

TASMANIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ASSOCIATION CROQUET PENNANT RULES 2019/20 SEASON

1. Clubs

Only affiliated clubs may enter teams for the Pennant.

2. Laws

Matches shall be played under the Laws of Croquet as adopted by the Tasmanian Croquet Association (TCA); 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 the TCA. As appropriate, late entries may be accepted at the Manager's discretion.
- (b) The Competitions Committee 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 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 the TCA.
- (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 is changed 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) There is no limit to the number of times a player in Division B and C may play in a higher Division.
- (f) If a player's handicap increases (i.e. 7 to 8 or 14 to 16) they will be eligible to play in a lower Division.
- (g) If a Club enters more than one (1) team in any Division, there shall be no transfer of players between teams, even for players playing in a higher division.
- (h) Where a club has two teams the names of players for each team are to be forwarded with the Pennant entry. In case of an emergency player playing up from a lower division, that player need not have been named at the beginning of the season but once used must only play for that team.
- (i) The penalty for any infringement shall be 26-0 to the opposing team
- (j) Players must wear appropriate sports wear or club uniform and flat soled shoes.
- (k) ACA Handicap Cards must be used in all singles matches.

6. Teams

- (a) A team must comprise 4 or more players (except if modified format applies).
- (b) If fewer than three (3) teams are entered a modified format may apply. Teams will consist of two or more players, playing a doubles and two singles.
- (c) Where a club has two teams in a division, once an emergency player has played for one team they cannot play for the other team.

7. Mentors

- (a) All teams in Division C are permitted to have a Mentor present, who 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; however if the modified format is adopted one Doubles and two Singles will be played.
- (c) **Play in Divisions A, B and C is Advanced 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 will be double-banked. In the event of the alternative format for Division C being played, matches shall consist of three (4) games, two (2) singles in the morning and two (2) singles in the afternoon.
- (g) If a team forfeits a match, full points are awarded to the opposing team
- (h) If a team forfeits a game within a match, the score shall be 26-0 to the opposing team.
- (i) **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. Where play is between a Northern & Southern Club this starting time may be varied if it better suits the travelling team.
- (b) Playing time shall be 2½ hours per game and play should continue until all games have been played, subject to Tournament Regulation 16.3.
- (c) Afternoon play shall commence no later than 1pm if the start time is 9.30am.
- (d) In all games the time shall be kept by a clock or timer, which shall be available for inspection by all players.
- (e) 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.

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 a toss 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. Captains should be aware of the TCA Adverse Weather Policy.
- (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.
 - (ii) 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)
 - (iii) In the event of an accident or unexpected sickness causing a player to forfeit a game, his 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 points.
 - (iii) If games and 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 the aggregate games shall count.
 - (iv) If games be equal then the aggregate points shall count.
 - (v) In the event of teams having equal scores of matches, games and hoop points at the end of the series, there shall be further matches played between these 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) Only one team per Club in each Division may compete for the Trophy. If more than one team is entered then results of the team which best advantages the Club in Trophy calculations will count towards the Trophy.
 - (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

- (a) The Captain of the Home Team shall be responsible for reporting the results of each match to the Pennant Manager.
- (b) **Home Team Captains: must get the results to the Pennant Manager, Rob McAdam at the conclusion of the days play. It is preferred that this be done by scanning a completed result sheet and emailing it to pennantcroquettas@gmail.com. PDF is preferred format (there are free phone apps which will create a PDF via a smart phone camera). If you don't have the facility to do that please ring Rob on 6229 8269 or 0408 430658 that evening to advise the results and then post the result sheet to him at A/3 Dianella Dr, Blackmans Bay 7052.**

15. Protests

- (a) Any protest must be in writing and received by the Pennant Manager (mcadamrd@gmail.com) 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 Competitions Committee 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 TCA Secretary (copy to Competitions 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) and Tournament Referee (Lizzie Bassett) and the Competitions Committee Convenor (Ian Smith).

18. Lawn Fees

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