



AUCKLAND GOLF INCORPORATED

CONTROL OF MENS PENNANT AND INTER CLUB

COMPETITIONS

GENERAL

All Pennant and Inter Club matches shall be conducted in accordance with the AGI Rules governing Pennant matches, the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of the Host Club. However, should any Local Rule(s) of the Host Club differ from the AGI Competition and Tournament Rules (e.g. motorised carts, distance measuring devices, etc.) the AGI Rule(s) shall apply.

TEAM SHEETS

Team sheets shall be sent to Auckland Golf by 4.00pm on the Monday prior to the Match unless Monday is a Public Holiday whereby team sheets shall be received prior to 4.00pm, on the Tuesday prior to the Match. As manager of the Pennant and Inter Club competitions, AGI has supervisory right over all Team Sheets. Where the composition of any Team Sheet does not appear to conform with the spirit of the game regarding playing in strict order of merit, AGI, after inquiry, may direct that a revised acceptable Team Sheet be submitted within 24 hours. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of the team for that fixture.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

All Clubs competing in Pennants have an obligation to make practice rounds available to visiting Pennant team players and this arrangement be fairly reciprocated. Where practice rounds are granted, visiting Club players must comply with all rules regarding dress, playing more than one ball, tees etc., as stipulated by the Host Club. The usual course care and etiquette must be observed when playing a practice round.

Practice rounds will be made available once teams have been sent to the host clubs and only players on the team sheet are eligible for practice rounds.

RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

As the course will not be closed on the day of the Pennant or Inter Club fixture, reciprocal rights cannot be requested. However, if Clubs wish to come to an arrangement, then that is a matter for the Clubs and AGI will not enter into any discussion.

STARTING TIMES

The Host Club must advise Visiting Clubs of starting times at least one week prior to the match. All grades of Senior Pennant and Inter Club matches starting times are at the discretion of the Host Club. It is recommended that morning multiple tees be used. Every endeavour should be made to complete the round on the scheduled day. Thus priority for play on the day must be accorded to Pennant or Inter Club players. Start time intervals - 8 minutes.

There are two options for the play-off structure that will be determined by AGI prior to the season starting:

1. Semi-finals shall be played in the morning and finals will be played in the afternoon on the same day.
2. Semi-finals shall be played in the morning and finals will be played in the morning on the different day.



HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

a) Result Sheets

The Host Club is responsible for completing an official AGI Result Sheet and returning same to the AGI Office by email.

b) Match Committee

The appointment of the Match Committee is the responsibility of the Host Club and should include an AGI Official if one is present.

Should there be a matter that cannot be resolved on the day or if the result is in question due to a dispute the following processes occur:

1. Managers to sign the results sheet and provide information pertaining to the dispute.
2. Results sheet sent to AGI and the matter be brought to the attention of the AGI's CEO prior to midday of the first working day subsequent to the match.
3. The CEO will seek a ruling from the AGI's Match Committee which will be final and binding on both teams.
4. The finding will be communicated to both teams.

c) Starting Tees

All "off the stick" Pennants are to be played off the championship tees with the exception of the Titirangi Golf Club who will play the Prem 1 (Bissett Shield) off the Black tees and other "off the stick" grades off the Blue Tees. All Inter Club Pennants are to be played off the Club tees.

d) Events in Conjunction

The holding of competitions in conjunction with Pennant or Inter Club matches shall not be permitted.

e) Scorecards

Score cards are not printed in any grade of "off the stick" Pennants. Due to the new handicap system "daily roll over", scorecards must be printed on the day of play.

All score cards are required to be entered in all Inter Club Pennants Grades where the match exceeds 13 holes.

FORMAT OF COMPETITION AND RULES

a) Teams

The composition of each team will be as follows:

Premiership and Championship 'Off the Stick' Pennant Teams - Eight players (the playing order of the team must be in strict order of merit).

Inter Club Teams - Eight players who shall play in handicap index order as submitted on the day Team Entry Sheets are due.

If a player's handicap index alters between the date of receipt of the Team Entry Sheet and the match, then the player must play on the handicap index ruling on the date of the match and the team order shall not be changed. The accumulated total of the handicap indices of a team shall not exceed 95.5.



To ensure that the team total is under 95.5, each player (starting from #8) will have their course h/c rating reduced by 1 per player and repeated until the total is under 95.5, with the final player's handicap being reduced by the decimal point necessary.

Example of handicap system

	h/c index	1st round	h/c index	2nd Round	h/c index
Player 1	4.8	Player 1	3.8	Player 1	3.8
Player 2	8.2	Player 2	7.2	Player 2	7.2
Player 3	10.8	Player 3	9.8	Player 3	9.8
Player 4	12	Player 4	11	Player 4	11
Player 5	14.3	Player 5	13.3	Player 5	13.3
Player 6	16.7	Player 6	15.7	Player 6	15.4
Player 7	17.8	Player 7	16.8	Player 7	15.8
Player 8	21.2	Player 8	20.2	Player 8	19.2
Total	105.8	Total	97.8	Total	95.5

b) Competition Format

The format of the competition to be as follows:

Premier 1 & 2 and Championship 1 & 2 shall play matchplay off the stick

Premier Divisions 1 & 2

- The top 8 clubs will enter their top team Premier 1 (initially based upon 2019 Bissett shield placings)
- Premier Division 2 will be made up of the teams from the remainder of the clubs. No club will be allowed to have 2 teams in Premier 1 & 2.

Championship Division 1

Championship Division 1 will be made up of clubs second teams (initially based upon 2019 Presidents placings)

- Should there be more than 8 teams, there will be promotion/relegation opportunities from the Prem II division for those clubs that do not have a team in the premiership. There can only be one team from each club in either or both of the above divisions.

Championship Division 2

Should there be an insufficient number of teams to complete a full Division, clubs will be offered the opportunity to enter an additional team to ensure the division has an even number of teams.



INTERCLUB. Inter Club players shall play matchplay off handicap

- Inter Club will be played in three Divisions with promotion/relegation between the premiership conferences but not between the divisions

Interclub I

- The top 8 clubs will enter their top team into this division (initially based upon 2019 interclub placings)

Interclub II

- The next 8 clubs will enter their top team into this division (initially based upon 2019 interclub placings)

Interclub III

- Each club will have the opportunity to enter a second top team into this division.
- Should there be an insufficient number of teams to complete a full Division, clubs will be offered the opportunity to enter an additional team to ensure the division has an even number of teams
- Each division will be split into two conferences and within each conference, teams (based on seedings from the previous year) will be play home and away matches to find conference placings (see f) play-offs for more information)

c) Draw

The draw to be made by AGI.

d) Player Eligibility

A player must be a male member of the Club and have the right to compete in the Club Championships of the Club he is representing.

- a. A player may only represent the Club which holds his Handicap Index. He may only represent one Club in the Pennant series in a season.
- b. A player relocating his business or residence, may, at the discretion of AGI, be granted dispensation to represent his new Club. He must comply with Condition (a).
- c. A player who has played three matches in any higher division may not play in a lower division (during the normal round robin phase of the competition or in a semi-final or final). Dispensation may be granted in special circumstances on application to AGI Match Committee. Special circumstances would include NZ Golf representation or play in a specified tournament at the behest of NZ Golf, and players returning from injury where such omission has been advised to AGI. It does not include players who choose to play in alternative tournaments against Club representation.
- d. Senior Pennants and Interclub Pennants are considered to be separate competitions with different formats. Therefore, players may transfer between the two competitions but Clause e applies for transfers between Divisions within a competition format.



- e. Players must have played at least two matches in the current season and not more than two for a Club team in a higher Division(s) in order to be eligible to play in that Division's semi final or final for the Club. Any match(es) played in a higher Division as a dispensated player duly approved as such by AGI shall be exempt. In special circumstances, a player may apply to AGI committee for dispensation, this will be considered on a case by case basis.

e) Scoring

One point shall be recorded for an individual win and 1/2 point for an individual halved match.

In Senior Pennants and Inter Club competitions in each Division, teams will be ranked within their conference based upon the scores of the round robin. At the end of the season teams will play-off against the opposing conference for final placings.

In the event of two or more teams being tied at the completion of the round robin, the higher placed team shall be determined by the aggregate results of the tied teams matches during the round robin phase of the competition. If the result of the round robin match was also a tie, the tie shall be broken by the higher seeded team at the beginning of the year.

f) Play-offs

In each division play-offs will occur using the following format

Conference A		Conference B	
Semi-finals	Semi-finals	5 th and 6 th place	7 th and 8 th place
1 st Conf A vs 2 nd Conf B	1 st Conf B vs 2 nd Conf A	3 rd Conf A vs 3 rd Conf B	4 th Conf B vs 4 th Conf A
Finals	3 rd and 4 th place		
winners play 1 st and 2 nd	losers play 3 rd and 4 th		

In the event of a tie 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.

g) Promotion/Regulation

- Promotion relegation will occur between the premiership and championship divisions (both OTS and InterClub), the 8th place team will automatically be relegated and the 1st place team will be promoted



- If there is a club from Prem II that does not have a team in the above divisions, they will be automatically promoted into the championship division and the 8th placed championship team will be automatically relegated

Scorecards

The policy of Auckland Golf Inc. is that scorecards must be kept for individual strokeplay rounds and handicap matchplay rounds. It is therefore mandatory that scorecards be kept for all Inter Club matches exceeding 13 holes. Players must exchange scorecards on the first tee of every match for Inter Club Pennants. Host Clubs shall process the scorecards at the first opportunity after hosting the day. It is the player's responsibility to ensure the printed scorecard is correctly completed in all respects including hole by hole scores and signatures. Failure to complete a scorecard to the satisfaction of the Match Committee will result in the deduction of a point from the team's total for the day.

h) Late Arrivals - Refer Rule 5.3a

If a player fails to arrive at the tee ready to play within 5 minutes of his starting time and without a reason acceptable to the Match Committee, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole. Once 5 minutes has elapsed, and in the absence of a reasonable excuse, the penalty is disqualification. If the reason is acceptable to the Match Committee, 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 a time stipulated by the Match Committee.

i) Substitutions

Players may only be substituted under this rule for reasons of necessity, such as accident, sickness or player unavailability. If a player is replaced or withdrawn from any team after the team list has been received at the AGI Office, substitution must take place as follows:

Senior Pennants - the substitute(s) shall fill the slot(s) vacated by the player(s) who withdrew. Where two or more substitutes are made in the placement of the substitutes in the vacant slots shall be in merit order. However, if a nominated pennant player is involved in the finals of the New Zealand or Australian Amateur Matchplay Championships, then the Club may play the substitute at the end of the Pennant team with the remaining players moving up one place until the substituted player's position has been filled.

Inter Club Pennants - the substitute(s) shall fill the slot(s) vacated by the player(s) who withdrew. Where two or more substitutions are made the placement of the substitutes in the vacant slots shall be in order of handicap indices on the day. (e.g. If team positions 2, 5 and 6 are to be substituted then the lowest handicapped sub plays at 2, the next lowest at 5, with the highest handicapped sub at 6). However, the aggregate indices of the players within the Inter Club team must not exceed the allowed limit of 95.5. Where this is not possible because of substitution, then the reduction in players handicaps occurs as per the handicap system with the substitute(s) placed in their respective playing positions.

A player who has been substituted cannot play in that team on the same day. If he should do so his individual match shall be forfeited.



j) Defaulted Matches, Disqualifications and Withdrawals

When a team defaults it shall not, except under special dispensation from the Association, be permitted to play again in the same season. All points scored for and against the team shall be void. If dispensation is given, then maximum points for the defaulted match will be awarded to the opposing team. Should it be necessary for a team to default, they must advise the AGI and the opposing team as soon as possible.

k) Abandonment or Postponement of Play

If during play of a Pennant or Inter Club match the course becomes unplayable in terms of Rule 33-2d the match shall be replayed and a new team entry sheet shall be submitted for the replay of the match. In the event that the match cannot be replayed, teams will be awarded 4 points each. This rule applies whether or not any individual matches have been completed.

Host Clubs are required to provide adequate means of indicating to players postponement or suspension of play.

l) Cancellations

The Host Club's Chairman of the Match Committee in liaison with the AGI representative for the day will decide on the morning of the match if conditions are unfit for play and will endeavour to have the decision announced to Clubs.

m) Pace of Play

AGI has determined that all players must adhere to the following per shot time limits:

- a) For the first player to play from the tee, fairway or on the green - 45 seconds.
- b) For subsequent players in the group - 30 seconds.

If a playing group is out of position and suspected of slow play, the group will be warned they are out of position and advised that they are required to resume their position in the field within three holes from the next hole commenced. Failure to do so, within the three hole limit, will result in the group being instructed to walk the hole, or holes, necessary to resume their position in the field.

n) Uniform Sponsorship

Amateur Status Rules decree a team may wear the logo of their sponsor on their uniforms. The sponsor's logo can appear only once on each garment. The measurements of the logo must not exceed 220mm in perimeter and any lettering must not exceed 12mm in height. If there is a clothing label on the garment, the label must be that of the clothing manufacturer. All sponsors logos must be first approved by AGI prior to being embroidered on clothing.

o) Team Advisors

A team may have a team advisor. All team advisors must be identified to the Match Committee of the day prior to the commencement of the match.



p) 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.

q) Motorised Transport

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.

r) 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:

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