

TASMANIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ASSOCIATION CROQUET PENNANT RULES - 2017/18 SEASON

1. Clubs

Only Clubs affiliated with Croquet Tasmania ("CT") may enter teams for the Pennant. Each Club may enter only one team in any one Division.

2. Laws

Matches shall be played under the Laws of Croquet as adopted by CT; additionally

- (a) Players may have a 5-minute warm-up at the beginning of each game
- (b) Double banking rules as in the Laws Book will apply.

3. Entries

- (a) The closing date and entry fees shall be fixed by CT. As appropriate, late entries may be accepted at the Manager's discretion.
- (b) The Tournament Sub-Committee ("TC") shall determine the time frame for the Competition and days of play. If times are not suitable to teams, they are encouraged to reschedule matches in a spirit of co-operation. The Pennant Manager will have the final decision.

4. Equipment

- (a) The Home club will provide Clocks, Regulation Pegs, Hoops, Flags and Corner Pegs and approved balls.
- (b) The hoops will be set at as near as possible to 3 11/16 inches for all divisions.

5. Players

- (a) Every player must be a full financial member of an affiliated Club of CT.
- (b) Players who are a member of two or more affiliated Clubs must nominate the club they will represent.
- (c) If a club is unable to field a team in a particular Division, or is unable to offer a place in a team to one of its affiliated players, that player may be granted an exemption by the Pennant Manager to play in a team of another Club
- (d) Players whose handicap shortens during the Pennant Season may continue to play in the same team, but on their revised handicap for the purpose of determining the order of singles play.
- (e) If a player's handicap increases (e.g. 7 to 8 or 14 to 16) he/she will be eligible to play in a lower Division
- (f) There is no limit to the number of times a player in any Division may play in a higher Division.

6. Teams

A team must comprise 4 or more players.

7. Mentors

- (a) All teams in Division C are permitted to have a Mentor present. The Mentor should be a Coach or senior player.
- (b) Mentors may only assist players with decision making, off the lawn. Play should not be delayed by long discussions – exceeding 30 seconds.
- (c) Mentors should not go onto the lawn to direct play.
- (d) Mentors should be prepared to assist opposing team members if requested.
- (e) Mentors should be able to act as a referee/umpire if necessary.

8. Matches

- (a) Full sized lawns shall be used.
- (b) Each match shall consist of two Doubles and four singles.
- (c) Play in Divisions A and B is Advanced Play and Division C will be Ordinary Play.
- (d) The Handicap Ranges are:

Division A	-3 - 20	Play	Wednesdays
Division B	8 - 20		Thursdays
Division C	16 - 20		Tuesdays
- (e) The order of play for singles games will be determined by a player's handicap. Captains will list their players in order of play from the lowest to the highest handicap player respectively. Where there is an equality of handicap between players, the Captain may choose to list those players in his/her preferred order of play
- (f) All doubles and singles matches shall be double-banked.
- (g) If, because of adverse weather, lack of players or any other reason, a team is contemplating forfeiture of a match it should before so doing negotiate with its opponent and the Pennant Manager to see if an alternative date can be arranged for play.
- (h) If a team forfeits a match, full points are awarded to the opposing team
- (i) If a team forfeits a game within a match, the score shall be 26-0 to the opposing team.
- (j) **All Division C matches must have a Supervising Referee/Umpire in attendance**

9. Times

- (a) The time for commencement of play in all divisions shall be 9.30am.
- (b) Play shall continue until all games have been played.
- (c) Playing time shall be 2½ hours per game, subject to Tournament Regulation 16.3.
- (d) Afternoon play shall commence no later than 1pm.
- (e) In all games the time shall be kept by a clock or timer, which shall be available for inspection by all players.
- (f) In the event of a player not being ready to commence play in any game within 30 minutes of the time appointed for commencement, the opposing team has the option of claiming the game, but see Law 40(b) re doubles play. If such a claim is made, the defaulting team shall be deemed to have lost the game, and the score shall be 26-0 to the opposing team.
- (g) Home clubs to make lawns available 30 minutes prior to official commencement times for those players wishing to practice prior to the 5 minute warm up period – hoops may not be run during this period.

10. Order of Play

Ten minutes before the match is due to commence, the opposing captains shall declare to each other their team's order of play for the match.

11. The Toss

- (a) The choice of lawns shall be decided by the toss of a coin by the Captains.
- (b) The toss for lead or balls shall be decided separately for each game.

12. Adverse Weather

- (a) A player may appeal against adverse playing conditions. The captains of the two teams may agree to suspend play due to adverse conditions, which may endanger the health and well-being of a player and/or make the lawns unplayable.
- (b) In the event of the captains being unable to agree, play shall cease.
- (c) If play is unable to continue, the matches shall be pegged down and completed as soon as possible at a convenient date to be fixed. The Home captain shall advise the Pennant Manager within two days, the date the match will be played.
- (d) If play had not commenced in any game, the composition of either or both teams may, if necessary, be varied by the teams concerned.

13. Results

- (a) Games
 - (i) In any game the winner shall be the player or side scoring the greater number of points. If at the expiration of the appointed time the points in an unfinished game are equal, play shall continue until one side scores an additional point. (Reg. 16.3)
 - (ii) In the event of an accident or unexpected sickness causing a player to forfeit a game that has commenced, his/her score shall be retained and the opponent score shall advance to 26.
- (b) Matches
 - (i) In any match the winning team shall be the one scoring the greater number of games.
 - (ii) If games are equal the winning team shall be the one scoring the greater number of net points.
 - (iii) If games and net hoop points are equal the result shall be declared a draw.
- (c) Pennant Competition
 - (i) All teams are eligible to win a Pennant.
 - (ii) In each division the winning team shall be the one scoring the greatest number of matches,
 - (iii) If matches be equal then net games shall count.
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 - (v) If, after applying Rule 13(c) (ii) to (iv) at the end of the series, teams are still equal there shall be further matches played between those teams which shall be scored as above to determine the final result of the series.
 - (vi) In the event of a team retiring at any time from the Pennant Competition, all scores gained for and against that team shall not be counted.
- (d) Perpetual Trophy
 - (i) The Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded each year to the Club with the best percentage of points 'for' compared to points 'against'. To be eligible for this Trophy, a Club must enter a team in all Divisions.
 - (ii) For the purposes of this Rule 13(d) only, and notwithstanding the provisions of Rules 8(h) and 8(i), if a team forfeits a match at any time within the season that team will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition and all points scored by or against that team through the whole season will be disregarded in determining the winner of the Perpetual Shield.
 - (iii) In the event of a combined team, the points scored shall be allocated to the Club entering the team. See Rule 5(c).

14. Notification of Results

The Captain of the Home Team shall be responsible for reporting the results of each match to the Pennant Manager as set out below: -

The results **must be scanned and emailed** to the Pennant Manager at **pennantcroquettas@gmail.com** with the Header "AC Pennant" immediately after the match to facilitate publication in the media.

15. Protest

- (a) Any protest must be in writing and received by the Pennant Manager within three (3) days of the completion of the Match to which the protest refers.
- (b) Protests will be considered by the Pennant Manager, the Tournament Referee and TC Convenor.

16. Pennant Manager

The Pennant Manager shall –

- (a) On receipt of entries from the Competition Secretary, prepare the draw.
- (b) Forward a copy of the draw to each Club at least 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the Matches.
- (c) Ensure that home and away games are played evenly, where possible.
- (d) Forward a report on the competition to the CT Secretary (copy to TC Secretary) as soon as possible after the completion of the Roster

17. Queries

Any question arising out of these Rules shall be decided by the Pennant Manager (Rob McAdam) OR Assistant Pennant Manager (Peter Tracey) together with the Tournament Referee (Bob Beattie) and the TC Convenor (Patsy Paine).

18. Lawn Fees

All visiting players will pay Lawn Fees of \$4 for each Pennant Day.