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Women's Pennant Rules - 2024

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GENERAL RULES GOVERNING ALL INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS (2024)

WOMEN'S INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

Additional Rules for A Pennants, Midweek & Weekend 18 Hole Match Play, 9 Hole Inter-club and Betty Faesen Challenge Shield follow this general section.

The AGI administers the Women's Interclub Competitions on behalf of the Clubs in the Auckland District. Clubs are able to review and hold a referendum to alter the Rules/Terms of Competition for the running of these competitions every 3 years.

Rules

All competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Golf (R&A Rules Ltd), the AGI Rules governing the competition, and the Local Rules of the Host Club.

1) GENERAL

A) Caddies

Any player is entitled to have a caddie without notifying either the Host Club or the opposing team. Please respect the majority vote at the last referendum (2021) in favour of restricting caddies from the greens

B) Club Pennants Team 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.

It is the responsibility of the club to host pennants matches as the draw determines. If a team cannot host pennant/Inter Club matches at their own home course they must submit an application for dispensation to Auckland Golf Inc by 1st September. AGI will request a vote from all clubs that have a team in that competition/section. A consensus by majority must be reached for the request to be passed

C) 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

D) 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 7 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.

E) 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.



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F) Dress and Uniform

At all Women's Interclub Competitions, 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.

G) 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.

H) Mobile Telephones and Distance Measuring Devices

The use of distance measuring devices is permitted in all Auckland Golf Inc. competitions. REFER RULE 4.3a (1)

Mobile phones must be turned to silent at all times 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

I) Cart Dispensation

Dispensation to use motorised assistance will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Players must apply in writing to AGI using the exemption request form. Players may apply for exemption for their Caddies using the form also.

It is the players responsibility to check with the host club whether carts are available and permitted on the day.

J) 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.



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K) Players who are 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 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. .

L) Scorecards

Scorecards must be kept for all Pennant and Inter Club matches with the exception of the Betty Faesen competition. Players **must** exchange scorecards on the tee of the first hole played.

M) Team Advisors

A team may have a Team Advisor. All Team Advisors must be identified to the Match Committee on the day prior to the commencement of the match. A playing Captain cannot give advice to players.



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2) TEAM CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITIES

Each team shall nominate a Team Captain. They are responsible for:

- ~ Ensuring the Team List (names, handicap indices and order of play (based on H/c order)) is entered on-line to Dotgolf at least **2 days** before the commencement of play.
- ~ If a player or players withdraw from the team after the Team List is submitted, they may be substituted with a new player.
- ~ The Team List may be altered so all players are in order of their handicap indices on the day of play.
- ~ The finalised Team/Result Sheet, must be returned to the Match Committee 30 minutes before play commences.
- ~ At the end of the Competition, the Team Captains shall record the result for each match, sign the Team/Results Sheet (unless there is an unresolved dispute) and return the Sheet to the Match Committee.

3) HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

The Host Club is responsible for the control and co-ordination of the day's play including

a) The provision of a Match Committee

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 current Rules of Golf.

b) The allocation of Starting Times and Tees

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

c) Abandoning or Cancelling Play.

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

d) 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.

e) Results

Collecting results from the matches and entering them on-line for Betty Faesen & A Pennants or to the AGI for the 18 Hole Interclub Competition within 1 day of the matches being played.

f) 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.



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g) 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.

4) MATCH COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Match Committee is responsible for:

a) Supplying Local Rules information

b) Collecting & checking Team/Result sheets prior to matches starting

c) Providing starters

d) Overseeing Pace of Play

If a group is out of position the AGI Pace of Play Rules apply to all Pennant and Inter Club competitions.

e) Resolving disputes

All disputes are to be referred to the Match Committee before completing the Team/Results Sheet. Should there be a matter arising that cannot be resolved on the day, the Host Club committee should advise Auckland Golf Inc of this on the first working day after the match.

f) Scorecards

Collecting correctly completed scorecards. Following the day's play, the scorecards are to be checked 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.

g) Announcing the days results

The result of a match is determined to be final once the result of the Competition for the day has been announced by the Match Committee.

h) Suspension or abandonment of play

If weather conditions deteriorate after play has commenced, play may be suspended. If play is unable to recommence the fixture, so abandoned, must be completely replayed. Where practical and available, an alternative date or venue shall be arranged, by the AGI Match Committee.



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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 four 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 guidelines:

A Pennant fixtures will be Four - Ball Matchplay and Singles Matchplay played concurrently.

The fixture will be played in fours with each player playing a singles match and a four – ball match.

e.g. Red Team:	A. Brown	2
	C. Yellow	6
Blue Team:	D. Black	3
	Y. Green	10

- i. In four - ball the lowest handicapper gives shots to the other 3 players in their 4 as per the shot holes on the card. Brown gives 4 shots to yellow, 1 to black and 8 to green. The winner of the hole is the team whose individual has the lowest score on the hole – their gross minus any shots they may receive from the lowest handicapper.
- ii. For the singles match Brown will play Black and give 1 shot, Yellow will play Green and give 4 shots.
- iii. Both matches are then played at the same time as per normal handicap match play with the shots taken as above.
- iv. 'Concessions': Both members of your team need to be aware that 'concessions' may affect the other match. It is up to fellow team members to be aware of this. So, when you give a concession you need to be clear if the concession applies to both the singles and four – ball match, or to only one of them.
- v. Each match continues until conceded or if all square after 18 holes it is halved.
- vi. According to the rules of golf, advice may be given by your partner for the entirety of both matches.
- vii. On the first tee both players from the team winning the toss tee off first as in four – ball, but in handicap order. On subsequent holes the order of play from the tee is decided by the four – ball match. However, to help the pace of play, players may agree to play out of turn, meaning if players in a singles match have finished the



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hole, they may go on to the next hole and tee off with the order decided by the singles match.

- viii. No partners may share clubs.
- d) The teams will be named in strict order of handicap index, lowest handicaps placed first.
- e) Two points shall be awarded to the winner of a match, one point each if the match is halved, a total of 12 points available - 8 points for singles matches and 4 points for four - ball matches.
- f) If an individual player wins by default or disqualification of the opponent, 2 points shall be awarded to that player.
- g) Teams in the A Pennant grade shall be selected from players within the handicap index range 0.0 to 18.4. One player in the team can have a handicap index exceeding 18.4 but must play off 18.4.
- h) A Club which plays less than four players in a team shall be considered to have lost as many individual matches that are affected by the player or players absent.

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. AWARDING OF PENNANTS

The winner shall be the team with the highest points at the completion of the competition. If the overall scores are tied, there will be a sudden death play-off by the No. 1 players on hole(s) chosen by the Match Committee (shots are to be given if applicable). 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.



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ADDITIONAL RULES MIDWEEK AND WEEKEND 18 HOLE MATCHPLAY

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.



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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. If the overall scores are tied, there will be a sudden death play-off by the No. 1 players on hole(s) chosen by the Match Committee.

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.)



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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 must play in strict order of handicap index. The penalty for incorrect order of play shall be disqualification. One player in the team can have a handicap index exceeding 12.9 but must play off 12.9.
- 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) 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 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. If the overall scores are tied, there will be a sudden death play-off by the No. 1 players on hole(s) chosen by the Match Committee.



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ADDITIONAL RULES FOR 9 HOLE INTERCLUB COMPETITION

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

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a) Players must have a Golf NZ handicap, up to 54, and be a bona fide 9 Hole member of their Club.
- b) A player may only represent her home club.

2. GENERAL

The competition shall be Handicap match play over a full 9 holes.

Teams shall be divided into zones arranged by Auckland Golf. These will be established once the 9 Hole Convenor has received all club entries and confirmed at the 9 Hole Executive Day.

Each Club within a Zone is to play each other twice, at home and away.

Clubs entering a team must be willing to provide their course as a venue.

Start times no earlier than 9 o'clock.

Each team comprises 4 players plus 2 reserves, named a week in advance. Players shall be listed 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.

There is no handicap restriction.

One point shall be awarded for winning a hole, half a point for halving a hole. Points will aggregate over the season.

If a player defaults the match, for whatever reason, her opponent shall be awarded 5^{1/2} points

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.

If a player is disqualified after the match is completed, her points shall not count, but her opponent retains any points gained.



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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.

Scoring

Strokes are given or received starting from the lowest stroke index hole depending on the difference between their playing handicap.

The Team score is the total number of points won in each match.

The winner of the Zone is the team with the highest total number of points scored from all of their matches.

3. ENTRIES

AGI will accommodate all teams entered subject to number of zones.

A player may only play for the team she was originally selected to play in and cannot be interchanged between teams for that year.

Penalty for breach of Rule – Disqualification of the player from that match.

Composite teams must include at least one member from each participating club.

4. AWARDING OF 9 HOLE TRIANGULAR TROPHY

Winners of each section will play off over 9 holes only, on one day on a neutral course arranged by Auckland Golf according to the zone rotation.

If the overall scores are tied, there will be a sudden death play-off by the No.1 players on hole(s) chosen by the Match Committee.

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

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

The teams in the Zone holding the final need to pencil in a date in their programme when they can hold the final, if they are the neutral team.



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 a player loses their ball, have 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