

2019 - GENERAL RULES GOVERNING ALL AUCKLAND GOLF INC. WOMEN'S INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

Additional Rules for A Pennants, Midweek & Weekend 18 Hole Match Play and Betty Faesen Challenge Shield follow this general section.

1. All competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the AGI Rules governing the competition, the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of the Host Club.
2. 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 Pennant and Inter Club matches exceeding 12 holes with the exception of the Betty Faesen competition. Players must exchange scorecards on the first tee.
3. Clubs shall appoint a captain for each team. The names, handicap indices, course handicaps and order of play for each team shall be entered on an official AGI Results form and produced at least 30 minutes before the commencement of play. The players are solely responsible for the correct application of handicaps and recording the results. The captains of the opposing teams shall toss for the honour. The captain of each team shall give a signed top copy of the official AGI Results form to the Match Committee of the Host Club at the conclusion of the fixture. When clubs advise the hosting club of team details a contact mobile phone number for the team must be provided.

4. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

a) Match Committee

The Host Club is responsible for the control and co-ordination of the day's play including starting, collating results, settling disputes and announcing the day's result. The Match Committee shall comprise the Host Club's Representative, who shall be the AGI's representative for the day, together with up to two other appointees of the Host Club, who are not competitors. Ideally there should be a person on the Match Committee who is fully aware of the Rules of Golf (especially the new rules coming into effect on 1st January).

b) Starting Times and Tees

The Host Club will be responsible for the allocation of starting tees. A two or more tee start preferred across all Inter Club competitions. First tee times to be allocated to clubs travelling farthest from home.

c) Scorecards

The Match Committee of the day is responsible for the collection of correctly completed scorecards. Following the day's play, the scorecards are to be processed at the Host Club at the first opportunity. It is recommended that where a scorecard is found not to be correctly completed in all respects, the player be given every opportunity to correct her error. Match Committees must apply a penalty of the deduction of one point from the team total for an incorrect scorecard, a scorecard that has not been returned or for any scorecard that has not been completed in all respects.

d) Results

The Match Committee will collect the signed official AGI results sheet from each team and email these sheets to the AGI office within 2 days of the matches being played.

Should there be a matter arising that cannot be resolved on the day, the team Captains should be advised not to sign the results form. The Host Club committee should advise Auckland Golf Inc of this on the first working day after the match.

e) Abandonment of Play and Cancellation.

If the Host Club course is closed or considered unfit for play by the Host Club Committee, they shall advise of this cancellation via mobile phone to the AGI Match Convenor and the Club Captains of teams involved.

If weather conditions deteriorate after play has commenced, the Host Club Match Committee may suspend play. If play is unable to recommence the fixture, so abandoned, must be completely replayed. An alternative date or venue shall be arranged by the AGI Match Committee.

f) Special Conditions

If soft spikes are compulsory, or at any time trundlers or dimple sole shoes may not be used on a course, or wide wheels are to be used, prior notice must be given to visiting teams.

g) Caddies

Any player is entitled to have a caddie without notifying either the Host Club or the opposing team.

h) Catering

The Host Club's Captain shall advise the caterer of the numbers requiring lunch (includes players and caddies)

5. Defaulted Matches, Disqualifications and Withdrawals

When a team defaults it shall not, except under special dispensation from AGI, be permitted to play again in the same season. All points scored for and against the team shall be void. If dispensation is granted, then 12 points shall be awarded to the opposing team in the A Pennant section; 60 points in the Weekend and Mid-week sections and 5 points in the Betty Faesen Challenge Shield section(s). Should a team default, AGI, the opposing team and the club hosting the event must be advised as soon as possible.

6. Entries

Clubs will be asked to submit entries for the Interclub fixtures for the following season by the date set by AGI. No limit to the number of teams a Club can enter.

7. Players members of more than one club

A player is eligible to play for her home Club only i.e. the club she has designated to keep her handicap records. A player whose secondary club is in the Auckland District may play ONLY if her Home Club is NOT in the District. A player may play for one club only in any one year i.e. her Home Club, unless she resigns from that club and nominates another club her Home Club. A player who changes her Home Club, but remains a member of more than one Club within the Auckland District, must have been a fully financial playing member of her new Home Club, with cards presented for handicapping, for not less than 2 months before being eligible to represent that Club in any AGI inter-club competition. Any Club playing a player who is not eligible shall lose the match or matches played by her.

8. Movement of Players

Players can move between Midweek and Weekend 18 Hole Matchplay teams.

A Pennant and Betty Faesen players may play in Midweek and/or Weekend 18 Hole Matchplay teams as eligible and vice versa.

If a club enters more than one team in the AGI competitions, a player may play for one team only in any competition. Players can be interchanged between the different competitions as

their handicap allows. There is no limit to the number of teams a club can enter in any competition.

In order to play in a semi final or final or play off, a player must have played at least 1 match in section play.

9. Late Arrivals

If a player arrives at the tee, ready to play, within 5 minutes of her 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. 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 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 offending player before she is permitted to commence play.

10. Disputes

AGI shall record the results as returned unless they receive advice from the hosting club of a protest. AGI will write to the secretaries of the opposing clubs, asking each for a statement of facts to be forwarded by a given date. The dispute will then be dealt with by the AGI Match Committee, who may seek any further information they deem necessary before ruling on the matter, and whose decision shall be final.

11. Motorised Assistance

Dispensation to use motorised assistance will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Players must apply in writing to AGI. Caddies are permitted to ride in a cart whether or not the player is using a cart. 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 permitted on the day.

12. 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.

13. Distance Measuring Devices

Distance information may be shared amongst team members and/or opposition without penalty (refer to definitions: advice: Rules of Golf).

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 her play (i.e. 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.

14. Practice Rounds

It is entirely at the discretion of the Host Club to grant practice rounds. Clubs should advise AGI before 31st January of any restrictions or costs for practice rounds.

15. 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.

16. Dress and Uniform

At all AGI events, including Pennant series, the course and Clubhouse dress conditions of the Host Club shall prevail.

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.

17. 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.

Rule 5.6b covers Pace of Play and recommends a shot time of no more than 40 seconds.

If a group is out of position in relation to the group in front, the group will be given a warning and requested to return to their rightful position in the field within two holes. Failure to comply with the request will result in the group walking a hole or holes until the group is back in position. The holes walked will be halved. (Refer to additional guidelines relating to slow play.)

18. Combination Teams

Teams comprising players from two Clubs may be entered in AGI Interclub competitions after submitting their proposal(s) to the AGI Management Committee and having this/these approved.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES RELATING TO SLOW PLAY

At the Pennant Referendum in July 2017 Auckland Golf Inc was asked to address the issue of slow play.

The following are some suggestions to help your pennant players keep up with the players in front of them:-

On the Tee:

1. Be ready to tee off. Mark your card after you have teed off. Play a provisional ball if you think your ball may be O/B or lost.
2. Don't wait for the group in front to be on the green up ahead.
3. Keep an eye on each other's ball.

On the Fairway:

1. Use the sides of the fairway to move up level with your ball, check your distance, select your club and have a practice swing.
2. Walk briskly between shots.
3. Leave your trundler to the side of the green you will be walking off.
4. When playing in fours the order of play refers to individual matches. You can play "out of turn" as long as it is not before your opponent in your match (refer Rule 6.4a).
5. If you find you are losing ground break up into twos and play on until you catch up to the players in front.
6. Remember – keep up with the group in front, not ahead of the group behind.
7. Recommended time for each hole is – PAR 3 = 11 minutes; PAR 4 = 14 minutes; PAR 5 = 17 minutes.
8. Keep an eye on each other's ball.

On the Green:

1. Putt out in twos and move on to the next tee AND tee off.

Disputes:

1. All players must carry an up to date Rule Book in their bag.
2. Refer to rule 20.1b if there is a dispute.

2019 - ADDITIONAL RULES FOR 'A' PENNANT MATCHES

These rules to read in conjunction with the General Rules Governing All AGI Women's Interclub Competitions

1. GENERAL

- a) 'A' Pennant teams shall consist of six players. If more than one section is required, each grade shall be divided into sections arranged by Auckland Golf.
- b) Each club can only enter a maximum of two teams. A player can only play for the team she was originally selected to play in and cannot be interchanged between teams. Penalty for breach of Rule – Disqualification of that player from that match.
- c) The competition shall be handicap match play.
- d) The teams will be named in strict order of handicap index, lowest handicaps placed first.
- e) The penalty for incorrect order of play shall be disqualification for each affected match.
- f) Matches all square at the 18th hole shall be halved.
- g) Two points shall be awarded to the winner of a match. One point each if the match is halved.
- h) If an individual player wins by default or disqualification of the opponent, 2 points shall be awarded to that player.
- i) Teams in the 'A' grade shall be selected from players within the handicap index range + - 18.4. Two players in the team can have a handicap index exceeding 18.4 but must play off 18.4.
- j) A Club which plays less than six players in a team shall be considered to have lost as many individual matches that are affected by the player or players absent.
- k) Movement of Players - A player may move between A and B Pennants as her handicap index allows.

2. VENUES

Each Club entering a team must be willing to provide its course as a venue. Dates for fixtures will be arranged by Auckland Golf, in consultation with the Clubs. If a Club has a bye, the venue will be the Club with the bye. (Under exceptional circumstances a club may seek approval from AGI to change the venue when they are scheduled to host the competition.)

3. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

The competition shall commence no later than 9.30 am.

4. PROMOTION/RELEGATION

At the completion of section play for the year, promotion/relegation will be dependent on the number of entries received for the following year's competitions.

5. AWARDING OF PENNANTS

The winner shall be the team with the highest points at the completion of the competition. The winning club will be presented with a pennant bearing the name of the club to hold for one year and a miniature trophy. The trophies shall be presented on the day and at the club at which the final matches are played. In case of a tie, the team with the most number of individual games won over the season shall be the winner. If there is still a tie, each team shall choose one player to play sudden death on holes chosen by Auckland Golf. Shots are to be given if applicable.

2019 - ADDITIONAL RULES FOR MIDWEEK 18 HOLE MATCHPLAY AND WEEKEND 18 HOLE MATCHPLAY COMPETITIONS

These rules to read in conjunction with the General Rules Governing All AGI Women's Interclub Competitions

1. ELIGIBILITY

If a Club enters two teams in 18 Hole Matchplay competition, a player can only play for the team she was originally selected to play in and cannot be interchanged between teams. Penalty for breach of Rule – Disqualification of the player from that match. An 'A' pennant player can play in the Mid Week competition up to three times only.

2. GENERAL

- a) The competition shall be handicap match play over a full 18 holes.
- b) Teams shall be divided into sections arranged by Auckland Golf.
- c) Each team shall consist of six players from within the handicap index range of + - 32.4. Teams shall be named in strict order of handicap index, lowest handicap index playing first. The penalty for incorrect order of play shall be disqualification for each affected match.
- d) One point shall be awarded for winning a hole, half a point for halving a hole. Points will aggregate over the season.
- e) If a player defaults the match, for whatever reason, her opponent shall be awarded 10 points.
- f) If a player concedes a match during play, due to illness or injury, the result of the match at the point of concession shall stand. The opponent of the conceding player receives half a point for each of the remaining holes, which are deemed to be halved. The conceding player receives no further points.
- g) If a player is disqualified after the match is completed, her points shall not count, but her opponent retains any points gained.
- h) Each Club entering a team must be willing to provide its course as a venue.
- i) In the event of a tie in any one section at the completion of the round robin, a winner shall be determined by the result of the tied teams during the round robin phase of the competition. If the result of the round robin match was also a tie, each team shall choose one player for a sudden death play-off on holes chosen by the Match Committee. Shots will be given if applicable.

3. ENTRIES

If 27 or less teams are entered then play in 3 sections with a 3 way play off.

If 28 or more teams are entered then have 4 sections with a semi final and final.

Clubs may enter as many teams as there are sections and AGI will accommodate all teams entered subject to number of sections.

4. AWARDING OF TROPHIES

Winners of each section will play off over 18 holes only, on one day on a neutral course arranged by Auckland Golf. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be awarded jointly.

The trophies shall be presented on the day and at the club at which the final matches are played.

All clubs not involved in the 3-way play-off are asked to make available at least 1 person to be a marker.

5. MIDWEEK COMPETITION

All fixtures will commence at the time stated on the draw.

6. WEEKEND WOMEN'S COMPETITION

The competition shall be played on a Sunday at the time stated on the draw. (The AGI Match Convenor and Captains of clubs involved must be notified should a change of time be necessary.)

2019 - ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE BETTY FAESEN CHALLENGE SHIELD

These rules to read in conjunction with the General Rules Governing All AGI Women's Interclub Competitions

1. GENERAL

- a) Each team shall consist of four players.
- b) The competition shall be: 2 players play Match Play “off the stick” and 2 players play “Handicap Match Play” with maximum handicap indices of 12.9. Players can interchange between either playing “off the stick” or “handicap” Match Play each round. The 2 “off the stick” players can play in any handicap order – the 2 “handicap match play” players must play in handicap order.
- c) The competition shall be played on a Sunday and each Club entering a team must provide its course as a venue.
- d) The competition shall commence at the time stated on the draw. The AGI Match Convenor and Captains of clubs involved must be notified should a change of time be necessary.
- e) Teams must be listed on the official AGI Result Sheet in any handicap order for the 2 “off the stick” players, but in strict handicap order for the 2 “handicap match play” players (lowest handicap first). The penalty for incorrect order of play shall be disqualification.
- f) In a competition between two teams, the winner of each individual match shall be awarded two points. A draw in a match shall be worth 1 point to each team. No match shall proceed beyond the stipulated round of 18 holes.

2. AWARDING OF TROPHY

If twelve or more teams are entered, there will be two sections of at least six teams. The winners of each section will compete in a final to be played on the same day as the Men's Finals Day to determine the winner of the Betty Faesen Shield.

If there are fewer than twelve teams entered in the competition there will be one section. The winner will be the team with the highest number of points at the end of the competition.

The winning club will be presented with six miniature shield badges.