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PLAYERS GUIDE

- 1) Mixed 4BBB Handicap Match Play, Played against PAR.
- 2) Eligibility: Financial playing members of affiliated Metropolitan Clubs -men and women, over the age of 18 as at 1/1/2026, that are permitted to participate in their Club Competitions. Players must be financial on the day of play.
- 3) The playing handicap for the duration of the 2026 Metropolitan Mixed Pennant competition will be the GA handicap as shown on GolfLink with adjustment for the slope rating of the day.
- 4) GA Handicap. Men: 27 Women: 36
- 5) Players are to use the Daily Handicap applicable on the day of play.
 The lowest marker of the four to play from scratch, other players to play from $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap difference.
- 6) GA Match Play Index to be universally used. Refer to tables below.
- 7) Pairs to play in reverse order, from 5 to 1.
- 8) Golf carts and caddies are permitted as per the Rules of Golf and any Host Club regulations.
- 9) A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. A Mobile Phone may be used as a Distance Measuring Device (*Refer to Conditions of Play for complete conditions of use*)
 - a) All Matches to end at the eighteenth during the Round Robin phase of the competition.
 - b) Disputes to be decided by the venue Match Committee.
 - c) All players are required to adhere to the dress regulations of the host club.
 - d) The use of mobile or portable phones is NOT permissible. Action against the offending player will be taken in accordance with Section 1, Etiquette on the Rules of Golf.
 - e) In the event of slow play by any group, the Match Committee of the Host Club may act in accordance with the Appendix 1 below

TABLE SHOWING 3/4 HANDICAP DIFFERENCE

FULL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3/4	1	2	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	11	12	13	14
FULL	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
3/4	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	26	27

THE FOLLOWING MATCH PLAY INDEX IS TO APPLY ON ALL COURSES AS PER NSWGA

When starting from the 1st tee the following index applies

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

When the 10th tee is the first hole of play the following index applies

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

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APPENDIX 1 - PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES

Each match must maintain its position on the course with respect to the match preceding it and maintain the time requirement specified on the Pace of Play Time Chart issued to players at the course. If a time chart is not issued, the following time schedule for the completion of each hole applies:

Par 3 Holes 11 minutes

Par 4 Holes 13 minutes

Par 5 Holes 15 minutes

In exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather/playing conditions), the Match Committee has the authority to extend this time requirement.

The first match to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the cumulative time prescribed by the above time schedule. Any following match will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or reaches the tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

Pace of Play Penalties – Match Play

An out of position match may be monitored and timed. Anytime a match is being monitored and timed they will be notified of such timing by a Match Committee representative or a Rules Official. The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a match being timed who takes more than the allotted time (see below) to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

1st Offence – loss of hole

2nd Offence – loss of hole

Subsequent offence – disqualification

Timing

When a match is being monitored and timed each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. **Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.**

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments from his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Repeated infringements of the pace of play guidelines in the 2026 season will be referred to the Golf NSW Match Committee for further consideration and may see a player subject to further action including suspension from further representation of his Club for the season.

NOTE 1: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time” to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his match get back in position. An example of this would be a player who unduly delays play between shots.

NOTE 2: If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that stipulated round in the event that the match requires additional monitoring.