances affecting the starting time of the contest, both Team Manager's may mutually agree to forfeit their rights to protest the starting time of the contest. Otherwise a protest may be lodged with the League. [Rule 21].
- (d) It is the responsibility of the First Named/Home Club, to make arrangements for starting times with the proprietor of the course, well in advance of the pennant competition. These arrangements must be notified in writing to the visiting Club at least [7] seven days prior to the date on which the contest is to take place.

Should Clubs fail to notify the visiting team of the appropriate arrangements under this rule, it is possible that a protest against the Club could be lodged with the League Committee, and a penalty imposed under rule 21.

- (e) At the same time of notification of starting times, the Home Club MUST state the tee markers that will be used for the contest and the slope rating of that course.
- (f) In the case of a team notifying the opposing team that they wish to forfeit a contest, it will not be necessary for the team receiving the forfeit, to attend the venue for the contest.

METHOD OF PLAY

- 18. (a) Each Division shall play a series of home and away contests, unless otherwise directed by the leagues committee.
- (b) The index to be used for handicap match play shall be the Australian Match-Play Index.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Index	18	8	12	3	14	6	10	1	16	5	11	2	15	7	13	4	17	9

- (c) If a match commences at the tenth hole then the index to be applied shall be:-

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Index	18	8	12	3	14	6	10	1	16	5	11	2	15	7	13	4	17	9

- (d) Should the course management direct that play shall commence at the 10th hole then that hole shall become the first hole for the purpose of allocating strokes against the Match-play Index.
- (e) Play shall be decided by holes and no matches shall proceed beyond the eighteenth hole. In the event of a tied result in a home and away game, the winning player 8 match shall be awarded one (1) point for the purpose of breaking the tie. In the event of the match between Player's 8 being tied at the eighteenth hole, and the score being equal between the scoring matches the contest shall be declared halved and each team shall be awarded two premiership points.
- (f) The Team which gains the greatest number of individual match points shall be the winner of the contest and shall gain FOUR premiership points. In the event of a tie between teams each team shall be awarded two premiership points.
- (g) Points for individual matches shall be two (2) for a win and one (1) point for each match finishing square at the eighteenth hole.

FINALS.

- 19.(a) The two (2) teams gaining the highest number of (a) premiership points then (b) individual points shall play off for the Divisional Pennant. The leading teams in a division will be those teams which have the greatest number of premiership points. In the event that the premiership points are equal, then the leading teams will be those which have the greatest number of individual points.

If still tied then the results between the two tied teams will be compared.

If still tied then the Number 8 player results between the two tied teams will be compared.

If still tied then the VGL will draw lots to determine the leading teams.

[Note: for this reason it is important that managers record the result of the Player 8 match on the result sheet, even if it is not a factor in the contest.]

- (b) In the event of a TIE the Player 8 match will count.
- (c) Should the Player 8 match result in a tie then only the highest ranked tied match will continue until a result is obtained.
- (d) Should play in the VGL Pennant finals be abandoned in accordance with the Rules of Golf 6-8 then the pennant shall be awarded to the team that finished on top of the division after the home and away series.

PACE OF PLAY and MONITORING PACE

- 20. The VGL and many course managements are concerned with the pace of play within golf competitions. It is therefore our intention to make a concerted effort to substantially improve the pace of play in pennant, finals, and other events. The committee consider that it would be reasonable for a group of four players to take an average of 15 minutes per hole. (4 hours & 30 minutes for the round.)

**Should a situation exist between the host club and the course management regarding the pace of play in pennant then the host club may appoint a course marshal to dispense penalties in line with the Special Rules and conditions applying to Pennant finals.**

**The opposing team may also appoint a marshal for the match. The appointed marshal's must be non players and may be the team managers.**

Each group must maintain its position in the field with respect to the group in front of them. Any group with a clear hole in front of them will be considered out of position. Any such group found out of position will be monitored and penalties will be issued.

Note: A complete copy of SPECIAL RULES AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO PENNANT FINALS will be distributed to all competitors at the finals venues.

DISPUTES and PROTESTS.

21.(a) DISPUTES;

If a dispute between players of teams regarding any particular hole or holes in a contest arises, it must be referred to the nominated non playing Team Managers (or playing Managers who have completed their match) of both teams before playing the next hole. If the decision of the Team Manager's is unanimous, their decision shall be binding. If no unanimous decision can be reached, the details of the dispute shall be forwarded in Writing to the League's Committee and MUST be in the hands of the Executive Manager of the League's Committee no later than FORTY EIGHT (48) hours after the date of the match. The decision of the League's Committee on any dispute referred to under this Rule **SHALL BE FINAL**.

Where play has ceased in a match to enable a dispute to be resolved, player in the match should call the following groups through, whether or not they are competition players. The attention of all players is drawn to the Rules of Golf concerning Slow Play and the play of groups following any match in which a dispute arises should not be unduly delayed while a dispute is resolved.

(b) PROTESTS;

Any protest arising from the conduct of a pennant match, apart from a dispute on the play at any hole, MUST be forwarded in WRITING to the League's Committee NOT MORE THAN forty eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the match at which the cause of the Protest arose.

ALL DISPUTES AND PROTESTS ARISING FROM A PENNANT MATCH MUST BE HANDLED THROUGH THE CLUB CAPTAIN'S OF THE CLUBS INVOLVED IN WRITING DIRECT TO THE LEAGUE'S COMMITTEE.

NOTE: Any dispute or protest caused by failure to enforce the PENNANT RULES must be rejected by the League's Committee

POWERS OF THE LEAGUE'S COMMITTEE.

22.(a)The League's Committee shall investigate and decide disputes and protests occurring between Players and/or Clubs when such disputes or protests are submitted to it. The Committee may impose such penalties as it may deem desirable on the Pennant Teams or Players for non-observance of the Pennant Rules or Fixtures The Committee shall have the power to postpone all or any Pennant Matches or ORDER REPLAYS where deemed necessary. The Committee shall award the Pennants for the Season's competition. A large pennant only shall be awarded to the Premier Teams in Division 1 Scratch and Handicap. Premiers in all other Divisions shall be awarded a smaller sized pennant. The League will provide individual medallions for winning team members at cost.

(b) Serious breaches of etiquette and/or behaviour by any player, team official or caddy, may lead to disqualification of the player or team.

PROMOTION & RELEGATION.

23. With the exception of the winner of the highest division, the winner of each division shall be promoted to the next highest division. With the exception of the lowest division, the lowest team in each division shall be relegated to the next lowest division.

This procedure may be modified at the discretion of the league's committee.

To determine relegation or promotion, or to separate second from third to determine who will playoff in finals when the number of contests is tied, then a count back system as used in rule 19(a) will apply.

Note: Senior's and Junior Pennant are exempt from this rule.

PENNANT ENTRIES. (Senior & Junior)

24.(a) Clubs must notify the League by the **30<sup>th</sup> June** of any changes to the ensuing year.

(b) Immediately following the Completion of the current Pennant Season the League's Committee will formulate the Draw for the Conducting of Pennant for the ensuing Pennant Season.

This will in turn be forwarded to Clubs by the 31st of August in each year.

The draw will then be confirmed as soon as possible following any further action that the League's Committee finds necessary.