

**MORNINGTON PENINSULA DISTRICT WOMEN'S GOLF
2012 HANDICAP MATCHPLAY CONDITIONS**

FORMAT

MPDWG Handicap Matchplay will be played in two (2) divisions.

Play will take the form of individual handicap matchplay.

Divisions will be determined once all entries have been received.

MPDWG define a **match** as a contest between two teams and a **game** as a contest between two players within the match.

1. CLUB ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 For a club to be eligible for the 2012 MPDWG Handicap Matchplay season it must:
 - a. Be a fully financial affiliated member club of MPDWG as at 13 February 2012:
 - b. Complete the MPDWG Handicap Matchplay entry form and pay the entry fee by the 13 February 2012.
- 1.2 Each fully affiliated MPDWG Club may enter two teams in the 2012 Handicap Matchplay Competition. One team per Division.
- 1.3 Each Team to consist of five (5) eligible female players who each meet the criteria as set out in Condition 2.

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 A player is eligible for the 2012 MPDWG Handicap Matchplay Season if:
 - a. She is of amateur status and has been an affiliated club member with playing rights of the club she wishes to represent for at least three months prior to playing a match, unless special permission is given by the MPDWG Match Committee.
 - b. Represent only one MPDWG affiliated club during the season.
 - c. A player may have played one game of pennant in the 2012 season.
- 2.2 A player may not represent the same club in the same round of MPDWG Handicap Matchplay on a Thursday and Friday match in the same week. A player in breach of this condition will be disqualified from both matches she contests and game points awarded to her opponents
- 2.3 Should an ineligible player be included in a team, she will be disqualified and her opponent awarded the win
- 2.4 Should a player play out of position, her game and all subsequent games played out of position on that day will be forfeited and the opposing team awarded game points for the games affected.

**NB. NO DISQUALIFICATION PENALTY WILL BE APPLIED UNTIL MPDWG MATCH COMMITTEE
ADJUDICATES ON THE MATTER.**

3. PLAYING ORDER

- 3.1 Players are to be positioned in handicap order within the team.
- 3.2 Players are to be listed in playing order 1-5 on the Team and Result Sheet
- 3.3 Matches shall be played according to the draw.

4. ORDER OF PLAY, TEAM LISTS AND ARRIVAL AT THE TEE

- 4.1 Teams will hit off in reverse order (i.e. Number 5 player first).
- 4.2 The team list must be handed to an official of the opposing team no later than fifteen (15) minutes before the stipulated starting time. Failure to do so may result in the forfeit of the Number 5 player's game of the offending team and for each subsequent ten (10) minutes, the next game will be forfeited.
- 4.3 The team mentioned first in the draw is the Home Club and should hand its Team and Result Sheet to the Starter ten (10) minutes prior to the time stipulated on the draw.
- 4.4 If a team fields fewer than 5 players, walkovers shall be given from the 5th position. If a club intends to give a walkover, either as a team or in an individual game, the MPDWG Handicap Matchplay Manager and the Captain of the opposing team SHOULD be notified by 5pm on the day prior to the match. If an official walkover has been given, the opposing team, or player, need not be present on the day of the round.
- 4.5 In the case of a walkover both sides are to submit a team sheet and the players thereon shall be deemed to have played
- 4.6 Should a player fail to arrive **after** the team list has been submitted, unless she has informed host club officials of special circumstances causing her delay (Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2010-2011, page 102, 6-3a/1.5), her opponent shall receive a walk over. If officials have received satisfactory notice of when the player will arrive, her game may be delayed, but must be played within the teams' allocated time slot. Following matches shall not be delayed awaiting a late arrival.
- 4.7 It is a condition of competition that if a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after her stipulated starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole instead of disqualification. Play will commence from the second hole. MPDWG draw allows 7 minute intervals.
- 4.8 On completion of each match both captains are to complete the results sheet, sign as correct and hand to the Host Club official.

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5. GENERAL CONDITIONS

5.1 The 2012 MPDWG Standard Conditions of Entry apply for the 2012 Handicap Matchplay Season.

5.2 Players who have a permanent disability or are recovering from serious illness or injury and are unable to play without the use of a motorised vehicle **must carry a current Medical Certificate at all times** .

Penalty: Rules of Golf Appendix 1, Part C-9.

Exception: Rules Officials may use a motorised vehicle to transport a player in the interests of pace of play where necessary without penalty.

In the interest of player health and safety at venues where golf carts are not available or permitted, players with a permanent cart certificate should exclude themselves from play at that venue.

5.3 Players 70 years of age or over are allowed to use a motorised vehicle.

5.4 It is the individual Team's responsibility to confirm with the Host Club if golf carts are available and can be used on the day the pennant round is to be played. The MPDWG does not accept any responsibility when clubs do not allow the use of golf carts.

5.5 It is the player's responsibility to arrange golf cart hire/usage at the relevant club.

5.6 Practice on the course on the day of the Match Play is not permitted. Breach of this condition will result in disqualification of the player or players involved. Prior to the commencement of play, practice is permitted on the designated practice areas of the host club. During play, practice is permitted in accordance with **Rule 7-2**.

5.7 For all MPDWG events, 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 her play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature etc.) the player is in breach of **Rule 14-3**, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is used.

5.8 The use of mobile phones to measure distance is prohibited.

5.9 The use of electronic devices such as MP3 players and iPods during a Pennant round is strictly prohibited. The penalty for using such a device is disqualification. Condition 5.6 provides the only exception to this rule.

5.10 If a player or her caddie is in possession of a mobile phone it SHOULD be turned off. If the phone rings this is deemed to be in use and the committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player.

Note: In deciding whether a penalty should be applied the Match Committee will consider Decision 33-7/8 "Meaning of "Serious Breach of Etiquette on page 518 of the R&A Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2008-2011

5.11 MPDWG Match Committee reserves the right to amend Conditions 1 – 8 as required. Any changes made to the 2012 Conditions will be communicated to all District clubs immediately.

- 5.12 Should a Captain consider a condition has been breached a written report must be received by the Handicap Matchplay Manager for consideration within three (3) days of the alleged breach. **Penalties shall be retrospective.**
- 5.13 A Team Manager or Non Playing Captain is not part of a match and is considered to be an outside agency. Any player receiving advice from persons other than her caddie shall be subject to penalty in accordance with **Rule 8-1.**
- 5.14 MPDWG Handicap Matchplay shall be played on Thursday or Friday, Host Club's to nominate day.

6. CADDIES

- 6.1 A player is limited to only one caddie at anytime. **Rule: 6-4**
- 6.2 A player or caddie who has completed a match may caddie for another team member.
- 6.3 A player is prohibited from having a professional golfer serve as her caddie.
- 6.4 A caddie is entitled to assist her player on the green.

7. RESULTS

- 7.1 Round Results will carry the following points:
- An individual game which is square at the 18th hole shall be scored as ½ point each;
 - An individual win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) game point;
 - A draw between two teams (i.e. 3½ game points each) will result in each team being awarded half (½) a match point;
 - A team win or walkover will result in the winning team being awarded one (1) match point;
 - Teams with a bye match will not be awarded points that round.
- 7.2 The Host Club is responsible for recording the results on the Result Master Sheet.
- 7.3 Division ladders will be calculated in the following manner:
- Teams will be positioned on their respective Division ladder by Match Points;
 - Game points will be used to determine the position of teams tied on Match Points.
- 7.4 In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the Handicap Match Play season, the winner will be decided on a countback of individual games won by each team. If a tie still remains, MPDWG will arrange a play off on a neutral course. Tied games in the play off will continue from the first hole sudden-death hole by hole until a winner is decided. Players contesting in the playoff must be regular team members in that Division in line with conditions 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. Players contesting the playoff must have played at least three (3) matches during the 2012 competition.

8. ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

- 8.1 There shall be a waiting time of one hour after the first hit-off time for a decision to be made if a course is unplayable. A Club Official or a person delegated by the Host Club shall decide if the course is unplayable. **Rule: 33-2d.** If a course will obviously be unplayable competing clubs and MPDWG Tournament Secretary **MUST** be notified the day prior.

If play is abandoned prior to the round commencing, the round for the division/s affected will be deemed null and void and no points awarded.

- 8.2 If a course is declared unplayable after matches have started, the Host Club must suspend play immediately. If the course remains unplayable for more than one hour, the Host Club must decide if play is to be abandoned for the day. It is the responsibility of the Host Club to make the final decision to abandon play.

If play is abandoned after the round has commenced, the Round for the Division/s affected will be deemed null and void and no points awarded (regardless of any matches completed) in equity and in consideration of the health, safety and wellbeing of all participants.

- 8.3 If the weather conditions are such that they represent a risk (as defined in the MPDWG Heat Guidelines), prior to the stipulated time of the first match commencing or after a round has commenced, a Club Official or person delegated by the Host Club shall decide if play is to be abandoned for the day.

NB: For divisions where the host club has a bye on the day when play is abandoned, the MPDWG Match Committee will determine the action to be taken.

MPDWG KEY CONTACTS

Handicap Matchplay Manager

NOTES FOR CLUB AND HANDICAP MATCH PLAY CAPTAINS

RESULTS PROCEDURE

To maintain the reporting of Handicap Match Play scores to the Handicap Matchplay Manager clubs are requested to adopt the following procedure.

All Results are to be emailed to the Handicap Matchplay Manager TRISH BARRon the day of the competition.

The MPDWG will provide clubs with Handicap Matchplay Team and Result Sheets. The completed Home Club sheets are to be returned to the Tournament Secretary in the stamped addressed envelopes provided in the Handicap Matchplay Box. If clubs wish to keep a copy please request the Host Club to photocopy.

The Handicap Matchplay Box issued to clubs at the start of the season will contain:

- The Result Master Sheet;
- Handicap Matchplay Conditions;
- MPDWG Standard Conditions of Entry and Play
- The Draw;
- Notes for Club and Handicap Match Play Captains.

SLOW PLAY

Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it. Any match with a clear hole in front of it and/or not playing in accordance with the Handicap Match Play time requirement will be considered out of position.

All matches are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum time of 3 hours and 50 minutes (approximately 12 and ½ minutes per hole). The first nine holes of each match is expected to be completed in a maximum time of one (1) hour 55 minutes. In extreme weather or playing conditions this time limit may be extended.

The first match to start would be considered to be out of position if at any time in the round the match is averaging more than 12 and ½ minutes per hole.

Any following match will be considered out of position if it:

- a. Falls a clear hole behind;
- b. Is taking more than 12 and ½ minutes per hole to play

Pace of play penalties Rules of Golf 2008/2011 Rule: 6.7

MATCH TIMES, TEES AND STARTERS

- Matches will commence as per the Handicap Match Play draw.
- The Host Club is responsible for providing starters on both tees who should arrive **15** minutes before play is due to commence.
- Tee markers should be on the plates.
- Ascertain from the draw which club has the honour (first named club).
- Teams hit off in reverse order (i.e. Number 5 player first)

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- Starters should:
 - Introduce players and hand out any local or temporary local rules, making sure both players understand them.
 - Ask players to identify their golf balls (suggest an identifiable mark).
 - Ask players to check that they have no more than 14 clubs in their bag.
 - Ask players and caddies to turn off mobile phones.
 - Call the players to the tee and allow them to commence their match when the fairway ahead is clear.

LOCAL RULES

Clubs hosting pennant are requested to provide players of competing teams with printed copies of any temporary local rules.

TEAM LISTS

The Host Club should give the Team and Results Sheet to the Starter at least 10 minutes prior to the starting time stipulated on the draw. Players on the Team and Results Sheet must be written in playing order 1 – 5

RULES OFFICIAL

The Host Club is to ensure that either a member of their match committee (preferably rules accredited) or any rules official nominated by the Host Club is available to make any decisions required during the day.

DISTRICT DRESS CODE

All players, caddies and supporters are required to observe appropriate dress standards of the host club both on and off the course.

HANDICAP MATCH PLAY CONDITIONS

It is the responsibility of the Club Captain and/or Handicap Matchplay Captain to brief each team member and caddie in regards to the Conditions.

COURSE REGULATIONS AND CARE

It is the responsibility of all players to observe their obligations as guests when playing away from their own club.

While the expected levels of Golf Etiquette are fully outlined in Section 1 of the Rules of Golf Book, players should give particular attention to the following etiquette issues during handicap match play:

- a. The carrying of sand buckets and use of sand to repair all divots.
- b. The repair of pitch marks on greens.
- c. The placement of litter in rubbish bins.
- d. The raking of all bunkers after playing from them.
- e. Behaviour that that distracts the attention of fellow-competitors.
- f. Non-emergency use of Mobile Phones.

Players who are observed to display serious breaches of etiquette may be disqualified in accordance with **Rule 33-7**.

Note: The National Golf Club has a No Smoking Policy on all courses.

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