

AUCKLAND GOLF INCORPORATED SUB COMMITTEES

Sub-committees are recommended by the Presidents after the AGM and confirmed by the Board.

OFFICERS: Comprise the Women's and Men's Presidents together with their Vice Presidents.

DISCIPLINARY: This Sub-Committee shall comprise three Commissioners, to administer the AGI's Disciplinary Policy.

MATCH & TOURNAMENT: To assist Clubs in an advisory capacity in the running of AGI or NZG events. To draw up and administer the annual programme of AGI for all official fixtures and Pennant Interclub competitions, with the assistance of the Junior Sub-Committee where appropriate.

JUNIOR PROMOTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT: To administer Junior Golf in the AGI area and maintain contact with other District Associations in relation to Junior golf. To arrange regular meetings with Club Junior Directors and formulate and control coaching of players to further their development. Select and supervise under 16 and 19 representative teams as required.

HANDICAPPING & COURSE RATING: To maintain and assist in the formation of policy relating to the Handicapping System set by NZG and set the NZ Course Rating of courses within the AGI district in accordance with procedures set down in the NZG handbook on Handicapping & Course Rating.

REPRESENTATION

SELECTORS: (Appointed annually by the Board) are represented by the convenor who reports on results of trials, team selection and inter-association fixtures.

AUCKLAND GOLF INCORPORATED RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF MENS COMPETITIONS

1. EVENTS (Official Fixtures)

The following events shall be under the auspices of Auckland Golf Inc.:

1. Champion of Champions Match
2. Auckland Provincial Matchplay Championship
3. Auckland Provincial Strokeplay Championship
4. Auckland Masters Strokeplay Championship

2. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

The above events are open to those amateur members of Clubs affiliated to New Zealand Golf Inc. and members of overseas golf clubs recognised by New Zealand Golf who have the following qualifications and on the conditions stated:

- a) They must have full playing rights in the Championships of their own Clubs.
- b) The age last birthday of any entrant under 18 years shall be clearly stated on the entry form. Clubs shall ensure that this is done.
- c) Players entering the Auckland Masters Championship must have had their 40th birthday on or before the first day of the tournament.

3. CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

- a) There shall be played annually a match to be called "The Champion of Championship Match" in which the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Champion of every Club affiliated to AGI shall be entitled to compete.
- b) The match shall be 36 holes of strokeplay for the Senior's and a 36 hole Stableford competition with a handicap for the Intermediate and Junior Grades. Draw to be made by AGI in threes.
- c) The venue of the Match shall be determined by AGI.
- d) The Senior grade carries with it a Cup known as "The Champions Cup" together with a miniature which will be supplied and paid for by AGI and presented to the winner after the Match. The Cup shall be held by the winner's Club. The miniature shall belong to the winners.
- e) In the event of a tie the winner shall be found by a sudden death playoff on the day, if time permits otherwise the championship shall be shared.
- f) In conjunction there will be a team's event for the Ron Lay Rosebowl, with the Intermediate and Junior Club Champions combining with the Senior Champion to comprise the team. In the event that the Champion is unavailable in any grade, substitution by runner up or semi-finalist is permitted. The substitute is eligible for the team's event only. Scoring for the team's event shall be Stableford with handicap.

4. AUCKLAND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - STROKE & MATCHPLAY

a) STROKEPLAY

A 72 hole stroke event without handicap, with the field generally limited to the 120 lowest handicap entries received by closing date. AGI reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving any reason and to allocate places to potential representative players. In the event of a tie the winner shall be found by a sudden death playoff on the day if time permits otherwise the Championship shall be shared.

b) MATCHPLAY

The top 16 players over the 72 holes of the Strokeplay Championship who are available shall proceed to the Matchplay Championship at a nominated course on the basis of 18 holes elimination competition over 2 days, without handicap.

In the event of a tie for any position in the top 16, the result shall be decided by countback. In the Auckland Matchplay Championship each match shall be played over 18 holes, except where the Match finishes all square, when play shall continue from the hole at which the match commenced until one player wins a hole.

5. AUCKLAND MASTERS STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

A 36 hole event without handicap for players aged 40 and over. In the event of a tie the winner shall be found by a sudden death playoff on the day, if time permits otherwise the Championship shall be shared.

6. COUNTING BACK

This method shall be used for one to several rounds unless otherwise stipulated.

- In an 18 hole competition a countback matching cards is used to determine the winner using the last 9 holes. If there is still a tie, then the last 6, then the last 3, then the 18th hole are used.
- In competitions greater than 18 holes a countback matching cards is made using the last 18 hole score. If there is still a tie, then the last 9,6,3 or 1 hole(s) of the last 18 hole score are used.
- In all cases, if the tie is then still unresolved, then a hole by hole countback of the last nine holes starting at the 18th hole should be made. If there is still a tie after this procedure then the result shall be decided by lot.
- In handicap strokeplay competition, one-half, one-third, one-sixth, etc. of the course handicaps should be deducted proportionately, for example 9 holes - one half; 6 holes - one third; 3 holes - one sixth etc. Fractions should not be disregarded.
- If there is a multiple tee start, regardless of the starting hole, the last nine holes, six holes etc. is considered to be holes 10 - 18; 13 - 18 etc.

7. DRAW FOR MATCHPLAY

For the Automatic Draw for Matchplay, see over Appendix I page 163 of the Rules of Golf.

8. LIMITATION OF FIELDS

The field shall be limited to such number of players as the host Club can conveniently accommodate. Where playoffs are required at the end of 36 or 72 holes the field should not exceed 90 outside daylight saving time. In any event, 36 or 72 hole event fields should not exceed 96 to avoid crossover problems and consequent holdups.

9. OTHER EVENTS IN CONJUNCTION

Subject to the approval of AGI, Clubs may hold Open or Handicap tournaments in conjunction with the Championship events. In strokeplay under 72 holes no player may win more than one trophy but in 72 hole events where matchplay follows a qualifying round or rounds, no player may win more than two trophies. The proposed programme with conditions must be submitted to AGI for approval.

10. VENUES AND DATES OF EVENTS

Except where otherwise provided the venues and dates of events shall be decided by AGI.

11. CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

The AGI Match Committee shall control the competition. The Tournament Director of AGI shall be ex officio a member of the Match Committee, as shall the official Delegate of AGI and/or the Chairman of AGI Match Committee, provided that they are not participants and are able to attend.

12. POSTPONEMENTS

If a postponement is necessary owing to unfavourable weather conditions or any other cause, the event shall be held on such date as AGI shall decide. The Chairman of the Match Committee shall decide on the morning of the event if the weather renders the course unfit for play, and will endeavour to have the decision announced to Clubs.

13. SUSPENSION OR ABANDONMENT OF PLAY - REFER RULE 33-2D

Host Clubs shall have available a siren for AGI events to signal players regarding postponement. One prolonged blast on the siren will indicate that play is to be suspended and two such blasts will indicate that play is to resume. Three short blasts indicate postponement of play and players should return to the Clubhouse where the duration of the stoppage will be announced. Two prolonged blasts will indicate resumption. In the event of abandonment three prolonged blasts will be sounded and play will not resume again that day. Players must ascertain restart requirements before leaving the course that day. At any stoppage a player who wishes to lift his ball, rather than complete play of the hole, should first mark its position by triangulation and agree the procedure with his opponent or marker.

14. LATE ARRIVALS - REFER RULE 6-3

If a player arrives at the tee, ready to play, within 5 minutes of his 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 and two strokes in strokeplay. 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 Match 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 player before he is permitted to commence play at the time stipulated by the Match Committee.

15. PACE OF PLAY

The AGI's Pace of Play Rules apply to all Competitions under the control and direction of AGI including Pennant Competitions.

AGI will determine the time permitted for each round (as per Pace of Play charts).

16. PLAYERS MEMBERS OF MORE THAN ONE CLUB

In any one season players may play Pennants or Interclub competitions for only one Club, unless a transfer is applied for and approved by the AGI Match Committee. In the event that a Club plays a player who has previously represented another Club in the same season, without first obtaining such approval, then all matches played by that player for the second Club shall be forfeited.

17. TROPHIES

Each event carries with it an AGI Trophy which will be held by the winner's Club, and further AGI Trophy/ies approved by AGI for presentation to the winner/s. The trophies shall be procured by AGI or by the Host Club, on the authority of AGI. The costs of engraving, if necessary shall be borne by the players Home Club.

18. ENTRY FEES

The amount of entry fee shall be approved by AGI.

19. INSURANCE

The insurance of the Trophies is the responsibility of AGI.

20. DELEGATION OF POWERS

AGI may delegate all or any of its powers under the Rules to any sub-committee of the Association.

21. RECIPROCAL PLAYING RIGHTS

AGI has requested and member Clubs have agreed that when a Club holds an official AGI event which necessitates the closing of their course all day, then each other member Club is expected to make available, on application, three, or more if possible, starting times for members of the closed Club without payment of green fees.

Applications should be made not less than two weeks prior, through Clubs.

22. DRESS

At all AGI events the course and Clubhouse dress conditions of the Host Club shall prevail. Players and supporters should comply with of these standards. Any person not attired to the satisfaction of the Host Club may be asked to leave the course or the Clubhouse. AGI will assist Host Clubs in enforcing this rule.

23. ALCOHOL

The consumption of alcohol on the course by players or caddies during an AGI event is prohibited. If any player or his caddie is found in breach of the Rule the player will be disqualified from the day's event and subject to disciplinary action.

24. MOTORISED ASSISTANCE

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 Executive Director. In this context "motorised assistance" refers to golf carts and motorbikes and does not include battery powered trundlers.

25. 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 14-3, for which the penalty is:

Strokeplay – For the first offence – two strokes. For any subsequent offence – disqualification.

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

26. 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.

27. ALTERATION TO RULES

These rules may be altered by resolution of the Management Committee of AGI. Provided always that 14 days written notice of any proposal to alter Rules be given to Clubs.

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, artificial measuring devices, etc.) the AGI Rule(s) shall apply.

TEAM SHEETS

Team Sheets shall be sent to the AGI's Executive Director prior to 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.

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 Pennant and Inter Club matches starting times are at the discretion of the Host Club. It is recommended that 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. Semi finals and finals shall be played in the morning.

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 either by fax or 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 matter must be brought to the attention of the AGI's Executive Director prior to midday of the first working day subsequent to the match. The Executive Director will seek a ruling from the AGI's Match Committee which will be final and binding on both teams. 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 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 required in any grade of "off the stick" Pennants. However, they are required in Inter Club Pennants where the match exceeds 7 holes.

FORMAT OF COMPETITION AND RULES

a) Teams

The composition of each team will be as follows: Senior 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 110.

b) Competition Format

The format of the competition to be as follows:

- Pennant Team players shall play matchplay off the stick.
- Inter Club players shall play matchplay off handicap.
- Senior Pennants will be played in five divisions, i.e. Bissett, President's, Vice Presidents, Captain's, Vice Captain's with promotion/relegation.
- Inter Club will be played in three Divisions with promotion/relegation.

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 a 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. 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.

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, the team with the highest aggregate number of points at the completion of round robin shall automatically qualify for the final. The 2nd and 3rd placed teams on aggregate points at the completion of the round robin shall play off in a semi final to meet the winner of the round robin in the final.

In the event of two or more teams being tied at the completion of the round robin, a winner shall be determined by the result of the tied teams match 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 a playoff between a single player from each of the tied teams on the last day of round robin play.

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 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.

f) Promotion Regulation

- No Club shall have more than one team per division, hence the performance of a Club's most senior team can impact on its subsequent team(s).
- When a team is eligible for promotion but cannot advance due to the position of a more senior team, then the promotion shall be determined by playoff between the team to be relegated from the higher Division and the next eligible team from the lower Division. The Match Committee will determine the day, time and venue for the playoff.

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 7 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.

g) Late Arrivals - Refer Rule 6 - 3

If a player arrives 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.

h) 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 110. Where this is not possible because of substitution, then the last placed substitute will play off a reduced handicap sufficient to meet the 110 limit.

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.

i) 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.

j) 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. 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.

k) 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.

l) Pace of Play

AGI has determined the per shot time limits for all players are as follows:

- 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 group is out of position and suspected of slow play, the group will be advised they are being timed and to resume their position in the field. Timing will commence when it is the player's turn to play and the way is clear. If a player or players in the group continue to breach the per shot time limit, the player or players will be given a warning. Further breaches will result in the following penalties:

Penalty for second breach - Loss of hole in matchplay; Two shot penalty in strokeplay.

Penalty for third breach - Disqualification.

m) 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.

n) 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.

o) Mobile Telephones

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p) Motorised Transport

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