

<u>Rules for the A & B Grade Pennant</u> - (to be read in conjunction with the Rules for all Pennant & District Competitions) - 2013 Version

- 1. The District A & B Grade Pennant competitions are open to all bona fide members of the club that they represent and shall be played in two divisions:
 - a. A Grade (CB Norwood Cup) of eight club teams with eight players in each team
 - b. B Grade of eight club teams with eight players in each team
- 2. No club is allowed more than one team in any one division of the Pennant series.
- 3. The competitions are played without handicap.

The A and B Pennant competition will each consist of seven round robin matches. In the round robin series, each round will consist of one round of foursomes matches played in the morning and one round of eight singles matches played in the afternoon. The starting time for the foursomes round shall be 8.30 am from a minimum of four tees. The starting time for the singles round shall be 12.15 pm from a minimum of four tees. There is an expectation that the course will be closed until the completion of the days play.

- 4. **Scoring:** Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a drawn team match. In the event of a tie following the round robin, places will be decided on the total number of foursomes and singles matches won, with further ties decided in favour of the team which won when the teams first met. Any further ties will be decided by lot.
- 5. The winner of the B Grade pennant may apply in writing within seven days of the last round to be automatically promoted up to the A grade so long as they do not already have a team in that grade. In the event that the winner of the B Grade pennant does already have a team in the higher grade then the highest placed eligible team from the B Grade may apply in writing within seven days of the last round to challenge the lowest placed team in the A Grade. In the event that this may happen the challenge for promotion will be played at the challenged team's home course. The format of the A & B Pennants will apply with the date to be decided by the Men's Committee, and in the event of a draw, the status quo remains. Competing players in the promotion/relegation match must have played a minimum of three rounds of the preceding pennants series for their respective teams.
- 6. In A and B Grade Pennant, each team except the team seeded eighth on the basis of the previous year's finishing position, will play one round of matches on its home course. This however does not override Rule 8 where a Club has its only Pennant team in B Grade.
- 7. The Pennant draw, which is made by the Men's Committee, is based on the previous year's seedings. The draw will be as follows:

| Venue Seeding | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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| Matches | 1v6 | 2v7 | 3v1 | 4v2 | 5v3 | 6v4 | 7v5 |
| | 2v5 | 3v6 | 2v6 | 1v7 | 1v4 | 1v5 | 1v2 |
| | 3v7 | 4v5 | 4v7 | 5v6 | 6v7 | 2v3 | 3v4 |
| | 4v8 | 1v8 | 5v8 | 3v8 | 2v8 | 7v8 | 6v8 |

8. Courses of clubs which have their only Pennant team in B Grade Pennant are given preference as venues for the Pennant. When the Men's Committee considers that a club's course is an unsuitable venue for A or B Pennants, the hosting club will nominate a substitute course (which will need to be approved by the Men's Committee in writing prior to the start of the pennant series), and the host club will need to make all the necessary arrangements and pay any costs associated with hiring the nominated course. No A Grade Pennant round will be played on a non eighteen hole championship course unless approved by the Men's Committee.

Golf Etiquette

Members of visiting teams have a duty towards the host club to acquaint themselves with dress regulations that apply on the course and in the clubhouse. Clubs should ensure that the dress of their representatives is in good taste at all times.