



WOMEN'S INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

Conditions of Play

Section 1 – Canterbury North

Comprises of teams representing the following clubs:

Amberley, Amuri, Cheviot, Hanmer Springs, Hawarden & Scargill, plus a composite team.

Section 2, Section 3, Weekend & 9 Hole

Comprises of all clubs affiliated to Canterbury Golf.

Canterbury Golf and/or the Canterbury Women's Match Committee reserve the right to alter and amend these rules and the dates governing the competition.

Competition & Tournament Policies

For all competitions and tournaments administered by Canterbury Golf the following Policies will be enforced:-

Conduct – players must conduct themselves in a manner so as not to bring the game into disrepute.

Examples:

- Failure to comply with the directions of tournament officials
- Theft
- Assault
- Verbal abuse
- Bad language
- Abuse of equipment – throwing clubs, breaking clubs or use of clubs other than within the intentions of the game.
- Ill-mannered behaviour
- Inappropriate dress
- Entering and then failing to appear at a tournament
- Failing to complete a round or failing to return a stroke play card

Disciplinary – as set out in the NZG Club Manual – Strategic Plan & Policies

Anti Doping – as set out in the NZG Club Manual – Strategic Plan & Policies

Harassment Policy & Procedures – as set out in the NZG Club Manual – Strategic Plan & Policies

Disputes Procedures

It may be that there is a dispute out on the course away from anyone who could adjudicate. Here is the procedure to follow.

The player who is disagreeing with the outcome of the hole needs to make a 'claim' following the procedures set down in the Rule 2-5. To do this she must:

1. Tell the opponent she is making a claim
2. State the facts as she sees it
3. Say she wants a ruling

All this must happen before you tee off on the next hole. If the dispute happens on the 18th this should happen before you leave the green.

Get on with the game

The game will continue until the dispute becomes of no consequence in the result of the game. That is, even if the disputed hole is counted as lost it doesn't matter to the result.

If, at the end of the game, the dispute cannot be resolved in the clubhouse, the matter should be referred to Canterbury Golf for a decision.

The practice is for the team captains to sign the sheet if they agree with the result. If there is an unresolved dispute, we would normally expect the sheet to be **unsigned**.



In that case the facts will need to be presented to us by way of a letter of explanation from both teams where necessary and Canterbury Golf will make the decision.

PACE OF PLAY

Players should play at a good pace. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, it should invite the faster moving group to play through. The host club will monitor the pace of play.

Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play.

DEFAULTS

Clubs are urged to field full or part teams for all rounds of the competitions. Complete defaults should be a last resort because of the effect it has on the competition results.

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

1. *Suspension of play*
 - a. *If the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes (ie. 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. *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 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.

Section 3 – 18 Hole

1. ENTRIES

- a) Only affiliated clubs shall be eligible to participate and teams must be prepared to travel.
- b) Each Club shall pay an entrance fee to be set by the Canterbury Golf.
- c) Depending on the number of entries the competition may be sub-divided into zones.
- d) More than one team per Club is permitted entry.
- e) Matches between Clubs shall be played on such dates as shall be fixed by the Women's Committee. The date of a round of matches may be altered by the Committee and notified to Clubs.
- f) Canterbury Central & Canterbury North clubs may form composite teams. Such teams shall be called Country 1, Country 2 etc. The organisation of such composite teams will be the responsibility of the clubs concerned.
- g) Players from clubs that already have a team in this competition are not eligible to play in a composite team. Should there be more than one composite team, players may only play for one team in this competition in the same year.

2. MATCHES

- a) All matches shall be played on handicap and shall not proceed past the 18th hole. Play shall be in fours.
- b) All teams shall strictly adhere to the scheduled starting time - Rules of Golf 6-3a.
- c) Teams shall consist of 6 players of any handicap playing in order of handicap, with not more than 3 "Silver" Division players in a team. "Silver" handicaps shall be to a maximum index of 18.4. The maximum handicap index is 35.0. Any team not fulfilling the handicap requirements of clause (c) shall be disqualified and any player that plays out of handicap order shall be disqualified.
- d) Scoring – each team win to count as 2 points and each team half to count as 1 point. In the event of a tie in zones, individual games will be counted. In the event of a further tie the singles games won by the No 1 players of each team will be counted.
- e) A team winning by default receives 2 points and for count back purposes shall be deemed to have won 4 games. The defaulting team shall receive no points.
- f) Any rounds not completed due to inclement weather will be declared draws. If a team has a bye in this situation they will receive no points.
- g) The matches shall be played under the Rules adopted from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, subject to the Local Rules of play in force on any course.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a) Players may play for their home club where their handicap is held or alternatively for any secondary club that they have full playing rights at.
- b) Players who have elected to play for one club in the Canterbury Golf region Women's interclub competitions may play for a secondary participating club of which they are a full or junior member, but may only represent one club in each competition.
- c) Players who play in a semi final or final must have played in at least one match in this competition in the current year, except in unusual circumstances when permission from Canterbury Golf must be obtained.
- d) Players eligible for the 18 Hole competition are those players who have full 18 hole club membership.

4. SEMI-FINALS & FINALS

- a) The team winning the Final shall be the winner of the competition and shall receive and retain a Canterbury Golf Plaque and a badge for each player
- b) If there are 3 zones, the winners of each zone shall play semi finals. In the event of a tie of points in any zone, individual holes won will determine the winner. First semi final: the top qualifier plays the second qualifier. The winner of this match proceeds to the final. Second semi final: the loser of the first semi final plays the third qualifier. The winner of this match proceeds to the final.
- c) In the event of a tie in the semi-final, the individual holes won will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the No 6 players result shall be discarded, then No 5's and so on until a winner is established. If there is still a tie, a sudden death playoff between a nominated player from each team shall determine the winner. In the final, a sudden death playoff between a nominated player from each team shall determine the winner.

5. PENALTIES

- a) A match starting late must be reported to the Canterbury Golf Office by the hostess and both Captains on the day of play. Rule 33-7 will be applied, i.e. "If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after her starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of



disqualification as provided for in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of hole of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification.”

- b) Any member playing in an Interclub match who is not eligible to play for such Club, shall lose the match or matches in which she took part and shall be liable to suspension for the remainder of the season.
- c) Match Play Cards: a penalty of 1 point will be deducted from the teams accumulated competition points should any team member fail to hand in a correctly completed card.

6. POSTPONEMENT & SUSPENSION OF PLAY

- a) In the case of the Host Club's course being closed, the Host Club must advise the opposing team captains of the course closure at the earliest possible time.
- b) After commencement of play, the host club may suspend play under Rule 33-2d. Rule 6-8 states that bad weather is not of itself a good reason for discontinuing play. If suspension occurs, players should proceed according to rule 6-8.
- c) If the course is still unplayable after one hour of suspension, the games shall become null and void since there is no guarantee of availability of the relevant course on a subsequent day. Matches may be rescheduled at the discretion of Canterbury Golf.

7. DISPUTES

- a) The Hostess shall proceed according to the attached 'Disputes Procedure'. Players should be familiar with the contents of this procedure as it enables play to continue quickly.

8. PROTESTS

- a) Any protest relating to any match shall be notified in writing within 7 days of the match. The secretaries of the Clubs affected by the protest shall forward to Canterbury Golf a statement of the facts concerning the complaint which will be discussed by a specially appointed Disputes Committee to enable protests to be dealt with swiftly.
- b) After discussion the Disputes Committee shall be at liberty to take further evidence in such manner as it shall think fit and to make a decision on the protest and generally to regulate the mode of dealing with protests.

9. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITY

- a) Immediately after each interclub match, the Host Club shall fax 03 359 4001 or email info@canterburygolf.co.nz the results.
- b) A hostess must be provided by the Host Club and she must be present for the duration of play, should she be required for rulings or decisions. In the event that the hostess is unable to make a decision, the dispute shall be referred to Canterbury Golf as outlined in Rule 8 above.
- c) The Host Club is responsible for administering the pace of play.
- d) It is the host clubs responsibility to allocate starting tees.

10. CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITY

- a) Ensure that team shall be ready 10 minutes ahead of their scheduled starting time.
- b) The Captain of each team shall enter the team in playing order on the result sheet as provided by the host Club. Such teams shall not be altered thereafter.
- d) Should the team not be complete, available players are to be entered on the result sheet from No 1 position down with defaulted games at the end.
- e) Defaulting teams must notify Canterbury Golf, the host club and their opponents.
- f) The Captains shall ensure a toss is conducted where a starter is not provided.
- g) On completion of matches ensure that scores are recorded on the results sheets, signed scorecards from all team members are handed in and the result sheet is signed off (unless the result is disputed).

11. GENERAL

- a) A member of any team shall not be entitled, except on the payment of green fees, to practice on the course on which a match is to be played, except on the morning of the match.
- b) The entertainment of players shall not be a charge on the Club on whose course the match is being played. Teams must pay for their own refreshments including morning tea.
- c) Motorised carts and bikes are permitted with a medical certificate.
- d) The use of devices that measure distance only is permitted.

12. CADDIES

Caddies are allowed in all competitions.