

CANTERBURY CENTRAL MASTERS

Conditions of Play

1. **The Masters interclub competition was inaugurated in 1997 for match play competition between club teams with players over the age of 50 years and subsequently amended in 2023 to players over the age of 45 years for participation purposes.**
2. **Clubs belonging to the Central Canterbury area are: Akaroa, Burnham, Charteris Bay, Ellesmere, Greendale, Hororata, Kaituna, Lincoln, Tai Tapu and Weedons.**

PROGRAMMES AND COURSES

3. The courses to be played on shall be selected by Central Match Committee and advised to Canterbury Golf. A draw with team matches and dates of fixtures will be forwarded to all clubs participating in the competition by Canterbury Golf.
4. Clubs entering teams shall be required to make their courses available for matches if required by the Central Match Committee.

5. TEAMS

Teams consist of six male players aged 45 years or more. These players must be full financial or life members of a Canterbury Central Club. No player shall play for more than one club each year in the competition. If a Club enters more than one team in this competition, they cannot interchange players between those teams.

6. HANDICAPS

- (a) Players must have an official New Zealand handicap.
- (b) Players must play in strict order of handicap index.
- (c) Handicaps are those on the day of the match.
- (d) The Host Club is responsible to ensure that all teams and all scorecards are returned on the day and entered for handicap purposes accordingly.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

7. The competition shall be match play on handicap over 18 holes. Each pair will also play a better ball match on handicap.
8. The team with the greater number of matches will receive two points in the competition. In the case of a draw both teams receive one point each.
9. Each team must designate a Team Captain prior to the start of play and indicate who it is on the Team Result Sheet.
10. Play shall be on Sundays starting at 12.00 noon (unless stated otherwise in the Draw).
11. If a player arrives late, but within five minutes of tee off time, he loses the first hole. If he arrives later than this, he is disqualified.
12. Teams winning by default, having their opponents disqualified or having a bye shall be awarded a win by 6-0.
13. At the conclusion of the round robin competition, if the competition is played in one zone and two or more teams are tied on points, a count back on matches won will decide the winner. If teams are still tied, the title will be shared.

If the competition is played in two zones, the two teams from each zone with the greatest number of points shall proceed to the semi-finals. If teams are still tied, then a sudden death play-off will take place between the Captains of the tied teams on pre-nominated holes with shots given where applicable.

14. If there is a tie in a semi-final or final a sudden death play-off will take place between the Captains of the tied teams on pre-nominated holes with shots given where applicable.

15. MATCH COMMITTEE

Canterbury Golf Inc will control the entries, fees and results. The Canterbury Central sub match committee will oversee the Central Masters Cup each year. The host club is responsible for running the match of the day.

16. ENTRY FEE

An entry form will be sent out to clubs by Canterbury Golf and the entry fee for each team is to be paid to Canterbury Golf by the entry closing date.

17. LOCAL RULES

The local rules of the club where the matches are being played must be observed by the competitors.

18. RESULTS

All players must return a completed scorecard to their team captain on the day.

Each card must have the full 18 holes completed in accordance with the NZGI formula for uncompleted holes together with the 7-digit identification number, the name of both the player and marker and signed by the player and marker. For the avoidance of doubt, if a player completes the remaining holes after his match is finished then a net score that gives 2 stableford points per hole is recorded irrespective of the actual score made.

All team captains must present the 6 scorecards to the Host Club Official when signing the completed team sheets.

Failure of a team to return all 6 completed team scorecards to the Host Club Official will result in team disqualification.

It shall be the duty for all team captains whether winning or losing to complete and sign a results sheet for the match played.

These sheets are to be scanned/mailed to Canterbury Golf no later than the Wednesday after the completed match.

CARDS - Match play cards are to be kept and the Host Club is responsible for the entering of these cards for handicapping purposes at their earliest convenience.

19. PROTESTS

Any protest concerning the result of any match in the competition must be lodged in writing and reach Canterbury Golf by the Wednesday following the match.

CUPS & TROPHIES

Central Canterbury Masters Cup – Overall Winning Team

Harkerss Tankard – Best Individual

HEALTH & SAFETY - DAILY REQUIREMENTS

- a) The Canterbury Golf official on duty (eg. Tournament Director or Convenor) is the designated Emergency Officer and Health & Safety Officer for that day.
- b) Where there is no designated person from Canterbury Golf on duty, the Host Club is responsible for nominating a person to take on this role. This may be the Host Club's Team Manager, a Club Committee Member, or other member nominated by the club.
- c) That person will complete the Event Health & Safety Sheet prior to the commencement of play.
- d) All Health & Safety matters or concerns should be addressed immediately and directly to the Canterbury Golf Official on duty. That person is responsible for taking any action required.
- e) All Players, Managers and Officials should be familiar with the NZ Golf "Suspension of Play" procedure documented in the NZ Golf Club Manual Section 5-9. This is summarised below:

How suspensions of play and the resumption are indicated –

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

Rule 5.7b illustrates what players are permitted to do in each situation after the siren has sounded –

1. Normal Suspension of play
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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 has been completed.
2. Immediate 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 5.7d

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

Procedure when play resumed – Rule 5.7c & d

Play must be resumed from where it is 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.

EXTREME WEATHER GUIDELINES

For temperatures 30°C and above, the host club may suspend or abandon play, in accordance with Rule 5.7b. Play should not be cancelled prior to teams arriving at the course and commencing play.

Temperatures should be verified by NZ Met Service or on-course information.

Interclub conditions of play require abandoned matches to be declared null and void as we cannot guarantee alternative dates and courses. However, every effort will be made to reschedule.

PLAYER AND HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Host clubs should monitor play and ensure that extra water and drinks are available around the course.

Players should take every possible precaution to manage their golf activities during hot weather. The following guidelines should be observed:

- Wear light coloured, loose fitting clothes, with high wicking (absorption) properties that provide for adequate ventilation.
- Wear head covering for shading – full cap/brimmed hat recommended.
- Use cart-mounted umbrella for shade.
- Apply sunscreen with a minimum SPF (Sun Protection Factor) rating of 30+. Re-apply at approximately two-hour intervals.
- Frequently consume fluids to avoid dehydration. Don't wait until you are thirsty – it's too late then. Carbohydrate-based sports drinks also replace carbohydrates and electrolytes lost during prolonged activity.