**AUCKLAND GOLF INCORPORATED**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MENS COMPETITIONS**

1. **EVENTS (Official Fixtures)**

The following events shall be under the auspices of Auckland Golf Inc.:

1. Champion of Champions Match
2. Auckland Provincial Matchplay Championship
3. Auckland Provincial Strokeplay Championship
4. Auckland Masters Strokeplay Championship
5. **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

The above events are open to those amateur members of Clubs affiliated to New Zealand Golf Inc. and members of overseas golf clubs recognised by New Zealand Golf who have the following qualifications and on the conditions stated:

1. They must have full playing rights in the Championships of their own Clubs.
2. The age last birthday of any entrant under 18 years shall be clearly stated on the entry form. Clubs shall ensure that this is done.
3. Players entering the Auckland Masters Championship must have had their 40th birthday on or before the first day of the tournament.
4. **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**
5. There shall be played annually a match to be called "The Champion of Championship Match" in which the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Champion of every Club affiliated to AGI shall be entitled to compete.
6. The match shall be 36 holes of strokeplay for the Senior’s and a 36 hole Stableford competition with handicap for the Intermediate and Junior Grades. Draw to be made by AGI in threes.
7. The venue of the Match shall be determined by AGI.
8. The Senior grade carries with it a Cup known as "The Champions Cup" together with a miniature which will be supplied and paid for by AGI and presented to the winner after the Match. The Cup shall be held by the winner's Club. The miniature shall belong to the winners.
9. In the event of a tie the winner shall be found by a sudden death playoff on the day, if time permits otherwise the championship shall be shared.
10. In conjunction there will be a team's event for the Ron Lay Rosebowl, with the Intermediate and Junior Club Champions combining with the Senior Champion to comprise the team. In the event that the Champion is unavailable in any grade, substitution by runner up or semi-finalist is permitted. The substitute is eligible for the team’s event only. Scoring for the team’s event shall be Stableford with handicap.
11. **AUCKLAND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - STROKE & MATCHPLAY**
12. **STROKEPLAY**

A 72 hole stroke event without handicap, with the field generally limited to the 120 lowest handicap entries received by closing date. AGI reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving any reason and to allocate places to potential representative players. In the event of a tie the winner shall be found by a sudden death playoff on the day if time permits otherwise the Championship shall be shared.

1. **MATCHPLAY**

The top 16 players over the 72 holes of the Strokeplay Championship who are available shall proceed to the Matchplay Championship at a nominated course on the basis of 18 holes elimination competition over 2 days, without handicap.

In the event of a tie for any position in the top 16, the result shall be decided by countback. In the Auckland Matchplay Championship each match shall be played over 18 holes, except where the Match finishes all square, when play shall continue from the hole at which the match commenced until one player wins a hole.

1. **AUCKLAND MASTERS STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

A 36 hole event without handicap for players aged 40 and over. In the event of a tie the winner shall be found by a sudden death playoff on the day, if time permits otherwise the Championship shall be shared.

1. **AUCKLAND PENNANTS COMPETITION**

Rules for the pennants competition should be set out separately from this document and placed on the Auckland Golf website

1. **COUNTING BACK**

This method shall be used for one to several rounds unless otherwise stipulated.

* In an 18 hole competition a countback matching cards is used to determine the winner using the last 9 holes. If there is still a tie, then the last 6, then the last 3, then the 18th hole are used.
* In competitions greater than 18 holes a countback matching cards is made using the last 18 hole score. If there is still a tie, then the last 9,6,3 or 1 hole(s) of the last 18 hole score are used.
* In all cases, if the tie is then still unresolved, then a hole by hole countback of the last nine holes starting at the 18th hole should be made. If there is still a tie after this procedure then the result shall be decided by lot.
* In handicap strokeplay competition, one-half, one-third, one-sixth, etc. of the course handicaps should be deducted proportionately, for example 9 holes - one half; 6 holes - one third; 3 holes - one sixth etc. Fractions should not be disregarded.
* If there is a multiple tee start, regardless of the starting hole, the last nine holes, six holes etc. is considered to be holes 10 - 18; 13 - 18 etc.

In the case of a tie within mens pennants, in any semi final or final, the tie shall be broken by a playoff between a single player from each of the tied teams. Such play off shall commence from a tee allocated by the Match Committee of the day. If a playoff is not possible the AGI Match Committee will determine the method of breaking the tie. In Interclub playoffs strokes are to be given

1. **DRAW FOR MATCHPLAY**

For the Automatic Draw for Matchplay, see page 412 of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

1. **LIMITATION OF FIELDS**

The field shall be limited to such number of players as the host Club can conveniently accommodate. Where playoffs are required at the end of 36 or 72 holes the field should not exceed 90 outside daylight saving time. In any event, 36 or 72 hole event fields should not exceed 96 to avoid crossover problems and consequent holdups.

1. **OTHER EVENTS IN CONJUNCTION**

Subject to the approval of AGI, Clubs may hold Open or Handicap tournaments in conjunction with the Championship events. In strokeplay under 72 holes no player may win more than one trophy but in 72 hole events where matchplay follows a qualifying round or rounds, no player may win more than two trophies. The proposed programme with conditions must be submitted to AGI for approval.

1. **VENUES AND DATES OF EVENTS**

Except where otherwise provided the venues and dates of events shall be decided by AGI.

1. **CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS**

The AGI Match Committee shall control the competition. The Tournament Director of AGI shall be ex officio a member of the Match Committee, as shall the official Delegate of AGI and/or the Chairman of AGI Match Committee, provided that they are not participants and are able to attend.

1. **POSTPONEMENTS**

If a postponement is necessary owing to unfavourable weather conditions or any other cause, the event shall be held on such date as AGI shall decide. The Chairman of the Match Committee shall decide on the morning of the event if the weather renders the course unfit for play, and will endeavour to have the decision announced to Clubs.

1. **SUSPENSION OR ABANDONMENT OF PLAY - REFER RULE 5.7**

Host Clubs shall have available a siren for AGI events to signal players regarding postponement. One prolonged blast on the siren will indicate that play is to be suspended and two such blasts will indicate that play is to resume. Three short blasts indicate postponement of play and players should return to the Clubhouse where the duration of the stoppage will be announced. Two prolonged blasts will indicate resumption. In the event of abandonment three prolonged blasts will be sounded and play will not resume again that day. Players must ascertain restart requirements before leaving the course that day. At any stoppage a player who wishes to lift his ball, rather than complete play of the hole, should first mark its position by triangulation and agree the procedure with his opponent or marker.

1. **LATE ARRIVALS - REFER RULE 5.3a**

If a player arrives at the tee, ready to play, within 5 minutes of his starting time and without a reason acceptable to the committee, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play and two strokes in strokeplay. Once 5 minutes has elapsed, and in the absence of a reasonable excuse (oversleeping or being caught in traffic do not qualify) the penalty is disqualification. If the reason is acceptable to the Match Committee (e.g. stopped to render assistance at a motor accident) the time of arrival is immaterial and no penalty is imposed. Any discretion shown to a late arrival must be clearly stated to the player before he is permitted to commence play at the time stipulated by the Match Committee.

1. **PACE OF PLAY**

The AGI's Pace of Play Rules apply to all Competitions under the control and direction of AGI including Pennant Competitions.

AGI will determine the time permitted for each round (as per Pace of Play charts).

1. **PLAYERS MEMBERS OF MORE THAN ONE CLUB**

In any one season players may play Pennants or Interclub competitions for only one Club, unless a transfer is applied for and approved by the AGI Match Committee. In the event that a Club plays a player who has previously represented another Club in the same season, without first obtaining such approval, then all matches played by that player for the second Club shall be forfeited.

1. **TROPHIES**

Each event carries with it an AGI Trophy which will be held by the winner's Club, and further AGI Trophy/ies approved by AGI for presentation to the winner/s. The trophies shall be procured by AGI or by the Host Club, on the authority of AGI. The costs of engraving, if necessary shall be borne by the players Home Club.

1. **ENTRY FEES**

The amount of entry fee shall be approved by AGI.

1. **INSURANCE**

The insurance of the Trophies is the responsibility of AGI.

1. **DELEGATION OF POWERS**

AGI may delegate all or any of its powers under the Rules to any sub-committee of the Association.

1. **RECIPROCAL PLAYING RIGHTS**

AGI has requested and member Clubs have agreed that when a Club holds an official AGI event which necessitates the closing of their course all day, then each other member Club is expected to make available, on application, three, or more if possible, starting times for members of the closed Club without payment of green fees.

Applications should be made not less than two weeks prior, through Clubs.

1. **DRESS**

At all AGI events the course and Clubhouse dress conditions of the Host Club shall prevail. Players and supporters should comply with of these standards. Any person not attired to the satisfaction of the Host Club may be asked to leave the course or the Clubhouse. AGI will assist Host Clubs in enforcing this rule.

1. **ALCOHOL**

The consumption of alcohol on the course by players or caddies during an AGI event is prohibited. If any player or his caddie is found in breach of the Rule the player will be disqualified from the day's event and subject to disciplinary action.

1. **MOTORISED ASSISTANCE**

Notwithstanding the recognition of the value of motorised assistance in general Club play, it is prohibited in AGI events and dispensation will only be given in exceptional circumstances on written application being made to the AGI CEO. In this context "motorised assistance" refers to golf carts and motorbikes and does not include battery powered trundlers.

1. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

The use of Distance Measuring Devices is permitted. In all competitions, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a, for which the penalty is:

Strokeplay – For the first offence – two strokes. For any subsequent offence – disqualification.

Matchplay – For first offence – Loss of hole. For any subsequent offence – disqualification.

1. **MOBILE TELEPHONES**

The use of mobile telephones on the golf course other than for emergencies is strictly prohibited. Penalty for breach – Censure, suspension or revocation of privilege of playing.

1. **ALTERATION TO RULES**

These rules may be altered by resolution of the Management Committee of AGI. Provided always that 14 days written notice of any proposal to alter Rules be given to Clubs.