

SECTION 5 – TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS

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PART I – HOSTING NEW ZEALAND GOLF EVENTS

The ongoing development of New Zealand's elite golfers could not happen without a comprehensive tournament programme. New Zealand Golf is indebted to the clubs that provide their facilities and work with its tournament staff in staging events, and making it possible for clubs to enjoy the chance to host a national event, gain recognition from the experience, and where possible, make a profit from the exercise.

Every year New Zealand Golf approaches a range of clubs to host future events, with the objective of securing a venue two to three years in advance.

New Zealand Golf pays a financial grant to each host club to assist in the running of the event, and endeavours to ensure that clubs are not disadvantaged financially by hosting.

PART II – INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. MEN'S TOURNAMENTS

1. **Eisenhower Trophy** (*Men's World Amateur Team Championship*)

The Championship is conducted by the International Golf Federation, which comprises national governing bodies of golf in more than 100 countries. The World Amateur Team Championship is a biennial international amateur golf competition which is rotated among three geographic zones being Asia-Pacific, American and European-African.

Teams of two or three amateur golfers play 72 holes stroke play over 4 days. The total of the two lowest scores by players from each team constitutes the team score for each round. The team with the lowest score after 72 holes will hold the Eisenhower Trophy. New Zealand won this championship in 1992.

2. **Trans Tasman Cup**

The Trans Tasman Cup, introduced in 2007, is played annually at alternating venues between Australia and New Zealand. The men's Clare Higson Trophy and Sloan Morpeth Trophy and the women's Tasman Cup and Junior Tasman Cup events are played under the umbrella of the Trans Tasman Cup.

i. **Clare Higson Trophy**

Teams for this event originally comprised six players under 26 years of age who had not represented Australia or New Zealand in a senior team. The first match was sponsored by Precision Golf Forging Australia Pty Limited and it was agreed to name the trophy in honour of the late Clare Higson who had founded that company and played a prominent role in the golf equipment industry. Since 1993 the Clare Higson Trophy has been for Juniors under the age of 19 years.

From 2007, teams of four men compete in morning foursomes and afternoon singles matches, in the two day tournament.

ii. **Sloan Morpeth Trophy**

Sloan Morpeth, who presented the trophy to the Australian Golf Union and the New Zealand Golf Association in 1956, was a New Zealander whose early years were spent in Taranaki.

In 1927, when thirty years of age, Sloan was appointed from forty-seven applicants as residential secretary of Titirangi Golf Club. Two years later he left New Zealand to take up an appointment as Manager of the Commonwealth Golf Club, Melbourne.

In the ten years before he left New Zealand, Sloan Morpeth achieved a splendid record, winning the Open Championship in 1928 (at Balmacewen) and the Amateur Championship in 1920, 1927 and 1929. Whilst at Commonwealth he also served as Secretary of the Australian Golf Union and after his retirement his services were widely sought as one of Australia's leading golf course architects. He attended the 1965 Match (at the Christchurch Golf Club) and died early in 1970.

With the introduction of the Four Nations Championship in 1987, the Sloan Morpeth Trophy has been played for at that biennial event.

Teams of four men compete in morning foursomes and afternoon singles matches, in the two day tournament.

3. **Asia Pacific Teams Championship**

In 1963 Shun Nomura, the then President of the Japan Golf Association, donated a trophy to be competed for at the Asia-Pacific Teams Championship. The tournament is held biennially between nations of the Asia-Pacific region which compete for the Nomura Trophy. New Zealand's participation in the event, which is regarded as the second most important amateur tournament behind the Eisenhower Trophy, began in 1979. The Asia-Pacific is played over 72 holes stroke play with the best three out of four scores counting each round. New Zealand won this championship in 1995.

4. **Four Nations Cup**

The Four Nations Cup was introduced in 1987 and is contested biennially between Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Japan.

5. **Southern Cross Cup**

The Southern Cross Cup was introduced in 1999 and is contested biennially between Argentina, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

2. WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

1. **Espirito Santo Trophy** (*Women's World Amateur Team Championship*)

The Espirito Santo Trophy was presented by Mrs Ricardo Espirito Santo of Portugal for biennial competition between teams of women amateur golfers. The competition was to be known as the Women's World Amateur Team Championship.

The first Championship, held at St Germain Golf Club in 1964, was sponsored by the French Golf Federation and held under the Chairmanship of Vicomtesse de Saint Sauveur. Later this tournament became part of the programme of the World Amateur Golf Council. The Trophy was donated by the Espirito Santo family – a strong Portuguese golfing family. The trophy belonged to the Tsar of Russia Nicholas II. After the 1917 Russian revolution and the assassination of the Romanov family, all their valuable belongings were disposed of in different auction sales. The Espirito Santo family bought this 'Cup'.

In 1964 the silver trophy was gold plated, but over the years the gold has rubbed off.

2. **Queen Sirikit Cup**

The Queen Sirikit Championship, an Asian-Pacific Golf teams event held annually, aims to promote friendship, sportsmanship and the standard of golf for women.

The Championship was inaugurated in Thailand in 1979 at Navatanee Golf Course. Teams compete for the prestigious Queen Sirikit Cup; a beautifully handcrafted trophy donated by H.M. the Queen of Thailand. The winning team receives a replica of the Queen Sirikit Cup. The participating teams include: Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Australia, Philippines, Indonesia, New Zealand and The People's Republic of China. The Chinese Taipei Golf Association became the 14th member of the Championship event in 1998.

3. **Commonwealth Tournament**

The Commonwealth Trophy was presented by Nancy Viscountess Astor, C.H. and the Ladies Golf Union for competition, once every four years, between teams of women amateur golfers from Commonwealth countries.

The LGU of Great Britain is the co-ordinating body and the tournament is played in fixed rotation every four years in the competing countries, currently being Great Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. Each country is entitled to nominate six players and a captain, who may be playing or non-playing. The captain decides the order in which the team will play.

The competition is match play format. Each team match consists of two foursomes and four singles, each over 18 holes. The foursomes is played in the morning and the singles in the afternoon.

4. **Trans Tasman Cup**

The Trans Tasman Cup, introduced in 2007, is played annually at alternating venues between Australia and New Zealand. The men's Clare Higson Trophy and Sloan Morpeth Trophy and the women's Tasman Cup and Junior Tasman Cup events are played under the umbrella of the Trans Tasman Cup.

i. **Tasman Cup**

In 1933 New Zealand and Australian women's amateur golf teams commenced competing biennially in the Tasman Cup. From 2007, with the introduction of the Trans Tasman Cup, the event is held annually.

Teams of four women compete in the two day tournament, the format being morning foursomes and afternoon singles match play.

ii. **Junior Tasman Cup**

The Junior Tasman Cup was introduced in 1983 and New Zealand and Australian junior women's amateur golf teams competed in the biennial event. From 2007, with the introduction of the Trans Tasman Cup, the event is held annually.

Teams of four women compete in the two day tournament, the format being morning foursomes and afternoon singles match play.

Once a player has represented her country in the Tasman Cup, she becomes ineligible for the Junior Tasman Cup.

PART III – NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TOURNAMENTS

1. MEN'S TOURNAMENTS

1. **Interprovincial Tournament**

Each District Association, which is a member of New Zealand Golf, may enter one team in the tournament, with the exception that the Buller-Westland District Golf Association (Inc), the Marlborough District Golf Association (Inc) and the Nelson District Golf Association (Inc) shall combine to provide one team.

A team shall consist of five male amateur golfers each of whom shall be a member of a registered club.

A player may participate in both the Interprovincial and the Freyberg Masters in the same year.

Course required 7 days

Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	Practice round
Day 3	First and second rounds – 36 holes
Day 4	First and second rounds – 36 holes
Day 5	Fifth round – 18 holes
Day 6	Sixth and seventh rounds – 36 holes
Day 7	Semi-finals and Final

2. **Freyberg Masters**

Each District Association, which is a member of New Zealand Golf, may enter one team in the tournament, with the exception that the Buller-Westland District Golf Association (Inc), the Marlborough District Golf Association (Inc) and the Nelson District Golf Association (Inc) shall combine to provide one team.

A team shall consist of five male amateur golfers each of whom shall be 40 years or over and shall be a member of a registered club.

A player may participate in both the Interprovincial and the Freyberg Masters in the same year.

Course required 7 days

Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	Practice round
Day 3	First and second rounds – 36 holes
Day 4	Third and fourth rounds – 36 holes
Day 5	Fifth round – 18 holes
Day 6	Sixth and seventh rounds – 36 holes
Day 7	Semi-finals, Final and Play-offs

3. **SBS Golf Invitational**

{Event held annually at Invercargill Golf Club}

Each District Association, which is a member of New Zealand Golf, may enter a team in the event.

Teams of five amateur golfers play 72 holes stroke play over 2 days. The total of the four lowest scores by players from each team constitutes the team score for each round. The team with the lowest score after 72 holes will win the tournament.

2. WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

1. **Interprovincial Tournament**

Each District Association which is a member of New Zealand Golf may enter one team in the tournament.

A team shall consist of six female amateur golfers, one of whom will be the travelling reserve and each of whom shall be a member of a registered club.

A player may participate in both the Interprovincial and the Masters in the same year.

Course required 6 days

Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	First and second rounds – 36 holes
Day 3	Third and fourth rounds – 36 holes
Day 4	Fifth and sixth rounds – 36 holes
Day 5	Seventh round am
Day 5 cont.	Lay day pm (or available for any delayed round)
Day 6	Semi-finals, Final and Play-offs

Trophy List

- *New Zealand Golf Interprovincial Cup* awarded to the winning team
- *NZLGU Water Jug* Awarded to the Runner-up team

2. Women's Masters

Each District Association which is a member of New Zealand Golf may enter one team in the tournament.

A team shall consist of four female amateur golfers, each of whom shall be 40 years or older as at the first day of the tournament and shall be a member of a registered club.

A player may participate in both the Interprovincial and the Masters in the same year.

Course required 4 days

Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	First round – 18 holes
Day 3	Second round – 18 holes
Day 4	Third and fourth rounds – 36 holes

Trophy List

- *Russell Grace Cup* awarded to the winning team
- *Canterbury Salver* awarded to the winning individual with the highest aggregate gross stableford score

PART IV – NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. CHARLES TOUR EVENTS

The Charles Tour Pro Am Tournaments are open to professional and amateur golfers. Amateur entries will be received from male and female amateur golfers relative to the exemption categories as outlined in the tournament conditions.

The Tournaments are 72 and 54 holes Stroke Play for men and women respectively. A field of 120 competitors play the first and second rounds, the leading 60 players and ties qualify for the final 36 holes.

2. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

1. North Island Stroke Play Championship

The North Island Stroke Play Championship is open to male amateur golfers who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 7.0, or overseas equivalent.

The Championship is 72 holes stroke play. The leading 72 male players after 36 holes, and any tied for those positions, will qualify for the final two rounds. Should the total field for the weekend exceed 75 players the committee reserves the right to utilise a two tee start. Seeded draws will be prepared for rounds three and four.

The winner will be the North Island Stroke Play Champion.

Course required 5 days

Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	First round – 18 holes
Day 3	Second round – 18 holes
Day 4	Third round – 18 holes
Day 5	Fourth round – 18 holes

Trophy List

- *NZ Golf Medals*

2. South Island Stroke Play Championship

The South Island Stroke Play Championship is open to amateur golfers who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 7.0, or overseas equivalent.

The Championship is 72 holes stroke play. The leading 60 male players and 15 female players after 36 holes, and any tied for those positions, will qualify for the final two rounds. Should the total field for the weekend exceed 75 players the committee reserves the right to utilise a two tee start. Seeded draws will be prepared for rounds three and four.

The leading male and leading female will be the respective South Island Stroke Play Champions.

Course required	5 days
Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	First round – 18 holes
Day 3	Second round – 18 holes
Day 4	Third round – 18 holes
Day 5	Fourth round – 18 holes

Trophy List

- NZ Golf Medals

3. **New Zealand Secondary Schools Golf Championship**

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Golf Championship is open to all secondary school boys and girls who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index, who are attending the secondary school for which they are playing and are under the age of 19 years of age as at 1 January in the year of the competition.

The National Final is 36 holes stroke play.

Course required	2 days
Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	Rounds 1 and 2 – 36 holes

3. MEN'S TOURNAMENTS

1. **New Zealand Men's Foursomes, Stroke Play & Amateur Championship**

The New Zealand Men's Foursomes, Stroke Play & Amateur Championship is open to male amateur golfers who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 4.0, or overseas equivalent.

The Foursomes Championship is played over 36 holes stroke play.

The Stroke Play Championship is played over 72 holes of stroke play. The leading 72 players after 36 holes, and any tied for 72nd place, will qualify for the final two rounds.

After 72 holes stroke play the leading 32 amateur players will qualify for the Amateur Championship.

The winner will be the New Zealand Men's Amateur Champion.

Course required	10 days
Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	Foursomes Championship
Day 3 – 6	Stroke Play Championship
Day 7 – 9	Amateur Championship

Trophy List

- *Championship Cup awarded to the Amateur Champion*
- *St Andrews Salver awarded to the Stroke Play Champion*
- *Neil Woodbury Te Mana A Toi Trophy awarded to the player with the lowest stroke play round in the Stroke Play Championship*
- *Challenge Cup awarded to the Foursomes Championship winners*
- *O'Rourke Vase awarded to the team of three with the lowest total in the Stroke Play Championship, played simultaneously with the Amateur Championship qualifying rounds.*

2. **North Island Men's Under 19 Championship**

The North Island Men's Under 19 Championship is open to male amateur golfers who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 18.0, or overseas equivalent, and who are under 19 years of age as at the first day of the tournament.

The Championship is 54 holes stroke play. The leading 72 players after 36 holes and any tied for 72nd place will qualify for the final round.

Course required	4 days midweek
Day 1	Practice round and players' meeting
Day 2	First round – 18 holes
Day 3	Second round – 18 holes
Day 4	Third round – 18 holes followed by prizegiving at approximately 2.30pm

The winner will be the North Island Men's Under 19 Champion.

3. **South Island Men's Under 19 Championship**

The South Island Men's Under 19 Championship is open to male amateur golfers who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 18.0, or overseas equivalent, and be under 19 years of age as at the first day of the tournament.



The Championship is 54 holes stroke play. The leading 72 players after 36 holes, and any tied for 72nd place will qualify for the final round.

The winner will be the South Island Men's Under 19 Champion.

Course required 4 days

Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	First round – 18 holes
Day 3	Second round – 18 holes
Day 4	Third round – 18 holes

Trophy List

- *South Island Junior Championship Cup* awarded to the Championship winner

4. **New Zealand Men's Under 19 Championship**

The New Zealand Men's Under 19 Championship is open to male amateur golfers who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 18.0, or overseas equivalent, and be under 19 years of age as at the first day of the tournament.

The Championship is 54 holes stroke play. The leading 72 players after 36 holes, and any tied for 72nd place will qualify for the final round.

The winner will be the New Zealand Men's Under 19 Champion.

Course required 4 days

Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	First round – 18 holes
Day 3	Second round – 18 holes
Day 4	Third round – 18 holes

Trophy List

- *Cobham Cup* awarded to the Under 19 Champion

5. **New Zealand Men's Seniors Championship**

The New Zealand Men's Seniors Championship is open to male amateur golfers who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index, or overseas equivalent, and who have reached the age of 50 years as at the first day of the tournament.

The Championship is 54 hole stroke play.

The overall winner will be the New Zealand Seniors Champion. Minor prizes include a two-man teams event and three age divisions.

Course required 4 days

Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	First round – 18 holes
Day 3	Second round – 18 holes / Cocktail Function
Day 4	Third round – 18 holes

2. WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

1. **New Zealand Women's Foursomes, Stroke Play & Amateur Championship**

The New Zealand Women's Foursomes, Stroke Play & Amateur Championship is open to female amateur golfers who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 12.0, or overseas equivalent.

The Foursomes Championship is played over 36 holes stroke play.

The Stroke Play Championship is played over 72 holes of stroke play. The leading 60 players after 36 holes, and any tied for 60th place, will qualify for the final two rounds.

After 72 holes stroke play the leading 32 amateur players will qualify for the Amateur Championship which will be played in conjunction with the men's Amateur Championship.

The winner will be the New Zealand Women's Amateur Champion.

Course required 5 days (Foursomes and Stroke Play)

Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	Foursomes Championship
Day 3 – 5	Stroke Play Championship

Note: Amateur Championship follows at a different venue.

Trophy List

Team Trophies:

- *Seafield Cup* (Presented by the Seafield Ladies Golf Club, Wanganui) awarded to the team of three with the lowest total in the Stroke Play Championship, played simultaneously with the Amateur Championship qualifying rounds. (Prior to 2008 awarded to the Club team of 3 having the lowest net aggregate in the second round of the Championship.)

Individual Trophies:

- *Donnelly Cup* (Presented by Mrs G P Donnelly) awarded to the lowest individual gross score in any of the four rounds – New Zealand players only
- *Mellsop Cup* (Presented by Mr H C Mellsop) awarded to the lowest aggregate gross score over four rounds – Stroke Play Champion
- *Southern Cross Brooch*: awarded to any player who equals or betters the women's NZCR in any round of the Championship. The Southern Cross Brooch may only be presented once to a player.

Championship Foursomes

- *Hawkes Bay Cup* presented to best gross score in Championship Foursomes

Amateur Championship

- *Stead Cup* (presented by Mrs G G Stead) presented to the Amateur Champion
- *MacRae Salver* (presented in memory of Mrs D M MacRae) presented to the Amateur Championship Runner-up.

2. **New Zealand Women's Under 19 Championship**

(Introduced in 2008 and incorporating the previous Secondary Schoolgirls Tournament)

The New Zealand Women's Under 19 Championship is open to all players who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4 who are under the age of 19 years of age as at the commencement of the tournament. The competition is 54 holes stroke play.

The winner will be the New Zealand Women's Under 19 Champion.

The winner who is representing her secondary school will be the New Zealand Secondary School Champion.

Course required 4 days

Day 1	Registration and practice round
Day 2	First round – 18 holes
Day 3	Second round – 18 holes
Day 4	Third round – 18 holes

Trophy List

- *NZLGU Bonne Bell Cup* awarded to the overall gross winner

3. **New Zealand Women's Veterans Tournament**

The New Zealand Women's Veterans Tournament is for female amateur golfers who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4, or overseas equivalent, and are aged 50 years and over as at the first day of the tournament. The first 96 individual entries will be accepted.

The tournament is qualifying stroke play over 18 holes to determine the six match play divisions. Apart from the last day, only 18 holes are played on any one day. The semi finals and final are played on the last day.

The Veterans Challenge Cup is off the stick match play. All other divisions compete on handicap match play.

The overall winner will hold the Veterans Challenge Cup.

Course required 5 days

Day 1	Practice day and registration
Day 2	18 holes qualifying
Day 3	First round match play
Day 4	Second round match play
Day 5	Semi-finals and Final followed by prize-giving/ dinner

Trophy List

Qualifying Stroke Play

- *Curtis Cup* awarded to the lowest gross qualifier
- *Eileen Nutt Salver* awarded to the lowest net qualifier
- *Senior Veterans Cup* awarded to the best gross by player aged 70 and over as at the first day of the tournament

Match Play

- *Veterans Challenge Cup awarded to Division 1 winner*
- *Waipukurau Jubilee Salver awarded to Division 2 winner*
- *Hawkes Bay Salver awarded to Division 3 winner*
- *Manawatu–Wanganui Salver awarded to Division 4 winner*
- *Canterbury Rosebowl awarded to Division 5 winner*
- *Maunu Division awarded to Division 6 winner*

4. **New Zealand Women's Veteran Handicap Foursomes Tournament**

The New Zealand Women's Veteran Handicap Foursomes is open to players who hold a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4, or overseas equivalent, and are 50 years of age or older on the first day of the tournament.

The 64 oldest (combined age) pairs are accepted.

The tournament is three days match play after 18 holes qualifying net. After qualifying competitors are seeded, based on their net qualifying score, and put into four match play divisions.

Course required 5 days

Day 1	Registration and practice
Day 2	Qualifying round
Day 3	First round match play
Day 4	Second round match play
Day 5	Semi-finals and Final – followed by prize giving/ dinner

Trophy List

Match Play

- *NZLGU Salver awarded to Division 1 winner*
- *Mrs S S Wilson Plates awarded to Division 2 winner*
- *ADLGA Trophies awarded to Division 3 winner*
- *Rosetown Trophies awarded to Division 4 winner*

5. **New Zealand Women's Autumn Foursomes Tournament**

The Women's Autumn Foursomes Tournament is for players who hold a current New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4, or overseas equivalent.

The 64 lowest combined handicap pairs are accepted.

The tournament is three days of handicap foursomes match play. A random draw is done. First round losers play for the NZLGU Salver with subsequent flights on both sides of the draw.

The overall winners will hold the Autumn Foursomes Cup.

Course required 4 days

Day 1	Practice round
Day 2	First and second rounds match play
Day 3	Third and fourth rounds match play
Day 4	Semi-finals and Final – followed by prize giving/ dinner

Trophy List

- *Autumn Foursomes Cup awarded to the tournament winner*
- *NZLGU Salver awarded to the consolation winner*



PART V – NEW ZEALAND GOLF SUSPENSION OF PLAY PROCEDURE

(Effective April 2006 for all events conducted by New Zealand Golf)

The New Zealand climate is such that we can often be challenged by nature and are required to cease play on occasion.

The Tournament Committee will monitor the effects of rain on the playing surface and when an unfair situation occurs (an accumulation of casual water around the hole) play will be suspended.

When in match play inclement weather affects play, the match must continue from where it was discontinued. In stroke play a round can be abandoned and replayed.

On the very rare occasion there may be potentially dangerous situations, with the two most likely being lightning and severe winds.

How suspensions and the resumption are indicated –

1. *Suspension of play* – three consecutive short notes of a hand siren
2. *Suspension of play for dangerous situation* – one prolonged note of a hand siren
3. *Resumption of play* – two short notes of a hand siren.

Rule 6–8 illustrates what players are permitted to do in each situation after the siren has sounded –

1. *Suspension of Play*

If the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes (i.e. walking to the next tee) they must not resume play until the resumption siren sounds.

If the players in a match or group have started the play of a hole, they may either discontinue play immediately or continue play of the hole, provided they do so without delay. Play must be discontinued after the hole as been completed.

2. *Suspension of Play for Dangerous Situation*

Play must be discontinued immediately following a long blast on the siren. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified.

Lifting ball when play discontinued – Rule 6–8c

When a player discontinues a hole (either normal suspension or dangerous situation) he may mark the position of his ball and lift it without penalty.

Procedure when play resumed – Rule 6–8d

Play must be resumed from where it was discontinued, even if it is a different day. If the marker has moved it must be estimated and the ball placed on the estimated spot.



PART VI – GENERAL TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

Set out below are the general competition conditions which should be read in conjunction with the tournament entry forms.

1. **Eligibility**

Specific conditions are printed on tournament entry form.

2. **Format**

See above under individual tournaments for the format, which is also printed on the entry form.

3. **Entries**

- a. Entries shall only be made on the official entry form issued by New Zealand Golf or a facsimile copy. Entries will not be accepted by phone.
- b. The entry fee is [\$].
- c. New Zealand Golf or the Host Club reserve the right to refuse any entry without being required to give a reason for so refusing.
- d. New Zealand Golf at its discretion may accept late entries which will be subject to an additional \$20.
- e. Entries must reach the office of New Zealand Golf, PO Box 11-842, Wellington, accompanied by the entry fee, no later than the date stipulated on the cover page of this entry form.
- f. Entrants must conform with the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. Entrants must sign the appropriate section of the entry form.
- g. Entries must be endorsed with a signature of an appropriate Home Club representative.
- h. The scoring records of entrants will be reviewed for authenticity through the New Zealand Golf Handicapping website.
- i. **Players are responsible for ensuring entries are received prior to the closing date.** An entry has not officially been received until the player's name is posted under the appropriate section of www.nzgolf.org.nz
- j. In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the field, entries for the higher handicapped players will be decided by exact handicap indices. Those unsuccessful will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entry fees will be refunded to those entrants balloted out.
- k. Entry fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing date for entries, except for those entrants who may be balloted out and do not subsequently compete.
- l. The data contained in the entry form submitted by the entrant is permanently retained by New Zealand Golf within its database of competitors' details. From time to time New Zealand Golf may allow a sponsor or golf clubs to utilise the information contained.

4. **Registration**

All competitors must register at the Host Golf Club before 5pm on the day preceding the Championship. Failure to do so may result in their place being taken by someone else.

5. **Practice Times**

Players wishing to play a practice round on [date] are required to pre-book a tee-time.

6. **General Rules of Play**

- a. **The Rules of Play** shall be the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Committee.
- b. **Starting Times:** Rule 6-3a provides; "The player must start at the time established by the Committee". The penalty for a breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However it is a condition of the Championship that, "If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes in stroke play and loss of the first hole in match play rounds. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.
- c. **Publishing of Draws:** The draw will be available on www.nzgolf.org.nz two days following the close of entries. Draws during the event will be posted as soon as possible after the completion of play. Match play draws will be made in accordance with the automatic draw.
- d. **Golf Balls:** It is a condition of the Championship that only those balls published in the current list of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R & A may be used in the Championship. The penalty for the use of a brand not listed is disqualification.
- e. **Driving Clubs:** The driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver heads issued by R&A Rules Limited. Note: Any individual driver on the List, if tested on pendulum testing apparatus approved by R&A Rules Limited, must not have a characteristic time greater than 257 microseconds. Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.

- f. **Motorised Vehicles:** During play it is prohibited for a player to ride in or on a motorised vehicle, unless granted permission under the New Zealand Golf Use of a Motorised Cart Policy. Penalty 2 strokes in stroke play for each hole where a breach occurs. Maximum penalty per round 4 strokes. In match play loss of hole, maximum penalty per round loss of 2 holes.
 - g. **Pace of Play Guideline:** Competitors will be issued with the New Zealand Golf policy for Pace of Play. It covers your responsibility to retain your place in the field, and an indication of how long you have to play shots. The penalties indicated in the policy will be enforced.
 - h. **Drugs Policy:** All competitors are subject to drug testing for banned substances as laid down by the New Zealand Golf Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.
 - i. **Code of Conduct:** All competitors are responsible for conducting themselves to the high standard expected at New Zealand Golf events. The New Zealand Golf Disciplinary Policy will be enforced if it is deemed necessary. At the Under 19 events conducted by New Zealand Golf players are not permitted to smoke, nor are they permitted caddies. A breach of either will result in disqualification.
7. **Championship Committee**
- The Championship Committee shall comprise the New Zealand Golf Tournament Director, the Rules Chairman and a Host Golf Club representative.
- The Championship Committee will decide all disputes, will be responsible for all arrangements and may, if necessary, postpone any event or alter the order of events or starting times.
- In the absence of the full Championship Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee.
- The Championship Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship shall be final.
- Any dispute or protest must be lodged in writing and submitted to the Championship Committee within fifteen minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.
- New Zealand Golf and the Championship Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without being required to give a reason for so refusing.

PART VII – NATIONAL CLUB BASED COMPETITIONS

1. WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

1. National Teams Championship

1. Format of the Event

- a. *Club Competition:* Individual 18-hole net.
- b. *District Finals:* 18 holes four ball stroke play. The aggregate of the four ball net scores of the two pairs is the team's score.
- c. *National Final:* The national winner is determined from the scores of the winning teams at all District Finals.

2. Conditions of Club Competition

- a. Open to Full Playing Members (*'Full Playing Member'* means a full, active member of a Club) holding an 18-hole Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4. Subject to a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers, players holding Local Handicaps (i.e. Handicap Indices greater than 40.4) may compete but must play off a course handicap not exceeding such as determined by a handicap index of 40.4. (*Note: If a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers does not permit them to play at the same time as the women's competition is played, this ruling will override their eligibility to compete in the competition.*)
- b. Club Competitions shall be played between 1 March – 15 April.
- c. The competition is individual 18-hole net.
- d. Clubs may hold more than one club competition day to ensure that all eligible members have the opportunity to participate eg. weekday and weekend. Subject to Club playing conditions, a player may compete on each competition day, however, must pay the entry fee each time she competes.
- e. A player who is a Full Playing Member of more than one Club may compete in the National Teams' Championship at each of those clubs, however, must pay the entry fee each time she plays. Should the player be in the winning team of both Clubs she may represent each of the Clubs at a District Final, subject to there not being a clash of dates, where the two clubs she represents are in different Districts. If the latter situation arises the player must notify the respective Club, without undue delay, she will not be representing it at the District Final.

- f. The four players returning the lowest individual net scores qualify for the team to represent the club at the District Final.
 - g. If a player wishes to use a motorised cart, prior to commencement of play, she must produce a medical certificate for sighting by the Match Committee.
3. **Club Team For The District Final**
- a. The Club team of four to contest the District Final will comprise the four players returning the lowest individual net scores in the Club competition.
 - b. Ties shall be decided by a count back of net scores. See Section 9, Handicap System and Course Rating, Clause 9-5(b).
 - c. If a player who qualifies in the Club team is subsequently unable to play in the district final then that player shall be replaced by the player with the next best net score in the Club competition. Further replacements if necessary shall be in order of net scores in the Club competition.
 - d. To qualify for the District final competitors must play on their Club's specified national tournament day.
4. **District Final Conditions**
- a. All District Finals must be played between 20 April and 31 May.
 - b. A District Final must be played on a course with a women's NZG Course Rating of 70 or higher.
 - c. The competition format is four ball stroke play.
 - d. The four players from each club will be paired by their home club and drawn in two different fours.
 - e. Handicap Indices current on the day of the District Final will apply.
 - f. The four ball net scores of the two pairs in each club team will be added together at the end of the round to determine the team's score.
 - g. Ties shall be decided by a countback of four ball net scores. See Section 9, Handicap System and Course Rating, Clause 9-5(b).
 - h. First, second and third place prizes to be presented at District Final.
 - i. Where the host club does not use computerised scoring systems (eg DotGolf or Autoscore) in addition to four ball scorecards, players must keep and return individual scorecards for handicapping purposes.
 - j. Where the host club uses a computerised scoring system (eg DotGolf or Autoscore) players are not required to keep four-ball scorecards but only required to submit individual scorecards. However, the individual scorecards must indicate which score is the 'counting score' of the pairing.
 - k. If a player wishes to use a motorised cart, prior to the commencement of play, she must produce a medical certificate for sighting by the Match Committee.
- Note:* For the purpose of this competition, application of a 10% reduction in the course handicaps of a pair whose individual course handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes will not apply.
5. **National Winners**
- a. Details of the winning District team are to be recorded on the form provided which must be returned with original scorecards to New Zealand Golf no later than the date specified on the form.
 - b. The net differential of the District winners will be determined by comparing the four ball net score to the women's NZGA Course Rating. The team with the best net differential will be awarded the trophy.
 - c. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by a countback. See Section 9, Handicap System and Course Rating, Clause 9-5(b).
2. **Gross Stableford Rosebowl**
- 1. *The competition is a 36 hole gross stableford team event open to all Clubs. 'Club' means a golf club whose name is entered in the Register.*
 - 2. *Club teams will compete in a District Final, and the gross stableford scores of the winning team in each District will be forwarded to New Zealand Golf for determination of a national winner.*
 - 3. **Club Team**
A Club team will comprise three members –
 - a. The Silver and Bronze Champions and the Bronze Championship runner-up; or
 - b. The leading Silver Division player and the two leading Bronze Division players, if a Club has only an Open Championship (either stroke play or match play).
 - c. Should a player be a champion of more than one Club, she may play as a member of the team for each Club.
 - 4. **Substitutes**
 - a. Silver and Bronze Stroke Play Championships: If a prescribed team member (see 3(a) above) is unavailable the Club may substitute the next available player who finishes closest to the winner in her division.
 - b. Silver and Bronze Match Play Championships:

- If the Silver Champion is unavailable, the runner-up may be substituted
 - If either the Bronze Champion or runner-up is unavailable, a losing semi-finalist will be selected by lot. If a further replacement is required, the other losing semi-finalist will be eligible.
- c. Open Match or Stroke Play Championship: If a prescribed team member (see 3(b) above) is unavailable, the Club may substitute the next available player who finished closest to the winner in her division.

In all cases above, note that there is only one substitute option for any prescribed team member who is unavailable.

5. **District Final**

- a. The competition will be 36 holes gross stableford played on the one day.
- b. A Club's team score will be the aggregate of the three team members' individual 36 hole gross stableford scores.
- c. In the event of a tie, a countback of the last 18 holes of the tied teams will apply to determine the winner. The countback will be done using the gross stableford aggregate (GSA) of the three players for the last 18 then 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole.
- d. Each District must complete the Gross Stableford Rosebowl District Results form provided by New Zealand Golf and send it, together with original scorecards clearly marked a.m. and p.m. rounds to reach New Zealand Golf no later than 28 November in each year.

Example 1:

GSA –	Second 18	Last 9	Last 6	Last 3	Last 1
Team A	59	26	17	7	2
Team B	59	26	16	8	3

Team A wins on countback – Last 6 holes

Example 2:

GSA –	Second 18	Last 9	Last 6	Last 3	Last 1
Team A	59	26	16	8	2
Team B	59	26	16	8	3

Team B wins on countback – Last hole

- e. If a player wishes to use a motorised cart, prior to the commencement of play, she must produce a medical certificate for sighting by the Match Committee.

6. **National Final**

- a. The national winner will be determined using Adjusted Gross Stableford scores.

Method:

The gross stableford score of each District winning team will be adjusted by six times the difference between the Course Rating (CR) and the par of the course on which its District Final was played (i.e. 3 players x 2 rounds = 6 individual rounds, so the adjustment to the team total is the difference x 6.) If the CR is higher than the par, the Adjusted Gross Stableford score will be higher than the actual gross stableford score; if the CR is lower than the par, the Adjusted Gross Stableford score will be lower than the actual gross stableford score.

Example 1

Course Rating 72.2 Par 71 (Course Rating higher than par)
 Total team Gross Stableford score 119
 CR – Par is 72.2 – 71 = 1.2 (per 18 hole gross stableford score)
 3 players, 2 rounds each, so total adjustment = 1.2 x 6 = 7.2
 Adjusted Gross Stableford = 119 + 7.2 = 126.2

Example 2

Course Rating 72.2 Par 74 (Course Rating lower than par)
 Total team Gross Stableford score 119
 CR – Par is 72.2 – 74 = -1.8 (per 18 hole gross stableford score)
 3 players, 2 rounds each, so total adjustment = -1.8 x 6 = -10.8
 Adjusted Gross Stableford = 119 -10.8 = 108.2

Important: It is always Course Rating minus Par, not Par minus Course Rating (or the adjustment would

- go the wrong way.)
- b. In the event of a tie a countback on the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole will be done using the appropriate proportion of the original adjustment e.g. half when using the second 18 holes, quarter if it has to go to the last 9 holes, and so on.
- c. The National winning team will receive the Gross Stableford Rosebowl.

3. **18 Hole Home Links**

1. **Conditions Applying to all Women's 18 Hole Home Links Events**

Home Links events are played at home club courses with district and national winners being determined from individual club results i.e. there is no play-off at club/district level.

- a. Subject to the specific eligibility criteria for any individual event (see below) the Home Links events are open to all Full Playing Members ('Full Playing Member' means a full, active member of a Club) holding a New Zealand Golf 18 Hole Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4. Subject to a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers, players holding Local Handicaps (i.e. Handicap Indices greater than 40.4) may compete but must play off a course handicap not exceeding such as determined by a handicap index of 40.4. (Note: If a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers does not permit them to play at the same time as the women's competition is played, this ruling will override their eligibility to compete in the competition.)
- b. All events, except the Nancy MacCormick Memorial Foursomes, are played concurrently.
- c. The events are played annually on the home course of each Club during the months of March, April and May.
- d. The dates of play for both weekday and weekend members are fixed by the Club committee.
- e. There shall be no entry fee charged for any Home Links event.
- f. A player who is a Full Playing Member of more than one Club may only play in the competition once and must elect which Club she will play in the competition at.
- g. Each Club will determine the winner (and ties) for each event, complete the Club Home Links Results Sheet provided by New Zealand Golf and send it together with the original scorecards of the winners (and ties) to reach the District Association Secretary no later than the date specified on the results sheet (normally early June.)
- h. All scorecards submitted must:
 - i. be original scorecards.
 - ii. show the event for which they are submitted.
 - iii. show the women's NZG Course Rating and NZG Slope Number for the course played.
 - iv. show the player's Handicap Index and Course Handicap.
 - v. be signed and countersigned by the player and marker.
 - vi. be certified as correct by the club secretary.
- i. The District winners (and ties) for each event will be determined by the District Association secretary, who will complete the District Home Links Results Sheet provided by New Zealand Golf and send it together with the original scorecards of the winners (and ties) to reach the New Zealand Golf no later than the date specified on the results sheet.
- j. If a tie occurs at national level, a further round will be played by the players involved in the tie, the date to be the first scheduled LGU Medal competition, or within one month, after a player's Club receives notification that a play-off is necessary. Once established, this date cannot be altered. A player's Handicap Index current on the day of the play-off will apply. In the event of a further tie, the trophy will be awarded jointly.
- k. If a player wishes to use a motorised cart, prior to commencement of play, she must produce a medical certificate for sighting by the Match Committee.

2. **Nancy MacCormick Memorial Foursomes**

Nancy MacCormick was appointed Secretary of the NZLGU in 1932 and remained in that office until her death in 1952. In 1953 silver salvers were purchased to commemorate her long years of service and so began the Home Links Foursomes competition.

Event-Specific Conditions:

- a. The competition is Foursomes handicap stroke play, played over 36 holes on one day or 18 holes on two days within a two-week period.
- b. Players choose their own partners, and pairs are then drawn at random to play together.
- c. The partners' teeing off order may be changed for the second 18 holes.

- d. A pair's net score for each 18 holes is determined by deducting half the combined Course Handicaps.
 - e. The current Handicap Indices and Course Handicaps of both partners must be recorded on the scorecards for each 18 holes.
3. **Coronation Medal** (presented by Miss Pearson and Mrs Hulton of England)
- Event-Specific Conditions:*
- a. Open to players in the Silver division only.
 - b. The competition is 18 holes handicap stroke play.
4. **Aotearoa Cup** (presented by Miss M. Payton)
- Event-Specific Conditions:*
- a. Open to players in the Silver and Bronze divisions.
 - b. The competition is 18 holes handicap stroke play.
 - c. The Silver and Bronze division players should be kept separate in the draw if possible.
5. **Best Gross Cup**
- Event-Specific Conditions:*
- a. Open to players in the Silver and Bronze divisions.
 - b. The competition is 18 hole gross stroke play.
6. **Veterans Trophy**
- Event-Specific Conditions:*
- a. Open to players in the Silver and Bronze divisions who are 70 years of age or over on 1 March of the current year.
 - b. The competition is 18 holes handicap stroke play.
7. **Junior Girls 18 Hole Home Links**
- Event-Specific Conditions:*
- a. Open to Full Playing Members ('Full Playing Member' means a full, active 18 hole member of a Club) who are under 19 years of age on 1 March of the current year holding a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4.
 - b. There are two 18 hole events, Junior Best Gross and Junior Best Net.
 - c. Eligible scores are those returned whilst the player's Handicap Index is 40.4 or lower, in rounds played during March, April and May in a Club or LGU Medal competition at the member's Home Club.
 - d. The player's date of birth must be recorded on the club Home Links Results Sheet.
4. **9 Hole Home Links**
- 1. Open to all Full Playing Members ('Full Playing Member' means a full active member of a Club) holding a 9-hole Handicap Index not exceeding 20.2. Subject to a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers, players holding Local Handicaps (i.e. Handicap Indices greater than 20.2) may compete but must play off a course handicap not exceeding such as determined by a handicap index of 20.2. (Note: If a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers does not permit them to play at the same time as the women's competition is played, this ruling will override their eligibility to compete in the competition.)
 - 2. The 9 Hole Home Links Competition is played over three rounds during the months of March, April and May. It is not necessary to schedule one round in each of the three months however the rounds must be completed during the stipulated months.
 - 3. The club winner will be the player returning the lowest aggregate of two net differentials. A player need not return more than two scores.
 - 4. The dates of play for both weekday and weekend 9 hole members are fixed by the club 9 Hole Convenor in liaison with the Club committee.
 - 5. A player who is a 9 Hole Member of more than one Club may only play in the competition once and must elect which Club she will play the competition at.
 - 6. Each Club will determine the winner (and ties) for each event, complete the Club Home Links Results Sheet provided by New Zealand Golf and send it together with the original scorecards of the winners (and ties) to reach the District Association Secretary no later than the date specified on the results sheet.
 - 7. The club winner and place-getters (and ties) two original scorecards submitted must
 - a. Show the event, the round and the date (e.g. Sue Bunt Salver Round 1)
 - b. Show the women's NZG 9 Hole Course Rating and NZG 9 Hole Slope Number for the course played
 - c. Show the player's Handicap Index and Course Handicap
 - d. Be signed and countersigned by the player and marker.

8. The completed 9 Hole Home Links Competition Results Sheet provided by New Zealand Golf, accompanied by the two original scorecards of the Club winner and place-getters (and ties) must reach the club's District Association Secretary no later than the date specified on the results sheet.
9. The District winners (and ties) will be determined by the District Association Secretary who will complete the District 9 Hole Home Links Result Sheet provided by New Zealand Golf and send it together with the original scorecards of the winners (and ties) to reach the New Zealand Golf no later than the date specified on the results sheet.
10. If a tie occurs at national level, a further round will be played by the players involved in the tie. The play-off must be completed within one month after a player's Club receives notification that a play-off is necessary. Once established, this date cannot be altered. A player's Handicap Index current on the day of the play-off will apply. In the event of a further tie, the trophy will be awarded jointly.

11. **Format of the Competition**

9 Hole Net: To be played over three club days as programmed during the months of March, April and May. The club winner will be the player returning the lowest aggregate of two net differentials.

Example of a player's two net differentials

Gross Score	9-Hole Hcp Index	9-Hole Course Hcp	Net Score	9-Hole Course Rating	Net Differential
56	18.2	18	38	35.2	+ 2.8
52	17.7	18	34	35.2	-1.2
Total Net Differential					1.6

12. If a player wishes to use a motorised cart, prior to commencement of play, she must produce a medical certificate for sighting by the Match Committee.

5. **LGU Competition**

New Zealand Golf will give annually to each Club Silver and Bronze medals to a maximum of 1 silver medal and 3 bronze medals for competition amongst Silver and Bronze division players.

- The **Silver Medal Division** is Handicap Indices up to **18.4**
- The **Bronze Medal Division** is Handicap Indices **18.5 to 40.4**. Each Club decides for itself how best to divide the division into Bronze I, Bronze II and Bronze III so that there are even numbers competing for each medal. Should a Club feel it has insufficient Bronze players to warrant awarding 3 medals, it may nominate a more appropriate number of divisions.
- Bronze I, II and III Divisions, once defined at the beginning of a year, will apply for the remainder of that year, but may be redefined as necessary from year to year.

Medals will be awarded for the New Zealand Golf year (January to December) and forwarded in August to the women's Club secretary.

Note: Subject to a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers, players holding Local Handicaps (i.e. Handicap Indices greater than 40.4) may compete but must play off a course handicap not exceeding such as determined by a handicap index of 40.4. [Note: If a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers does not permit them to play at the same time as the women's competition is played, this ruling will override their eligibility to compete in the competition.]

a. **Definition**

The Silver and Bronze LGU Medal competitions are medal competitions authorised by the Club committee each year. There shall be a minimum of six and a maximum of 16 LGU Medal competitions programmed annually.

b. **Club Medal Days**

- i. The dates for LGU Medal competitions must be fixed and published at the beginning of the year. They may be programmed more than once a month during the playing season. A Club may hold more than one LGU Medal competition in the same week.
- ii. If a Club has members who cannot play regularly on the fixed LGU Medal day because of business, professional, scholastic or other commitments, the committee may arrange, at its discretion, for such specified players to take part in the competition on another day within 7 days of the main Medal day. The list of eligible players shall be drawn up by the committee at the start of the season and alterations shall be made only with their sanction. Shift workers may compete on whatever day they are free irrespective of when they played in the previous month.
- iii. When a club has more than one course the LGU Medal competitions for any divisions need not all be played on the same course throughout the year.

- iv. Change of Date: The date of LGU Medal competitions can only be altered should the course be closed for any reason, or pronounced unavailable or unplayable by the committee or its authorised representative (Rule of Golf 33-2d). Any such postponed match must be played within two calendar months of the date originally fixed, and not later than 31 December of the current year. Where a Club has more than one club day and, for example, the Silver division plays on one day and the Bronze divisions on another, each is treated as a separate entity and postponement of one would not affect the other. The same applies if the divisions are split.
- v. It is at the Club's discretion whether or not to permit the use of a motorised cart.
- c. **Eligibility**
 - i. All Full Playing Members ("Full Playing Member" means a full, active 18 hole member of a Club) with a Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4 are eligible to compete in the LGU. Players holding Local Handicaps (i.e. Handicap Indices greater than 40.4) may compete but, subject to the above Note, must play off a course handicap not exceeding such as determined by a handicap index of 40.4. Scores returned in the LGU Medal competitions are the only ones eligible to count for the Silver and Bronze medals. Should only one player in any division compete in an LGU Medal competition, her score must be recorded and count for LGU Medal purposes.
 - ii. A player need not return more than four scores.
 - iii. There shall be no compulsory entrance fee for players competing in an LGU Medal competition, but the committee may make its own conditions regarding entry fees for any club prizes given in connection with LGU Medal competitions.
 - iv. A player who is a Full Playing Member of more than one Club is entitled to compete in LGU Medal competition at each of these clubs, and may even play in two LGU Medal competitions on the same day, provided they are not played on the same course.

- d. **Draw**
All clubs should draw the Silver and Bronze divisions separately, if possible.

- e. **Award of Medals**
 - i. The LGU Medal for a division shall be awarded to the player with the lowest aggregate of best four net differentials returned in LGU Medal competitions whilst she is eligible to compete in that division.
 - ii. A player who changes divisions during the year may compete in both (or all) divisions, but the winning of a medal in a lower handicap division cancels the winning of a medal in a higher handicap division at the same Club in the same year. For example, a player who wins the Silver medal cannot also win the Bronze I medal, and a player who wins the Bronze II medal cannot also win the Bronze III medal, etc.
 - iii. Example of a player's four best net differentials:

Gross Score	Course Hcp	Net Score	Course Rating	Net Differential
96	24	72	70.2	+1.8
96	24	72	70.2	+1.8
92	24	68	70.2	-2.2
93	22	71	70.2	+0.8
Total Net Differential				+2.2

- iv. There must be at least two players in a division who return four scores before a medal for that division will be awarded by New Zealand Golf.
- v. Ties: If two or more players in a division tie there shall be a play-off to decide the winner. The players will use their current Handicap Indices and if possible play together, with a marker.
- vi. In the case of a further tie the committee may decide whether to:
 - a. have a further play-off, or
 - b. purchase another medal and make a joint award.
- f. **Replacement of Lost LGU Medals**
LGU Medals can be purchased by the Club Secretary from New Zealand Golf.



PART VIII – GENERAL COMPETITIONS

These notes are only intended to assist in the general concept of how various competitions are played. They must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and in particular the Committee shall lay down the conditions under which a competition is to be played [Rule 33]. New Zealand Golf will not, except in the most exceptional circumstances give a decision on any query submitted, when play is conducted otherwise than in accordance with the Rules.

1. HANDICAP ALLOWANCES

Handicap allowances have no effect in determining NZG Handicap Indices, however their use is recommended to produce fair and equitable competition.

To make proper use of handicap allowances the following steps must be followed:

- Step 1. Players must first determine Course Handicap (from tees played)
- Step 2. Players should then apply the handicap allowances for the appropriate format
- Step 3. Finally, if players are competing from different tees or men and women are competing from the same tees (see Sections 3-5 and 9-3c of the Handicap Section), players must apply the adjustment for the difference in NZG Course Rating from the tees played.

Example using a men's NZCR 67.8 and a women's NZCR 70.6 where the handicap allowance is 60/40 percent (typical in an American Foursomes format)

Men's Team

Player A Handicap Index 21.6 Course Handicap 23

Player B Handicap Index 12.7 Course Handicap 13

Step 1 Determine Course Handicap from tees played

Player A 23

Player B 13

Step 2 Apply the handicap allowance for the appropriate format

- The player with the lower Course Handicap is allowed 60 percent of Course Handicap. The player with the Higher Course Handicap is allowed 40 percent of Course Handicap. The total is rounded off with fractions of .5 or more rounded upward.

Sixty percent of Player B's handicap is 8 ($13 \times 60\% = 7.8$, rounded to 8)

Forty percent of Player A's handicap is 9 ($23 \times 40\% = 9.2$)

Men's team handicap will be 17 (8 + 9)

Mixed Team

Player E (Man) Handicap Index 12.7 Course Handicap 13

Player F (Woman) Handicap Index 23.1 Course Handicap 24

Step 1 Determine Course Handicap from tees played

Player E 13

Player F 24

Step 2 Apply the handicap allowance for the appropriate format

- The player with the lower Course Handicap is allowed 60 percent of Course Handicap. The player with the Higher Course Handicap is allowed 40 percent of Course Handicap. The total is rounded off with fractions of .5 or more rounded upward.

Sixty percent of Player E's handicap is 8 ($13 \times 60\% = 7.8$ rounded to 8)

Forty percent of Player F's handicap is 10 ($24 \times 40\% = 9.6$, rounded to 10)

Step 3 If players are competing from different tees apply the adjustment for the difference in the NZG Course Rating from the tees played. In mixed foursomes one-half of the difference between the ratings is added to the course handicap of each team with the resulting figure rounded off to the nearest whole number (.5 or more is rounded upward).

- The difference to be applied is 1 stroke ($70.6 - 67.8 = 2.8 / 2 = 1.4$ rounded to 1)

Player E's handicap is 8

Player D's handicap is 10

Mixed team handicap will be 19 (8 + 10 = 18 + 1 = 19)

In mixed foursomes strokes are based on the men's stroke allocations.

Women's Team

Player C Handicap Index 23.1 Course Handicap 24

Player D Handicap Index 18.2 Course Handicap 19

Step 1 Determine Course Handicap from tees played

Player C 24

Player D 19

Step 2 Apply the handicap allowance for the appropriate format

- The player with the lower Course Handicap is allowed 60 percent of Course Handicap. The player with the Higher Course Handicap is allowed 40 percent of Course Handicap. The total is rounded off with fractions of .5 or more rounded upward.

Sixty percent of Player D's handicap is 11 ($19 \times 60\% = 11.4$)

Forty percent of Player C's handicap is 10 ($24 \times 40\% = 9.6$, rounded to 10)

Step 3 If players are competing from different tees apply the adjustment for the difference in the NZG Course Rating from the tees played.

- The difference to be applied is 3 strokes ($70.6 - 67.8 = 2.8$, rounded to 3)

Player C's handicap is 11

Player D's handicap is 10

Women's team handicap will be 24 ($11 + 10 = 21 + 3 = 24$)

2. GENERAL COMPETITIONS

For the following competitions, refer to Section 9-4 'Handicap Competitions' in the Handicap System section of this manual.

a. Match Play

- Singles Match Play
- Singles Match Play vs Par or Bogey
- Four Ball Match Play
- Four Ball Match Play vs Par or Bogey
- Total Score of Partners Match Play
- Best Ball of Four Match Play vs Par or Bogey
- Foursomes Match Play
- Foursomes Match Play vs Par or Bogey
- American, Chapman or Pinehurst Match Play

b. Stroke Play

- Individual Stroke Play
- Four Ball Stroke Play
- Total Score of Partners Stroke Play
- Best Ball of Four Stroke Play
- Two Best Balls of Four
- Foursome Stroke Play
- American, Chapman or Pinehurst Stroke Play
- Four Ball vs Par

3. SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER COMPETITIONS

Where handicap allowances are referred to, they should be read in conjunction with Sections 9-3 and 9-4 of the Handicap Section of this manual.

American Foursomes: Both players use their own ball for their tee shot and play their partner's ball for the second shot. A decision is then made as to which ball is nominated as the 'ball in play.' Play proceeds as in Foursomes with the owner of the ball selected playing the third stroke. [An interesting match play competition can be played using American Foursomes format, especially if the opposition is permitted to nominate which ball is played. This can be on every hole or a nominated number of holes. It is not allowable to nominate a ball which is out of bounds.]

Allowance: The player with the lower Course Handicap is allowed 60 percent of Course Handicap. The player with the higher Course Handicap is allowed 40 percent of Course Handicap. The total is rounded off with fractions of .5 or more rounded upward.

Canadian Foursomes: In Canadian Foursomes stroke play, two players play as partners. Each player plays from the teeing ground and then select the ball with which they wish to score and play that ball alternately to complete the hole. After handicap allowances are determined, apply NZG Handicap Manual Section 9-3c(iii) in competitions from different tees, or in competitions between men and women from the same tees.

Allowance: 40 percent of the partners' combined Course Handicap.

Greensome Foursomes: Both players use their own ball for their tee shot and their second stroke. One ball is then selected and the play proceeds as in foursomes.

Allowance: The player with the lower Course Handicap is allowed 60 percent of Course Handicap. The player with the higher Course Handicap is allowed 40 percent of Course Handicap. The total is rounded off with fractions of .5 or more rounded upward.

Scotch Foursomes: Partners play alternate strokes with one ball continuously, e.g. if player A holes out, player B drives from the next tee irrespective of whether or not they played the previous tee shot.

Allowance: 50 percent of the partners' combined Course Handicap.

Par: In par play the score is entered on the card in the same way as in stroke play. It is the custom that when a player is beaten by par, the ball shall be picked up. This helps speed up play.

After entering the stroke score on the card, the result is marked in the column provided with a '+' sign for a win, an 'o' for a half and '-' for a loss. At the end of the round the plus and minus signs are added and the net result written in as so many "up", "down" or "all square".

A player is allowed their full course handicap and the strokes are taken at holes as indicated on the card. Where the course handicap is more than 18, two strokes will be allowed on the number of holes that the handicap exceeds 18. These strokes will be taken in the same order as followed for the first 18 holes unless the index goes beyond 18.

Bisque Par: This is played against par, but with the allowable strokes taken wherever the player wishes, rather than at the holes set down on the card. Strokes taken must be decided upon when marking the card hole by hole, and not at the conclusion of the round. e.g. A player with a six on a five par may use one of her strokes for a half, two for a win, or none for a loss.

Four Ball Stroke Play vs Par: Two players play as partners each taking strokes at holes as in a par competition. If one of the partners wins a hole and the other halves it, only the win is counted. If one halves a hole with par and the other loses it, only the half is counted and so on. Plus ('+') , half ('o') and minus ('-') signs are added at the end of the round and recorded as in an ordinary par competition. In a four ball handicap event care must be taken to mark the scores of each player in separate columns headed by the initials of the player. If the scores are mixed and it is impossible for the Committee to check the card the players will be disqualified.

As in four-ball stroke play, two competitors play as partners, each playing their own ball. The lower of the partners' scores is the score for the hole (Rules of Golf, Rule 31 and Definitions). After handicap allowances are determined, apply NZ Golf Handicap Manual Section 9-3c in competitions from different tees, or in competitions between men and women from the same tees.

Hidden Holes: The player does a medal round, taking off their Course Handicap and recording the net score. The person in charge of the competition has an outsider choose one or more holes, and the player's scores on these holes are subtracted from the net score. The player with the lowest score is the winner. e.g. A player has a net 75. On the three chosen holes, they scored 6, 5 and 4. $6+5+4=15$ which is deducted from their net score: $75-15=60$.

Hidden Holes – Alternative Method: The player records their medal score. Nine holes are chosen at random by an outsider and these are counted, half the handicap being deducted and the winner being the player with the best net score.

Flag Match: The first player hitting off in a competition carries a flag with a label attached. When they reach the place where they have played the number of strokes required to play to the par of the course plus their handicap, they place the flag in the ground on this spot. Any player following who has not played their quota of strokes may move the flag forward. On reaching the place where they have used up all their strokes they place the flag there, marking their name on the label. A player who still has some strokes in hand must continue on down the nineteenth until they have used up those strokes, e.g. No.1 on a three handicap on a course with par 71 must place the flag where their 74th stroke has landed. No.2 following, and on an 18 handicap, is allowed 89 strokes. If when they reach the flag they are only 85, they move it to the position they are in after four more strokes.

All Irons Competition: The players use no woods, but irons for all shots even from the tees. In the competition conditions the committee should stipulate what constitutes an iron, e.g. 'traditional style irons only may be used' or 'recovery irons may not be used'. The winner is the player with the best net, gross, or stableford, as decided prior to play. *Note: Scores made under this competition are not acceptable for handicap purposes. See 5-1(f) of the Handicap Manual.*

Eclectic: Competitors play two or more rounds and the eclectic score is the lowest score obtained at each hole on the rounds. Sometimes the competitions extend over the whole season and the total score for the holes is subject to the deduction of a proportion (e.g. half) of the player's handicap on the last day of the competition.

Teams Eclectic: The same idea is used for teams of three or four, when only the best net or stableford score in the group is recorded for the team score on each hole. All scores should be recorded on the card. The one used for the team score should be ringed, then carried out to one column for the team score.

Ambrose: Team stroke event, usually played by two, four, six or eight, but can be any number. Each player plays a tee shot at each hole. The team captain then selects the best drive and a marker is placed near it. All players retrieve their balls and in turn play their second shots from the marked spot. The ball in the best position is chosen again and this procedure continues until the ball is holed. This event can be played as a gross event with each group having a spread of handicaps, or as a handicap event where a fraction of the aggregate handicaps is used e.g. one-eighth for a team of four. This is an excellent introductory game for groups of beginners or juniors.

Three Ball Ambrose: Advantage over normal ambrose is that it can be played in sixes. Each member of the team tees off and captain selects best drive from which position the two players whose ball was not selected play. The best of these two shots is then played by the person whose shot was not selected and the original owner of the tee shot. This continues on until the ball is in the hole, with the selection of each shot resulting in the owner not playing. Handicap allowance is 25% of combined course handicaps. *Normally it is compulsory to use at least five tee shots from each player. Not as slow as a normal ambrose as only two balls per team in play after the tee shot.*

Pembroke Ambrose: Four players per team. Advantage over normal ambrose is that it can be played in eights. All team members tee off and one is selected as the 'ball in play.' The owner of that ball does not play but the other three do. The second shot is selected and the owner does not play but the other two do. The third shot is selected and the owner of that ball does not play but the remaining players do. If a fifth shot is required, the person whose tee shot was taken plays. This continues until the ball is holed. Each team member must have at least four of their tee shots used. Handicap allowance of 25% of combined handicaps. *A quick round even if played in eights is the norm. Playing in eights allows a field in excess of 500 in one day.*

Yellow Ball Teams Event: Players play this stableford competition in teams of four. A team captain is appointed to control the playing order. The playing order is decided before play begins. Each player must tee off with the 'yellow ball' four times, and the person with the 'yellow ball' tees off first. Scoring for each hole is the 'yellow ball' stableford points which are tripled ($2 \times 3 = 6$ or $0 \times 0 = 0$) and the other two best stableford points for each hole. If the 'yellow ball' fails to score a point, three stableford points are deducted from the other two counting scores. For holes 17 and 18 (does not matter where you start) there is no 'yellow ball' all four stableford points are added together. *[Verdict: This is unusual and enjoyable with players having the added pressure of playing the 'Yellow Ball' on some holes. It is surprising what a difference it makes and you soon find out whom your friends are if you fail to score!]*

Russian Roulette Stableford: On each hole the two players who are partners multiply their stableford points together for their combined score. Note: Anything multiplied by zero equals zero.

Rabbits Stableford: Teams of two, three or four. Multiply all team members' Stablefords together after each hole to get team score for that hole. Example for a three member team - 2, 2, 3 = 12 Stablefords or 4, 2, 0 = 0 Stablefords.

Two Persons Ambrose/Four Ball Best Ball/Foursomes Stableford: The competition is played over 18 holes with each of the Ambrose/FBBB and Foursomes formats being played over six holes each, as determined by the match committee. The same six holes are used for each format whether or not a one tee or multiple tee start is used. For example holes 1 – 6 Ambrose; holes 7 – 12 FBBB; holes 13 – 18 Foursomes.

Allowance: Ambrose and Foursomes – 50 percent of partners' combined Course Handicap. (Note: In a mixed team, strokes are received based on the men's allocation.)

Four Ball Best Ball – 100 percent of Course Handicap. (See Section 9-4 (b) (ii) for full information on handicap allowance. (Note: In a mixed team, strokes are taken as assigned on the players' respective stroke allocation tables. For example, if men are playing the middle tees and women are playing the forward tees, strokes must be taken by men as they are allocated from the middle tees and by women as they are allocated from the forward tees.)

PART IX – ANNUAL AWARDS

1. MARILYNN SMITH (USA) GOLFER OF THE YEAR

The trophy for this award was purchased from funds presented to the New Zealand Ladies Golf Union by Miss Marilyn Smith, a highly rated USA professional golfer, after she toured New Zealand in 1964.

The position at the end of the year on the New Zealand Golf's Order of Merit will determine the annual recipient.

2. OLIVER HOLLIS MEMORIAL TROPHY UNDER 21 GOLFER OF THE YEAR

Presented in 1996 by Womens Golf Auckland (Inc) in memory of the late Mrs Oliver Hollis (nee Kay) who is regarded as one of the greatest players in the history of New Zealand women's golf.

The position at the end of the year on the New Zealand Golf's Order of Merit will determine the annual recipient.

