



AUCKLAND GOLF INCORPORATED

MENS PENNANT AND INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS 2024



1. General

RULES

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.

All players must comply with AGI and Clubs H&S rules.

TEAM SHEETS

Team sheets shall be entered (on-line where applicable) to Auckland Golf by 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 only to those players on the team sheet.

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 Pennants and Inter Club matches starting times are at the discretion of the Host Club. 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.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

available by clicking [> HERE <](#)



CART DISPENSATION

Dispensation to use motorised assistance in an event will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Players and caddies must complete the dispensation for and send to AGI with a current medical certificate. In this context "motorised assistance" includes golf carts and motorbikes and does not include battery-powered trundlers. It is the players responsibility to check with the host club whether carts are available and/or permitted on the day. Carts are hired at the cost of the player.

Penalty for Breach of Transportation Local Rule: General penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

2. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

a) Result Sheets

The Host Club is responsible for compiling the results of the days matches and entering the results on-line through the AGI portal. The results must be entered on-line and sent to Auckland Golf no later than midday of the Monday following the match.

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. Result of the disputed match(es) not to be entered into the online system
2. Dispute to be brought to the attention of the AGI's staff prior to midday of the first working day subsequent to the match.
3. AGI staff 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.

All Inter Club Pennants are to be played off the Club tees.

Should clubs wish to alter the starting tees for the season, the club must notify AGI no later than 1st December the previous year. The alterations will be considered by the AGI match committee.

d) Events in Conjunction

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

e) Scorecards

Due to the handicap system's "daily roll over", scorecards must be printed on the day of play.

Score cards do not need to be printed in any grade of "off the stick" Pennants.



3. FORMAT OF COMPETITION AND RULES

a) Competition Format

Senior pennants (Premiership and Championship) are considered to be a separate competition to Interclub Pennants. The format of the competition to be as follows:

PREMIERSHIP: match play off-the-stick

Premiership

- The top 8 clubs (as per the previous year's placings) will play for the Bissett Shield.
- The next 8 clubs (as per the previous year's placings) will play for the Presidents Cup
- Clubs may only have 1 team in the Premiership Division.
- The winner of the Presidents Grade will automatically be promoted to Bissett Shield grade the following year.
- The loser of the 7th and 8th play-off match for Bissett Shield grade will automatically be relegated to Presidents grade the following year.

CHAMPIONSHIP: match play off-the-stick

Championship 1

- Championship 1 will be made up of a clubs second team with priority given to any club that does not have a Premiership team (as per the previous year's placings).
- Should a club have a team in the Championship and not in the Premiership, there may be promotion/relegation opportunities from the Presidents grade as determined by the AGI match committee.
- There can only be one team from each club in Championship 1.

Championship 2

- Championship 2 will be made up of a clubs second team (as per the previous year's placings).
- Should there be an insufficient number of teams to complete a full (ideally 8 teams) Division, clubs will be offered the opportunity to enter an additional team to ensure the division has an even number of teams.
- If a club has more than 2 teams in Championship 2, once a player has played a match for one team, they may only play once for the other club team.
- Should a new team be entered into the division, that team shall be seeded #8. Should two or more new teams be entered, seedings (within the lowest spots) shall be decided by the AGI match committee.



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INTERCLUB. match play off handicap

Inter Club will be played in three Divisions with promotion/relegation between the conferences provided the club has only 1 team entered into either Inter Club I and II

Interclub I

- The top 8 clubs will enter their top team into this division (as per the previous year's placings).

Interclub II

- The next 8 clubs will enter their top team into this division (as per the previous year's 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.

b) Teams

The composition of each team will be as follows:

All '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.

c) Player Eligibility

- a. A player must be a male member of the Club which holds his Handicap Index and have paid a full levy to Auckland Golf Inc.
- b. A player may only represent one Club in the Pennant series in a season.
- c. In extraordinary circumstances a player may, at the discretion of AGI, be granted dispensation to represent his new Club. He must comply with Condition (a).
- d. 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 Golf NZ representation or play in a specified tournament at the behest of Golf NZ, 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.



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- e. Players must have played at least two matches in the current season and not more than two for a Club team in any higher Division(s) in order to be eligible to play in that team's semi-final or final.
- f. 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.

d) Draw

- The draw to be made by AGI.
- 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]
- *Should a division have an odd number of teams, AGI will set the draw accordingly so as to ensure the minimum disruption to teams and clubs in affected grades.*

e) InterClub Teams sheets

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 reduce 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



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f) 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 the higher seeded team at the beginning of the year.

g) Play-offs

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 a different day.

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

Conference A	Conference B
(1)	(1)
(2)	(2)
(3)	(3)
(4)	(4)

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			
winners play 1 st and 2 nd			

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.

For each division, the semi-final losers will be seeded the following year based on the seeding from the current year. The team seeded higher at the start of the year will be placed 3rd the following year.

Where possible, all play-off matches will be played on Neutral Venues, except for the finals day where all matches will be played at the host venue.



h) Scorecards

The policy of Auckland Golf Inc. is that scorecards must be kept for individual stroke play rounds and handicap match play rounds.

All score cards are required to be entered in all InterClub Pennants Grades where the match exceeds 13 holes and must be entered no later than Monday after the match was played.

Players must exchange scorecards on the first tee of every match for InterClub Pennants. 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.

i) Late Arrivals - Refer Rule 5.3a

If a player fails to arrive at the tee ready to play within 5 minutes after 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.

j) 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:

Before Friday 12:00 midday

If a player is replaced due to injury and **can provide a medical certificate**, teams may be resubmitted with the replacement player entered in the appropriate order of merit (for senior pennants) or handicap (for InterClub) order with the remaining players moving up (or down) one place.

Players shall not be moved out of the order they were entered in on the original team sheet submitted, other than to accommodate the replacement player.

If a player is replaced after Friday midday, the following process will be applied:

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

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



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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 any other Auckland pennants match on the same round. If he should do so his individual match shall be forfeited.

k) 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.

l) Abandonment or Postponement of Play

If during play of a Pennant or Inter Club match the course becomes unplayable 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 of suspension of play. *Should the finals day be abandoned and the host club cannot find another day to host, all finals matches shall be played at neutral venues and completed by a date set by the AGI match committee each year*

A player who has been named in a team for an abandoned match cannot play in any other Auckland pennants match on the same round. If he should do so his individual match shall be forfeited.

m) 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.

n) Pace of Play

The AGI Pace of Play Rules apply to all competitions under the control and direction of AGI including Pennant and Inter Club competitions.



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o) 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.

p) 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.

q) Mobile Telephones

Mobile phones must be turned to silent at all time on the course and may only be used for:

- a. Gauging distance
- b. Emergency calls only
- c. Contacting the tournament director
- d. To access the R&A Rules of Golf App.

Penalty for breach – Censure suspension or revocation of privilege of playing



AUCKLAND GOLF “PACE of PLAY” REGULATIONS

a) PACE OF PLAY – PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Players must be ready to play when it is their turn
- Play within the published maximum times allowed must be adhered to and groups must keep up with the group in front of them
- Even if a player loses their ball, has a lengthy search or a ruling, it is still the responsibility of the group:
 - ~ To play to the scheduled time, and
 - ~ To get back into position as soon as possible
- **IF PLAYERS KEEP UP WITH THE GROUP IN FRONT, THEIR GROUP WILL NOT BE TIMED**

b) WHEN A GROUP IS OUT OF POSITION

- A referee will ask the group to get back into position (but if the group is significantly out of position, the referee may start timing immediately)
- If the group is not back into position within two holes or no effort was made after one hole, the group will be “timed”

c) PROCEDURE WHEN BEING TIMED:

- The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for first player to play:
 - ~ on a par three hole;
 - ~ an approach shot to the green; and
 - ~ a chip or putt
- The timing starts almost as soon as a player reaches their ball
- Obtaining a yardage and selecting a club are included in the time allocated for a player’s shot
- If a player exceeds the allocated time, then the player is given a “bad time”
- If a player plays their shot within 40 seconds, they cannot be given a bad time

d) RANDOM TIMING WHEN PLAYERS ARE OUT OF POSITION

- A player may be timed without warning, including when their group is not out of position
- In such cases of “random timing” without warning, players risk a bad time if they take longer than 60 seconds to play a shot, with an extra 10 seconds given (i.e. 70 seconds in total) for a “first to play” shot

e) PENALTIES FOR BAD TIMES

- 1 Bad Time = the player is warned
- 2 Bad Times = the player gets a one stroke penalty
- 3 Bad Times = the player gets a general penalty
- 4 Bad Times = Disqualification