



AUCKLAND GOLF INCORPORATED

Women's Pennant Rules



1. GENERAL RULES GOVERNING ALL INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS (2022)

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 stroke play rounds and handicap match play 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 current Rules of Golf.

b) Starting Times and Tees



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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

In accordance with the vote at the 2021 Pennant Referendum, the outcome was in favour of restricting caddies from the green.

Under the Rules of Golf caddies are allowed. Therefore AGI can only ask on behalf of clubs that all Pennant and Inter Club players respect the majority vote in favour of restricting caddies from the green.

h) Catering

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



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i) **Change of venue**

It is the responsibility of the club to host pennant matches as the draw determines. If a team cannot host pennant/Inter Club matches at their own course they must submit an application for dispensation to Auckland Golf Inc by 1st September for the following years competition. 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.

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 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.

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 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.



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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

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

Penalty for breach - Censure, suspension or revocation of privilege of playing.

13. Distance Measuring Devices

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

14. Practice Rounds



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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.

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.

19. 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.

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.



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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 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.



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- 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.

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.



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- 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. 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.)



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. 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.

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