

# WOODWARD CUP

## CONDITIONS OF PLAY - 2019

Canterbury Golf Incorporated (Canterbury Golf) and/or the Canterbury Golf Men's Events Committee (Committee) reserve the right to alter and amend these rules, and the dates governing the competition, and in all cases their decision shall be final.

### 1. ENTRY CONDITIONS:

- (a) Entries will be accepted from qualifying member clubs that are affiliated to Canterbury Golf.
- (b) A match programme setting out the times and dates of fixtures shall be forwarded to Clubs participating in the competition.
- (c) The entry fee for each team entered in the competition shall be payable to Canterbury Golf prior to the commencement of the competition. The entry fee shall be determined by Canterbury Golf.
- (d) Clubs entering a team shall be required to make their course available for matches on the day and starting time of play laid down by Canterbury Golf.

### 2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

- (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 season, except for the Promotion/Relegation set out in Clause 10.
- (c) The Committee may approve a change of a player's club during a competition season, upon written application to the 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. The suspended person may also not be involved as a Team Manager, Team Advice Giver or Caddie.
  - (iii) Female golfers.
- (e) Notwithstanding Clause 2(a) and 2(b) above, a participating club may apply in writing to the Committee not later than one week prior to the commencement of the competition to have an "Import" player in their Woodward Cup team. An Import player is someone who is unable to meet either residency and/or playing rights criteria. The range of this dispensation is limited to two players per participating club per competition season. If two Import players are used, then at least one Import player must reside and have their home club in the Canterbury Golf area set out in clause 2(a).
- (f) Each year any player that competes in Blank or Simon Cup **before** Woodward Cup commences may not play in the same number round of Woodward Cup (e.g.) if a player competes in round 1 of Blank Cup then they may not play in round 1 of Woodward Cup and so on.
- (g) During the Woodward Cup round robin competition, players competing in the Woodward or Blank Cup may freely interchange between these competitions for the round robin games, provided the requirements of clause 2(f) are met. However, once the Woodward Cup round robin is finished, a player having had six (6) games or more in Woodward Cup may **not** play in the final round robin game/s of Blank Cup.
- (h) A player, having played six (6) or more games in Woodward Cup, may **not** play in the Interclub semi-finals or finals for their Blank Cup Team.

***(Penalty for breach of Conditions 2(a) – (h) is disqualification of the player concerned).***

### 3. NUMBER OF TEAMS:

- (a) There shall be a maximum of ten (10) teams in the Woodward Cup competition for the 2019 year.

- (b) Each team shall consist of eight (8) players.

**4. PLAYING CONDITIONS:**

- (a) The matches shall be played on Sunday, unless otherwise arranged by the Committee.
- (b) The teams shall play a round robin competition of match play, culminating with the top four teams playing in a semi-final/final competition.
- (c) All matches will finish at the 18th 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. All matches shall be singles match play off the stick.
- (d) When more than one set of tees are available, the Championship tees are recommended to be used. However, the Canterbury Golf official on duty has the discretion to use an alternative set of tees.
- (e) Clubs must submit their team in playing order plus the name of the Team Advice Giver to the Canterbury Golf official on duty, prior to the start of each round.
- (f) The playing order of the team shall be 8 through 1 unless authorised by a Canterbury Golf Official or a Referee. It is also the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that their team play in the order as submitted. (i.e.) 1 plays 1, 2 plays 2 and so on.
- (g) The use of motorised golf carts (that a player rides in or on) are not permitted, however a medical exemption (with supporting medical evidence or certificate) may be applied for from Canterbury Golf or the Canterbury Golf Official on duty. The motorised golf cart may only be used by the exempted player. During play, a player may be offered a lift in a motorised golf cart to put another ball in play for a lost ball or a ball out of bounds, so that a prompt pace of play is maintained.
- (h) The Competition will be played under the current R & A Rules of Golf and Decisions on the Rules of Golf. Reference to applicable rules are stated as "Rule xx-x" in these conditions of play.
- (i) The Canterbury Golf Hard Card will apply. Note: any local rule allowing an alternative to the stroke and distance relief for a ball out of bounds, **will not** apply. The player must play a ball from where the previous stroke was made (Rule 14-6).
- (j) The consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs during competition is expressly prohibited.
- (k) 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 the Rules of Golf or Golf Decisions app or there are emergency or extenuating circumstances that require the use of a mobile phone.
- (l) Before commencement of play, a listed player may be replaced by a substitute. Once the substitute has commenced play, he cannot be replaced.

***(Penalty for breach of Conditions 4(e) - (l) is disqualification of the player/s concerned).***

- (m) The playing order of teams may change for the afternoon round on any two round competition days.
- (n) Players must maintain a prompt pace of play as outlined in Rule 5.6. Warnings of slow play may, but not necessarily, be given to a group or player/s in a group before penalties are applied. Team Advice Givers are expected to monitor their team's pace of play and advise their team members accordingly of any slow play.

**5. TIME OF STARTING:**

The player shall start off at the time of starting as laid down by Canterbury Golf, unless another start time is authorised by the Canterbury Golf Official on duty on the day. If 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. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification (rule 5-3a). All afternoon rounds must start no later than five (5) hours after the morning start time, unless another start time is authorised by the Canterbury Golf Official on duty on the day.

**6. TEAM ADVICE GIVER:**

Each team shall:

- (a) Appoint one person as the 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 their team. The person appointed Team Advice Giver shall not be entitled to act in that capacity whilst playing in the competition but may act in that capacity only once his round is finished.

- (b) Such person shall be identified to the Canterbury Golf Official on duty prior to the commencement of each match.

***(Penalty for breach of Condition 6 is disqualification of the team)***

## **7. RESULTS**

At the conclusion of the match it shall be the duty of an official representative of each team (Team Advice Giver, Manager, Captain or Coach) to advise the match results to the Canterbury Golf Official appointed. Both team representatives must sign the result sheet confirming the result as correct.

## **8. MATCHPLAY CARDS**

It is recommended that match play cards be kept to record the scores and hole by hole results of the match. However, it is optional for the player to submit a match play card for handicapping purposes. If a card is submitted for handicapping purposes, then at least 13 holes in the match must have been played. The card must have the full 18 holes completed in accordance with the NZGI formula for uncompleted holes (i.e.) recorded as par plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on the unplayed holes.

## **9. SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS:**

- (a) The Woodward Cup semi-finals and finals will each be played over 18 holes at a course and on a date to be set by the Committee.
- (b) The top four (4) teams from the round-robin play, (seeded relative to their finishing positions), will play in the semi-final/final competition. From round-robin competition results, 1 will play 4, 2 will play 3.
- (c) i) In the event of a tie of points in the round-robin the winner shall be the team with the largest total of individual games.  
ii) Should clause i) fail to determine the finishing position; the result of the contest between the two teams in round-robin 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.

- (d) For the semi-final and finals, if the result is tied, each team will nominate one player to play off in sudden death match play from a nominated hole as determined by a Canterbury Golf Official or Referee. The first player to win a hole outright will have his team declared the winner. In the interests of time for the afternoon final, any semi-final play-off will be limited to two holes. If there is no outright winner after two holes, then the team to go through to the final will be the higher seeded team. For a play-off in the final, players will play as many holes as necessary to get an outright winner.

## **10. PROMOTION/RELEGATION**

- (a) At the conclusion of the competition the highest placed teams in Blank Cup, Kaikoura Cup and the Central Canterbury Shield, that do not already have a team in Woodward Cup, shall be allowed the right to challenge the 10<sup>th</sup> placed team for their place in the Woodward Cup competition for the following year.
- (b) In the case of deciding which is the 10<sup>th</sup> placed club team in the round-robin competition, should one or more of the teams have the same points at the completion of round-robin play, the following formula will be followed:  
(i) The lowest number of individual games won.  
(ii) The result between the two teams in round-robin competition.  
(iii) Failure to gain a result after applying the above will result in both teams nominating a single player to compete in sudden death Match Play. The first player to lose a hole outright will have his team declared the team to play in the promotion/relegation.
- (c) The format of the promotion/relegation shall be as follows:  
(i) The promotion/relegation match shall be played at a neutral venue on the date advised in the Canterbury Golf calendar.  
(ii) The competition shall be Gross Stableford for all competitors over 18 holes. The top placed team shall be the team with the highest team points total and shall be entitled to compete in the Woodward Cup competition in the subsequent year.

- (iii) In the event of a tie in the team points totals, each team shall nominate one player to play off in sudden death stroke play. The first player to win a hole outright shall have his team declared the winner.
- (iv) The team shall comprise eight (8) players.
- (v) The match is deemed to be part of the just ended interclub season.
- (vi) A player may only play for his home club in the promotion/relegation unless the exception in clause (vii) is being used.
- (vii) A player who played for their secondary club under 2(b) above or having been granted an Import dispensation under clause 2(e) above, can choose whether he plays for the team he represented during the round-robin competition or his home club that has earned the right to play in the promotion/relegation.
- (viii) Any club from Blank Cup, Kaikoura Cup and the Central Canterbury Shield, that has earned the right to play, may have up to 2 Import players in the promotion/relegation provided the following criteria has been met:
  1. If two Import players are used, then at least one Import player must reside and have their home club in the Canterbury Golf area set out in clause 2(a).
  2. The Import player/s must not have played in Woodward Cup during the competition season just completed.
  3. The name and details of the Import player/s is advised in writing to the Committee not later than one week prior to the promotion/relegation match.

#### 11. **POSTPONEMENT/SUSPENSION OF PLAY/ABANDONMENT:**

- (a) All matches will be played on the programmed dates, unless the Host Club, the Committee or the Canterbury Golf Official on duty deems the course to be unplayable. Note: A frost delay does not constitute an “unplayable condition”, only a delayed starting time.
- (b) In the event of adverse weather conditions or other significant events (e.g.) an earthquake, the Committee or Canterbury Golf Official on duty may postpone a match day round(s).
- (c) 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.
- (d) The Canterbury Golf Official on duty or the Committee will determine whether play will be resumed or the number of holes to be played be reduced to get a result or the round be abandoned. Resumption of play will proceed according to Rule 5.7c. For the semi-finals and finals if there is a suspension of play and not an abandonment, play must be resumed from where it was discontinued, even if resumption occurs on a later day.
- (e) Should any round be postponed or abandoned, it will be played on the “Reserve Day”. If a Reserve Day is not programmed, an alternate date may be scheduled, or two rounds may be played on a programmed date. However, if play on the Reserve Day or alternate date is abandoned, the round(s) will **not** be replayed in that years’ competition.

#### 12. **DISPUTES AND PROTESTS**

- (a) If a dispute on a “Rule of Golf” arises between players, the dispute will be resolved according to Rule 20 – Resolving Rules Issues During Round; Rulings by Referee and Committee.
- (b) For any other situation not covered by the Rules of Golf then the following would apply. Verbally lodge a protest with the Canterbury Golf Official on Duty or an On-Course Referee within ten (10) minutes of completion of the round in which the disputed matter arose. The matter will then be referred to a Disputes Committee comprising of the Canterbury Golf Official on duty, a Canterbury Golf Referees Representative and/or a Canterbury Golf Representative.

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

- (c) Should the Dispute/Protest not be settled on the day or there is information that a team became aware of after the result of the match was signed as being correct, then the dispute/protest must then be submitted in writing to the Canterbury Golf General Manager within 48 hours of the conclusion of the day’s play, together with submissions from all concerned parties for referral to the Committee for a decision.

(d) All decisions made by the Committee, after due consideration, shall be final.

### 13. TROPHIES

The following trophies will be presented:

**Winners** – Woodward Cup Trophy, Canterbury Golf Winners Plaque, Individual Gold Medals to players

**Runners Up** - Individual Silver Medals to players

**Stan Rich Salver** – awarded to Canterbury resident player/s that had the best record in round-robin play. Import players who do not reside in the Canterbury area specified in Clause 2(a) are not eligible to win the Stan Rich Salver.

### 14. HEALTH & SAFETY - DAILY REQUIREMENTS

- a) The Canterbury Golf official on duty 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 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.