



PERTH SUBURBAN WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE ASSOCIATION INC

BY-LAWS

(PENNANT RULES FORM PART OF THESE BY-LAWS)

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1. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Annual Fees
 - i) The annual membership fee for each member club (as agreed by member clubs), will become due on or before the first day of April each year.
 - ii) The annual registration fee for ALL financial associates of the member club (as agreed by member clubs) and including those who are also financial associates of another public or private club, must be paid to the League Treasurer on or before the first day of April each year.
- b. The Secretary, on behalf of the League, will keep and maintain up-to-date registers -
 - i) **non-member register** containing the name, phone number, email address and GolfLink number of each affiliated associate of the member clubs
 - ii) **Club Delegate register** of the name, email address, phone number and representative club (where applicable)
 - iii) **Life Member register** of the name, email address, phone number and representative club (where applicable)
 - iv) **PSWGL Management Committee** register of the name, email address, phone number and representative club (where applicable).
- c. The annual general meeting will be held on a Monday in November or December each year, the date and place to be determined by the committee. Other general meetings will be conducted at the opening of the season and as required thereafter. Delegates will be advised of the date and sent an agenda 14 days beforehand. Up to two associates of member clubs may attend the general meetings as observers, but will take no active part in the proceedings unless invited by the Chair.
- d. An honorarium may be paid to management committee members, the positions and amounts to be recommended by the management committee to a general meeting of members for approval. and assets.
- e. Life members will be invited to all League functions at the League's expense.
- f. The Secretary will maintain a register of League equipment.
- g. Management committee members attend the annual general meeting morning tea at the expense of the League.
- h. Club delegates attending the annual general meeting morning tea will do so at the expense of the League (finances permitting).

2. MATCH COMMITTEE

Match committee will consist of Tournament Director and three ladies who must be financial Associates of a PSWGL member club. They will be nominated and appointed at an Annual General Meeting for the following year. In the event any of these three positions remain vacant after the Annual General Meeting, appointments may be made by the Tournament Director during the period between Annual General Meetings.

- a. The role of the match committee will be to make decisions on rules, disputes or queries at each of the League competitions during the season or at other times as necessary, and decisions will be final.
- b. Match Committee members may also be requested by the Tournament Director to assist with other duties from time to time.
- c. The Tournament Director will have the power to co-opt associates from member clubs to serve on the committee for the day during the running of any League competition.
- d. Match committee will ensure that all competitions (including pennants) are run in accordance with the rules of golf as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League and other rules and conditions as may be approved by the match committee for the competition.

3. LEAGUE PENNANT RECORDER

- a. The Tournament Director will be responsible for recording the results of all pennant matches, or otherwise appoint a member of the match committee to be the League pennant recorder.
- b. The pennant recorder's duties will be to receive the results of all pennant matches played, record the points gained by teams in each match, and keep a progressive total of points for each team in all divisions.
- c. The home team captain will advise the pennant recorder, by email on the day of the game, (on the official result sheet supplied by the League) including player names, handicaps and all match results.
- d. The pennant recorder will advise the West Australian Newspaper of the results of all matches, to be published in the golf section of the sport pages, in the earliest available edition following the matches.

4. DELEGATES

The duties of club delegates are:

- a. To attend all general meetings.
- b. The delegate should have an understanding of the role of the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League for its affiliated member clubs and liaise between the two on relative matters.
- c. Before general meetings she should acquaint herself with her club's opinion on items on the agenda and ascertain the club's preference if voting required.
- d. The delegate should ensure her club is always represented in order to take an active part in the affairs of the League and when unable to attend a general meeting, to inform her club secretary so that a proxy can be appointed. The completed proxy form should be handed to the League Secretary prior to the commencement of the general meeting.
- e. The delegate should inform her club with a report on the outcomes of general meetings.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A club applying for leave of absence will be required to pay the annual membership fee. This will ensure the club's delegate or proxy can attend general meetings and the club retains all entitlements of a member club.

6. ANNUAL TROPHY PRESENTATION FUNCTION

This function is held on the last Monday in October (or such other date as decided by the Management Committee), where all medals, badges and perpetual trophies requiring engraving will be presented.

CONDITIONS FOR LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

7. LEAGUE COMPETITIONS - will be played on public courses wherever possible.

8. ELIGIBILITY

- a. A player must be a financial Associate of a PSWGL member club, a currently registered PSWGL player and hold a current Golf Australia handicap, to be eligible to compete in any League competition. An exception to this is eligibility for the PSWGL District Championship – Open competitions (refer By-Law 34 re Open competitions).
- b. Players with **GA handicaps** between 0.00 and 54.0 are eligible to enter League competitions, but players will be restricted to a maximum **daily (playing) handicap** of 45.

9. ENTRIES FOR COMPETITIONS

All competitions will have a closing date for entries. Under extenuating circumstances, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

10. HANDICAPS FOR LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

GA handicaps will be used for grading purposes in all PSWGL competitions but a daily handicap of 45 will be the maximum allowed for scoring purposes.

11. INSUFFICIENT ENTRIES

The Tournament Director may, if insufficient entries received, bad weather conditions prevail, or for any other reason; shorten, postpone or abandon a competition.

12. TIED SCORES

- a. A tied score for **first place only** in the following League stroke competitions will be decided by a sudden death play-off: **Metropolitan Championship 18-hole gross, Champion of Champions 18-hole gross** and the **PSWGL District Championship closed gross**. Tied scores for minor places and all other competitions will be decided by count back, using the Australian count back system, as per b. below.
- b. In an 18-hole competition, the count back will be decided over the last nine holes on the score card. If a tie still remains, then it will be taken on the last six, three or the last hole. If a tie still results, a count back will be taken hole by hole (eg backwards from 18 to 1).

13. DROP ZONES

Where available, drop zones will be used for all League competitions.

14. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

All protests and disputes will be resolved by the Tournament Director and her match committee and the decision will be final.

15. PERSONS ACCOMPANYING PLAYERS DURING COMPETITION

Players competing in any League event (including the Pennant competition) cannot have another person accompany them on the course, unless prior written permission has been sought and granted by the Tournament Director. If permission granted, conditions for the accompanying person will apply. Breach of this rule or applied conditions, should be reported to the Tournament Director and will result in disqualification during a PSWGL competition or loss of match during the pennant competition.

16. MOTORISED GOLF CARTS

Motorised carts may be used at all League competitions; approval is not required and it is the responsibility of the player to organise her own cart. Player must advise the Tournament Director of her intention to play in a cart and also advise the name of other player, if intending to share the cart.

17. HOLES IN ONE

A PSWGL Hole-in-One certificate will only be presented if the hole in one is achieved during a PSWGL competition or a pennant match.

LEAGUE LOCAL RULES

18. PREFERRED LIE

A 30cm preferred lie may be taken when playing in League competitions on public golf courses, when the ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less. The ball does not need to be marked, may be cleaned when so lifted without penalty and replaced no nearer to the hole.

(This allowance is made for League players on public golf courses, where the condition of the course in the general area cut to fairway height or less, may not always be ideal. It should however be remembered that this allowance should be used for the preservation of the fairway, eg when the ball may be lying in a divot, but not solely for the benefit of the player.)

19. PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES

Relief must be taken from trees **under two metres in height**, (with or without stakes). The ball must be dropped (without penalty), within one club length of the nearest point of relief (reference point – see diagram at rule 16.1b), clear of the foliage, but not nearer the hole. If a tree taller than two metres is obviously a 'baby tree' in need of protection (eg very thin or spindly), relief must also be taken. This rule does not apply to grass trees and vegetation growing naturally in bush areas.

In cases of staked trees taller than two metres, if the stake itself is interfering with the stance or swing, under the immovable obstruction rule, the player is entitled to relief from the stake only.

20. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (EG SPRINKLER HEADS) CLOSE TO, OR ON THE PUTTING GREEN

Relief from interference by an *immovable obstruction* may be taken under R and A Rule 16.1.

The player also has these extra options to take relief when such *immovable obstructions* are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area

The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b (see diagram in R and A Rules) if an *immovable obstruction* is: On the line of play, and is:

- Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- Within two club-lengths of the ball.

On the putting green

The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1d (see diagram in R and A Rules) if an *immovable obstruction* is on the line of play, by placing a ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief not nearer the hole, which is either on the putting green or in the general area. If there is no such nearest point of complete relief, the player may still take this free relief by using the point of maximum available relief as the reference point, which must be either on the putting green or in the general area.

Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Penalty for playing ball from a wrong place in breach of R and A Rule 14.7a incurs a general penalty (2 strokes)

21. FLAGSTICK

Whilst not involving a penalty but in order to restrict damage to the hole, players in PSWGL competitions are encouraged to remove the flagstick from the hole before retrieving the ball.

22. MOBILE PHONES

During PSWGL competitions, a mobile phone must be inaudible from the time the first shot of the group is played until after all players in the group have completed their rounds. It should only be used for scoring, looking up rules or distance information, unless a player has previously indicated to her playing partners that she may, due to special circumstances, need to use her phone during the round. Penalty for infringement is 2 strokes or loss of hole in match play.

23. MEASURING DEVICES

In all League competitions, these are permitted, providing that they are used for measuring distance only. If this device is used to gauge or measure other conditions that may affect play, (eg: wind speed, elevation changes, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a. The penalty is 2 strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. For a subsequent offence player will be disqualified.

LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

NOTE:

- Most PSWGL competitions are entered via the MiTournament registration site, otherwise entry forms are available on the PSWGL website
- **GA Handicap** range for all League competitions is 0.0 to 54.0, with the exception of the Judy Sinclair Memorial Trophy competition.
- Grading of players into stroke and stableford competitions will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director, dependent on GA handicaps and overall total number of entries received for competitions. Players will be informed by separate draws for each of the stroke and stableford competitions, to indicate in which competition they will play.

24. OPENING DAY

- Held on a Monday in April (or other date as decided by Tournament Director)
- 9-hole stableford competition held on a 9-hole course within the metropolitan area

25. AUTUMN CUP

- Held on first Monday in May (or other date as decided by Tournament Director)
- 18-hole stroke gross and nett competitions
- 18-hole stableford competition
- 18-hole Veterans' stableford competition (70+ years on date of competition) - all handicaps. (Eligible scores taken from stroke and stableford competitions, with stroke scores being converted to stableford.)
- The perpetual trophies awarded at the annual presentation function in October are:

Winner of Autumn Cup (18-hole nett competition)	Pat Catoni Perpetual Trophy
Winner of 18-hole gross competition	League Perpetual Trophy
Winner of 18-hole stableford competition	League Perpetual Trophy

26. SILVER, BRONZE AND BRASS

- Held on third Monday in May (or other date as decided by Tournament Director)
- 18-hole stableford competition in three divisions as determined by Tournament Director
- Winners of each division receive a medal at the annual presentation function.

27. METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP

- Held in June (or other date as decided by Tournament Director)
- 18-hole gross and nett competition
- 18-hole stableford competition
- Team competition: four best scores from a club in each of the competitions. (Minimum of three teams in each of the competitions will be required for prizes to be awarded).
- In the **gross competition only**, if scores for first place are tied, there will be a sudden death play-off. All other ties in each competition will be decided by a count back.
- The perpetual trophies awarded at the annual presentation function are:

Gross winner	League Perpetual Trophy
Nett winner	Lucy Greene Perpetual Trophy
Stableford winner	League Perpetual Trophy
Gross team winners	Trophy House Perpetual Shield
Nett team winners	John Sands Perpetual Shield

28. SPRING CARNIVAL

- Held on a Monday and Tuesday in August (or other dates as decided by Tournament Director)
- **MONDAY** – 18-hole gross and nett competitions
- **MONDAY** – Vets 70+ (on day of competition) 18-hole gross and nett competitions
- **MONDAY**- 18-hole stableford competition
- **MONDAY** – Vets 70+ (on day of competition) 18-hole stableford competition
- **TUESDAY** – 4BBB 18-hole stableford competition
- Perpetual trophies to be presented at the annual presentation function for **Monday** are:

18-hole open gross winner	League Perpetual Trophy
18-hole nett winner	Toni Lenthall Perpetual Trophy
18-hole stableford winner	League Perpetual Trophy
18-hole veteran gross winner	Lucy Greene Perpetual Trophy
18-hole veteran nett winner	Shirley Simpson Perpetual Trophy
18-hole veteran stableford winner	League Perpetual Trophy
- Perpetual trophies to be presented at the annual presentation function for **Tuesday** are:

18-hole 4BBB stableford winners	Shirley Simpson Perpetual Shields (2)
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29. 4-BALL BETTER BALL PLAY-OFF

- Held first Monday in September (or other date as decided by Tournament Director)
- 18-hole gross 4BBB competition
- Play-off for pair representing each club.
- Choice of pair to represent club: It is the decision of the club how the choice of the representative pair is made. There are no rules or restrictions made by the League in this regard.
- Perpetual trophy to be presented at the annual presentation function:

Gross winners	Whaleback Ladies Perpetual Plaques (2)
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- This competition may be run in conjunction with Judy Sinclair Memorial competition if possible.

30. JUDY SINCLAIR MEMORIAL TROPHY

- Held first Monday in September (or other date as decided by Tournament Director)
- 18 hole stableford competition (GA handicaps 30.0 and above)
- Team competition: four best scores from a club.
(Minimum of three teams will be required for prizes to be awarded)
- Perpetual trophies to be presented at the annual presentation function are:

Winner	League Perpetual Trophy
Winning club team	League Perpetual Shield
- This competition may be run in conjunction with the 4BBB play-off if possible.

31. CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

- Held on second Monday in September (or other date as decided by Tournament Director)
- 18-hole gross and nett competitions
 - Only club champion of a PSWGL member club can participate in the play-off – no substitutes permitted

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| Gross winner | League Perpetual Trophy |
| Nett winner | Gloria Clayton Perpetual Trophy |

(Rules for play at both club level and League play-off)

- Perpetual trophies to be presented at the annual presentation function are:

Play-Off winner	Dulcie Liddelow Memorial Perpetual Trophy
Each club winner	Dulcie Liddelow Memorial engraved badge

(Rules for play at both club level and League play-off)

- Perpetual trophies to be presented at the annual presentation function are:

Play-Off winner	League Perpetual Trophy
Each club winner	Lucy Greene Memorial engraved badge

- This competition may be run in conjunction with the Champion of Champions and Dulcie Liddelow Memorial Trophy 18-hole play-off if possible.
- Perpetual trophies to be presented at the annual presentation function are:
Nett winner League Perpetual Trophy
Each club winner Lucy Greene Memorial engraved badge
- This event may be run in conjunction with the Champion of Champions and Dulcie Liddelow Memorial Trophy 18-hole play-off if possible.

34. PSWGL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP (GOLFWA-SPONSORED EVENT)

Held in October each year (or other date as decided by Tournament Director)

- **CLOSED** 18-hole competitions - only a player who is a financial Associate of a PSWGL member club, a currently registered PSWGL player and holding a current GolfLink handicap may compete in these competitions:
 - Best gross (**District Champion**) and runner up
 - Best gross team of four
 - Best nett team of four
 - Stableford team of four(Team competitions: four best scores from a club in each of the competitions. Minimum of three teams in each of the competitions will be required for prizes to be awarded).
- **OPEN** 18-hole competitions (all players with a GolfLink handicap eligible)
 - Gross winner and runner up
 - Nett winner and runner up
 - Stableford winner and runner up
- Players may win more than one gross trophy.
- In the event of a tie for first place in the **CLOSED** gross competition, the result will be decided by a sudden death play-off. All other ties will be decided by a count back.
- District Champion will receive the GolfWA trophy on the day of play.
- Perpetual trophies to be presented at the annual presentation function are:

District Champion (closed gross winner)	League Perpetual Trophy
Winners of gross team competition	League Perpetual Shield
Winners of nett team competition	League Perpetual Shield
Winners of Stableford team competition	League Perpetual Shield

35. NOVELTY PRIZES

Prizes for novelties are included in all League competitions.

36. PRIZES FOR COMPETITION WINNERS

Vouchers will be presented to winners on the day of the event and perpetual trophies which are required to be engraved, will be presented at the annual presentation function at the end of the season.

37. PRIZE VALUE

Value of competition prizes will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director in consultation with the Treasurer, and in consideration of the number of entrants participating in the competition.