

# **METROPOLITAN CUP (A & B) AND PRESIDENTS GRADE MEN'S INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS**

## **Conditions of Play**

**Canterbury Golf and/or the Metro Match Committee (Metro Committee) reserve the right to alter and amend these rules, and the dates governing competitions, and in all cases their decision shall be final.**

### **1. GENERAL ENTRY CONDITIONS**

- (a) Entries will be accepted from all Metropolitan Clubs, which may enter only one team in each competition.
- (b) The competitions shall be played on a Sunday on a Home and Away basis as set down in the draw prepared by Canterbury Golf, with the final round in each competition played on the same course. Canterbury Golf will endeavour to provide clubs with an equal number of home and away games in each season, where possible.
- (c) For Metro A and B the top four teams in each competition will qualify for semi/finals play off. Both Metro competitions will play off at the same course over two further Sundays.
- (d) The Host Club shall be responsible for running the competition on the day, except for the last round of "round robin" play and the semi/finals play off which will be run by the Metro Committee.
- (e) The entry fee for each competition shall be determined by Canterbury Golf, and is payable with the entry.
- (f) Any Club entering a team in the competitions may be required to make their course available for the last round of "round robin" play, the semi-final or final play off on the day and starting time laid down by Canterbury Golf.
- (g) Providing food is not mandatory and can be purchased at the host club at the players own expense.

### **2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

All players entered in the Canterbury Metro Men's Interclub Competitions must comply with the following criteria:

- (a) Players must permanently reside in the area administered by Canterbury Golf. The area administered comprises all the land bounded by:
  - 1) The Conway River in the north
  - 2) The Rakaia River in the south
  - 3) Chatham Islands in the east
  - 4) The Southern Alps in the West
- (b) A player may play for their home club (where the player's handicap is held) or any secondary club but must be financial with full playing rights at the club he is representing. Players are only permitted to represent one club in any competition.
- (c) The Metro Committee may approve a change of a player's club during a competition season, upon written application to the Metro Committee.
- (d) The following players are prohibited from playing:
  - (i) Professional golfers.
  - (ii) A person suspended by a ruling of a Commissioner of Golf or by the Canterbury Golf Executive Committee. They may not also be involved as a Team Manager, Team Advisor or Caddie.
  - (iii) A player granted dispensation under the "Import" rule to play Woodward Cup.
  - (iv) Female golfers.

***(Penalty for breach of Rules 2(a) to 2(d) is disqualification of the player concerned in Presidents Grade and disqualification of the whole team in Metro A & B)***

### **3. TEAM COMPOSITION**

- (a) Each team shall consist of eight (8) players.
- (b) Handicap Requirements
  - i) Presidents:  
The handicap index for the eight (8) team members must be no lower than 10.0 and no higher than 24.0 on the day of the competition. A player on a higher handicap index than 24.0 may be used, but that player must play off the course handicap allowed for a handicap index of 24.0.
  - ii) Metro A:  
The 8 team members combined handicap index must not add up to less than 80, with a minimum handicap index of 6.0 and a maximum handicap index of 18 for any individual player.

iii) Metro B:  
The 8 team members combined handicap index must not add up to less than 110, with a minimum handicap index of 10.0 and a maximum handicap index of 24 for any individual player.

iv) Player Exceptions:  
In the interests of maximum participation, a Club may continue to use a player whose handicap index has fallen below the minimum, after they have played in any round of the competition. If the above criteria are met then the following conditions apply for the respective competitions:

Presidents

A player, who commences in Presidents and then finds his handicap index falls below the minimum, is allowed to continue to compete in that competition but must play off his current course handicap. Clubs are encouraged to restrict participation to adult players.

Metro

A player, who commences in Metro A or Metro B and then finds his handicap index falls below the minimum, is allowed to continue to compete in that competition provided the combined team handicap index requirements are still met, after taking into account his lower handicap index. A player on a higher handicap index than 18.0 for Metro A or 24.0 for Metro B may be used, but 18.0 (Metro A) and 24.0 (Metro B) are the maximum handicap indexes that can be used in the calculation of the total team index.

v) Penalties  
In the Metro A & B competitions, failure to reach the combined minimum totals in 3(b)ii) or 3(b)iii) or not having 8 players will result in the whole team being disqualified.

(c) The players are to be listed on the Match Sheet in Handicap Index order.  
Metro A & B – a player's handicap index shall be what it was on the Sunday a week prior to the match.  
Presidents – a player's handicap index on the day of the match shall apply.

(d) All players' names plus their handicap indexes and course handicaps are to be clearly written in the provided columns of the Match Sheet for the perusal of the opposing team.

#### 4 PLAYING DATES

- (a) All matches will be played on the programmed dates, unless the Host Club deems the course unplayable and as a result their course is closed. Note: a frost delay does not constitute an "unplayable condition", only a delayed starting time. In the case of the Host Club's course being closed, the Host Club must advise the opposing team of the course closure at the earliest possible time.
- (b) A match may be postponed where there is a conflict of course availability, adverse weather conditions, course closure or any other significant event (eg) earthquake. Note: unavailability of players is not reason for postponement. Where a match is postponed it must be played at the first agreed opportunity before the final round. Managers of each team are vested with the authority to arrange playing dates in these circumstances. Where a date is changed from that promulgated in the event programme, notification must be sent to Canterbury Golf informing of the alternate date of play for the rescheduled match.
- (c) If a match is unable to be played then NO points will be awarded to either team.
- (d) Should a team default a match for any reason, the opposing team will be awarded 8 game points and the defaulting team will receive 0 game points.

#### 5 PLAYING CONDITIONS

- (a) i) Presidents: All matches shall be singles match play on handicap and shots will be given.  
ii) Metro A & B: All matches shall be singles match play off the stick and no shots will be given.
- (b) All matches will finish at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole or sooner. The team winning the greater number of matches shall receive two match points and for a draw one point will be awarded.
- (c) Before commencement of play, a listed player may be replaced by a substitute. Once the substitute has commenced play, he cannot be replaced.
- (d) Any player withdrawing during the match may not be replaced.
- (e) It is recommended that playing order of the team shall be 8 through 1. However, if circumstances require, the team captains/managers can agree to change the order of tee off. The visiting team is to tee off first in all away matches.

- (f) A player (who is listed on the Match sheet) is deemed to have missed his start time and will be disqualified if he is not at his starting point, ready to play within 30 minutes after the first group's designated starting time. For example, first group to tee off at 10.00 am, a late player must be ready to tee off by 10.30 am. In Metro A & B competitions a player disqualified for arriving later than 30 minutes after the first group's start time will result in the whole team being disqualified.
- (g)
  - i) Presidents: The use of motorised golf carts (that a player rides in or on) are permitted without the need for a medical certificate.
  - ii) Metro A & B: The use of motorised golf carts (that a player rides in or on) are not permitted, however a medical exemption may be applied for from the Metro Committee and may only be used by the approved player. Where circumstances eg. an injury sustained on or close to the day of play, make the following of this process impracticable, team captains may agree to allow the use of a motorised cart by the injured player.
- (h) The use of mobile phones on the course is prohibited during the match, unless being used as a Distance Measuring Device that measures distance only or being used to refer to a Rules of Golf or Golf Decisions app or there are emergency or extenuating circumstances that require the use of a mobile phone.
- (i) The competition will be played under the current R & A Rules of Golf and the Decisions on the Rules of Golf (Rules of Golf).
- (j) The consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs during the competition is expressly prohibited.
- (k) Play will be from the men's standard tees.

***(Penalty for breach of Rules 5(c), 5(d), 5(g) to 5(j) is disqualification of the player(s) concerned).***

## **6 TIME OF STARTING**

- (a) The Host Club shall be responsible for advising their opponents of the arranged tee times, no later than the Wednesday evening prior to the date of the match.
- (b) The names and playing order of the teams may be exchanged on the day or earlier.
- (c) The players shall start off at the time of starting as laid down/agreed to by the Host Club. If, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 5-3a of the Rules of Golf, the player arrives at his starting point ready to play within five (5) minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole.

## **7 SUSPENSION OF PLAY**

- (a) After commencement of play, the Canterbury Golf Official on duty may order a suspension of play under Rule 5-7- Stopping Play; Resuming Play which also includes "circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible" (e.g.) a significant medical event such as a heart attack. If suspension occurs, players should proceed according to Rule 5.7b and Rule 5.7d
- (b) If the course is still unplayable after 1 hour's suspension, the match result for any unfinished games will be determined as follows:
  - if 13 holes or more have been played, whatever the game score is at the suspension of play will become the individual's game result
  - if less than 13 holes have been played the individual result is a draw irrespective of the actual result at the suspension of play
- (c) For the semi-finals and finals the Metro Committee will appoint a Canterbury Golf Official to officiate for the day. If the Canterbury Golf Official on duty considers the course is unplayable then the match may be cancelled and an alternate date set to replay the match or there may be a temporary suspension of play. For a suspension, play must be resumed from where it is discontinued, even if resumption occurs on a later day.

## **8 DETERMINING THE WINNER**

### **Metro A & B**

The top four teams after the round robin in each competition will play a semi-final, 1 vs 4 & 2 vs 3, with the winners proceeding to a final. Both Metro competitions will play at the same neutral courses for the semi-finals and the finals.

- (a)
  - i) In the event of a tie of points after the round robin the semi-final positions shall be decided by the team with the largest total of individual games. A halved game is counted as a half game.
  - ii) Should clause i) fail to determine the finishing position; the result of the contest between the two teams in section play shall decide the winner.

- iii) Should clause ii) fail to determine the finishing position; the result of a coin toss between the two teams in section play shall decide the winner.  
The same situation applies for all qualifiers for the semi-finals. This enables the correct seeding for the semi-finals/final.
- (b) For the semi-finals and finals, if the result is tied, i.e. 4 games all, each team will nominate one player to play off in sudden death match play from a nominated hole as determined by the Canterbury Golf Tournament Director/Official on duty on the day. The first player to win a hole outright will have his team declared the winner.

### **Presidents**

The following will apply at the completion of the Round Robin Competition.

- (a) In the case of a count-back being required to determine the winner of the competition, the following will apply:
  - i) Number of points awarded
  - ii) Number of individual games won
  - iii) Result of "Round Robin" match when teams met.
- (b) Should none of the above in clause (a) produce a clear winner, then the following will apply. Each team will nominate one player to play off in sudden death match play. The first player to win a hole outright will have his team declared the winner.

## **9 TEAM ADVICE GIVER**

Each team may:

- (a) Appoint one person as a Team Advice Giver (e.g.) Team Manager, Team Captain, Professional Golfer or Coach, who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team. The person appointed Team Advice Giver shall not be entitled to act in that capacity whilst playing in the competition until his match is finished.
- (b) Such a person shall be identified to the Host Club Official/opposing Team Advice Giver prior to the start of the interclub match.
- (c) Any person suspended by a ruling of a "Commissioner of Golf" may not be involved as a player, Team Advice Giver, Coach or Caddie in the Competitions.

***(Penalty for breach of Rule 9(a) to 9(c) is disqualification of the team)***

## **10 RESULTS**

It is the duty of the Host Club to complete the match record sheet and return to Canterbury Golf within two days of the match being completed by scanning or email. The Team Captain of each team must sign the result sheet. Canterbury Golf will promulgate results on the Canterbury Golf website by Wednesday of the week after the competition round is played.

## **11 MATCH PLAY CARDS**

Match play cards are to be kept and the Host Club is responsible for the entering of these cards for handicapping purposes. The Team Manager or Captain of each team is responsible to hand to the Host Club Official of the day within 30 minutes of the completion of the round being played, the completed cards for all his team once 13 holes in match play have been played. 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.

***(Penalty for breach of Rule 11 is disqualification of the player(s) concerned).***

## **12 LOCAL RULES:**

- (a) Competitors shall observe the local rules of the Host Club. Any local rule which allows an alternative to stroke and distance for a lost ball or ball out of bounds, shall not apply.
- (b) Prompt Pace of Play (Rules of Golf 5-6b) may be monitored by the Host Club or Canterbury Golf Official on duty as outlined in rule 5-6b for the Competitions.
- (c) The Canterbury Golf Hard Card is NOT in effect for the Presidents Grade & Metropolitan Cup Competitions.

### 13. DISPUTES AND PROTESTS:

- (a) If a dispute on a Rule of Golf arises between players, a player may make a claim. Should no duly authorised representative of the Host Club be available within a reasonable time, the players must continue the match without delay (refer to Rule 20 in the Rules of Golf)
- (b) Should any on-course dispute(s)/protest(s) not be settled, then the following would apply: Verbally lodge the protest with the Official on Duty of the Host Club within ten (10) minutes of completion of the round in which the disputed matter arose.
- (c) Should the dispute(s)/protest(s) not be settled or is the result of anything not covered in (a), then the following would apply:
  - i) Any dispute(s)/protest(s) not resolved on the day of the competition must be lodged in writing and submitted to the General Manager of Canterbury Golf, within 72 hours of the conclusion of the day's play.
  - ii) The General Manager will refer this to the Disputes Committee of the Metro Committee.

**NOTE:** Any team lodging a Protest should NOT sign the Match Result Sheet for the Match concerned.

### 14. TROPHIES

The following trophies will be presented:

**Metro A** – Metropolitan A Cup, Canterbury Golf winners plaque, individual gold medals for players

**Metro B** – Metropolitan B Cup, Canterbury Golf winners plaque, individual gold medals for players

#### **Presidents Grade:**

Winners – Presidents Team Cup, Canterbury Golf winners plaque, individual gold medals for players

MVP over the competition – MVP trophy plus bottle of gin.

### Appendix 1

The matches for the Cresswell Cup and the Toby Richards Trophy are to be played on a neutral course. The host region, where the matches are being played, is required to provide the Canterbury Golf Official for the day.

#### 1. CRESSWELL CUP

- (a) The winner of the Metropolitan Cup A competition shall playoff against the Winner of the Canterbury North Templeton Cup for the Cresswell Cup.
- (b) The combined handicaps for the Eight Team Members playing in the Cresswell Cup must add up to the handicap index required by the Metropolitan Cup team playing in Division A and the handicap index required of the Team playing in the Templeton Cup. Failure to reach the combined handicap requirement of either competitions, or not having the required eight (8) Players, will result in the whole Team being disqualified.
- (c) All Handicap Indexes and Course Handicaps plus the Names of Players are to be written in the provided columns of the Match Entry Sheet for the perusal of the opposing team.
- (d) Once the Minimum Handicap Index has been compiled, shots shall be given as in Handicap Match Play.

#### 2. TOBY RICHARDS TROPHY

- (a) The winner of the Metropolitan Cup B competition shall playoff against the Winner of the Canterbury Central Patterson Cup for the Toby Richards Trophy.
- (b) The combined handicaps for the Eight Team Members playing in the Toby Richards Trophy must add up to the handicap index required by the Metropolitan Cup team playing in Division B and the handicap index required of the Team playing in the Patterson Cup. Failure to reach the combined handicap requirements of either competitions or not having the required eight (8) Players, will result in the whole Team being disqualified.
- (c) All Handicap Indexes and Course Handicaps plus the Names of Players are to be written in the provided columns of the match Entry Sheet for the perusal of the opposing team.
- (d) Once the Minimum Handicap Index has been compiled, shots shall be given as in Handicap Match Play.

#### 3. TIED RESULT

If the result of either the Cresswell Cup or Toby Richards Trophy is tied then the following will apply:

- (a) The first two (2) Players who finished square after 18 holes shall playoff from a nominated hole as determined by the Canterbury Golf Official on duty on the day. Shots shall be given as in Handicap Match Play.

- (b) Should there be no tied matches when the team result is tied, each team will nominate one player to play off in sudden death match play. Shots shall be given as in Handicap Match Play. The first player to win a hole outright will have his team declared the winner.

#### **4. 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. Suspension of play – three consecutive short notes of a hand siren.
2. 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.