



# Christchurch Golf Club

## Boyle Cup

### Conditions of Play

The Boyle Cup was presented to the Christchurch Ladies' Golf Club, by Mrs A. Boyle, in 1914. It is a Canterbury Interclub challenge trophy administered by the Women's Committee of the Christchurch Golf Club in accordance with the conditions of play.

1. Challengers for the Cup may be made only by Golf Clubs associated with Canterbury Golf.
2. The Cup is held by the holder until challenged and defeated by another club and thereafter is to be held in succession by each club winning the same until challenged and defeated by another club.
3. Following a successful challenge, all other challenges become null and void and the new holder of the Cup must issue invitations to challenge as soon as realistically possible.
4. Clubs who have been successful in a ballot during any one calendar year can not submit another challenge during the same year. This also applies to holders of the Cup.
5. The current holder of the Cup should send an invitation to eligible clubs no later than 1st March of each year.
6. Eligible clubs wishing to issue a challenge shall forward an application, in writing, to the secretary of the club holding the Cup. Challenges must be received no later than 8th March of each year.
7. After the challenges have been received, the club holding the Cup shall expeditiously conduct a ballot, notify the challenging clubs of the order of play for that year and play out the challengers in that order (maximum six (6) challenges).
8. The club holding the Cup shall offer three available dates not less than seven (7) days and not more than 31 days after the date of the challenge confirmation. The challenger must reply within seven (7) days. Challenge matches do not take place before 8th March or within six weeks of the Cup holder's closing day.  
Unallocated challenges at the end of a year are not carried over to the following year.
9. If a challenge is unable to be played due to weather or closing of the course, the challenger must be offered further dates at the first available opportunity.
10. The Cup may not be played for more than six (6) times in a calendar year.
11. Each team shall consist of five (5) players only, caddies optional. Each contest shall be played on the course of the club holding the Cup. The winner shall be the team that wins

the majority of the matches. In the event of a tie the holders retain the Cup. Lunch is at the players expense.

12. The maximum handicap index is 35.0. Each match shall be played on handicap determined as follows: the player with the longer course handicap shall receive from her opponent the full difference between their respective course handicaps. The strokes shall be taken at the holes indicated on the scorecard of the club holding the Cup.

13. Players tee off in handicap order or reverse handicap order. The decision to be made by the host captain.

14. The names of the players in the challenging team, in order of play, should be handed to the host captain by the captain of the challenging team on the day of play. The host captain will then complete the competition sheet.

16. Carts may be used with a current medical certificate and this must be presented to the captains of each team on the day.

17. The Women's Committee of the Christchurch Golf Club reserves to itself the right to alter these conditions at any time and its decision on all points and disputes shall be absolutely final.

*Holder of the Boyle Cup to notify by telephone or email the Christchurch Golf Club and Canterbury Golf of the challengers, dates and results of each challenge, to encourage promotion of this event by way of the Canterbury Golf website.*

Christchurch Golf Club: Phone: 03 385 9506 ext. 3

Email: [hk@leadlights.co.nz](mailto:hk@leadlights.co.nz)

Canterbury Golf: Phone: 03 359 4000

Email: [info@canterburygolf.co.nz](mailto:info@canterburygolf.co.nz)

Addendum April 2020: If a 'National Emergency' has been declared or golf courses are closed under the Directive of NZ Golf, the ballot draw can be carried over to the following year, with the agreement of both team club captains (Cup Holder and Challenger) and the Women's Committee of the Christchurch Golf Club.

### **Conditions Boyle Cup revised February 2024**

