



CONTROL OF NORTH HARBOUR GOLF ASSOCIATION MEN'S PENNANTS COMPETITIONS

1. **GENERAL** - The following shall apply and should be read in conjunction with the rules governing the conditions of the North Harbour Golf Association Men's, Women's and Mixed Competitions
 - (a) All competitions shall be conducted and played in accordance with the Association Rules governing the competitions, the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules.
 - (b) The Match Committee of the Host Club shall be the "Committee in Charge" of all Association Competitions; the officially nominated Delegate of the Association shall be included as a member of the Committee where viable.
 - (c) Host Clubs are responsible for advising Clubs and publishing starting times that have been reserved for matches. Advice to visiting Clubs containing starting times to be in the hands of those Clubs at least 10 days preceding the event to be played.
It is recommended the Host Club's standard of dress in the dining room or lounge be conveyed to visiting Clubs at the same time.
 - (d) Members of the Host Club Match Committee shall be appointed to actively supervise at starting tees at all times.
 - (e) The Delegate of the Day will be the Captain of the Team whose Club is hosting the next round unless a representative of the Association is available.

2. VENUES

The matches will be played on the courses shown in the Association Programme unless the particular course to be used is closed, when an alternative venue will be used.

3. SENIOR MENS PENNANTS COMPETITIONS

Club responsibilities:

- (a) Clubs may only enter one team per Club per Competition unless authorised by NHG
- (b) Pennants Team players must be members of the club they are competing for and be from a membership category that pays a full member or Junior annual levy to North Harbour Golf Association.
- (c) In order to accommodate Club Members playing rights, the Association recommends that 18-hole competitions be played using a two tee start from between 7.30 – 9.00am.
- (d) The holding of any competitions in conjunction with the Pennants matches shall not be permitted.
- (e) Team entry forms (including team advisor), preferably typed for legibility, correctly made out in order to play, must be electronically forwarded to **the Host Club and the Association by 10:00 AM on the Friday** prior to the date of the match. **Handicap Pennants entry forms** must have the handicap index of all players listed on the entry form. Unless an exemption has been granted by the Operations Manager, late entries will be subject to a penalty of forfeiture of any possible Bonus Point for that round.
- (f) Representative players: When a player is taken out for an Association Representative Team, the Club may re-submit their Team Entry Form
- (g) Each Team Captain or Manager shall be responsible for **returning of their team's match play cards, correctly filled in and signed**, to the Host Club Duty Officer promptly on completion of matches. The Team Captain or Manager must then sign the completed result sheet.
Penalty for non-return of all the team's cards from singles matches – no team points will be scored until all the team's cards are returned.
- (h) Each Team should have a non-playing Manager who will assist with all aspects of course management at the Host Club in respect of their team.

4 SUBSTITUTES

Any player may be substituted on or before the day of competition. If a player is replaced or withdrawn from any Pennants Team after the team list has been forwarded the following shall apply:

- (a) Nobile/West Coast/Rangitoto - The substitute must play in the vacated position.
- (b) Sunderland/Kaipara – Any substitute must play in the correct handicap order in the team. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Note: All changes must be done no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled tee time.

5 CLUBS WITH MULTIPLE TEAMS / SEMI FINALS AND FINALS

The North Harbour Golf Association always expects the integrity of our competitions to remain intact. Any golfer of the club from a category that pays a full levy or Junior levy to North Harbour Golf Association, is eligible to play in the club's top team. In Round Robin any player can play for any team if they have both an A Grade (Nobilo) and a Reserve Grade (Rangitoto). However, in the finals and the semi finals of the reserve grade the player must have played 3 round robin matches in that competition to be eligible. The only instance in which a player in the Reserve grade can play in the Semi Finals / Finals having played less than 3 games during the round robin is if approval has been received by the North Harbour Match Committee.

7 ADVICE

In accordance with Rule 8 and Rule 33 - 1, the North Harbour Golf Association Match Committee have provided for each Team to appoint one person who may give advice to members of that Team. Each Team **MUST** nominate that person prior to the commencement of play, and make that person known to the opposing team.

8 DEFAULTED MATCHES

If any individual defaults, the opposing player shall be awarded full game points. Where a team defaults it shall not, except under special dispensation from the Association, be permitted to play again in the same season. In this case, all points scored for and against the team at this time shall be void. Where a team is allowed to play again by Association dispensation, then, for the default match the maximum points scored on the day shall be awarded to the opposing team. Should it be necessary for a team to default, the defaulting team must advise the opposing team, the Association and the Host Club as soon as possible to allow for catering arrangements to be amended.

9 SCORING

One point shall be scored for a Match win. A half point shall be scored for a match halved. A bonus of one point is available for an overall team win. This point is to be shared if the teams halve the match. No result may be posted until **all of both team's** cards have been presented to the recorder.

10 GIVING OF STROKES

Where applicable, strokes given in a match are to be given starting from the No.1 Stroke Hole

11 RESULTS

The Host Club shall be responsible for advising results of all Pennants Matches to the association immediately after the matches are concluded via email.

12 CANCELLATIONS

The Chairman of the host Match Committee or approved officer will decide on the morning of the match if the weather is un-fit for play and will endeavour to have the decision announced over the radio or will otherwise notify Club Secretaries, or Team Managers.

13 ABANDONMENT OR POSTPONEMENT OF PLAY

If during the play of the Pennants Match, the course becomes unplayable in terms of Rule 33-2d, the following procedure will apply:

- (a) If play is postponed through course closure prior to the start of any play on the scheduled day a new team entry sheet shall be called for the delayed events in which the players or playing order may differ from the original entry.
- (b) If all matches have not been completed by all teams when play is abandoned for the day then the round shall be re-played and new teams submitted as in (a) above.
- (d) At its discretion the Match Committee may rule that a postponed or abandoned match may not be resumed or be resumed at a different venue.
- (e) Host Clubs are expected to provide adequate means of indicating to player's postponement or suspension of play. Refer item 17 under Rules Governing NHGA Competitions.

14 PLAYERS OF MORE THAN ONE CLUB

Players in any one season may play Pennants or Interclub competitions for only one Club within the North Harbour District, unless a transfer is applied for and approved by the Association Match Committee. However, a player can represent another club for the Mixed Pennants Competition if they are a full member of that club from a category paying a full levy to the North Harbour Golf Association.

15 MATCH COMMITTEE DECISIONS

When called on to adjudicate on any situation in any of the competitions under its control, the North Harbour Association Match Committee decision or ruling is final.

16 DISPUTES

Any member of a sub-committee that has to vote on a matter concerning their own club should be excused from any participation in the decision-making process.



PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING SCORES IN MATCH PLAY

HOLES COMPLETED:

Enter actual score

HOLES NOT COMPLETED (UNFINISHED HOLES)

An unfinished hole is one where you tee off but do not hole out because the hole is conceded or your opponent has holed out and you pick up your ball without putting out.

For Handicapping purposes, record the score you would most likely have made.

i.e. the number of strokes you have already taken PLUS in your best judgement, the number of strokes you would need to complete the hole from that position more than half of the time.

A most likely score should be preceded by an X e.g. X6

NOTE: this number must not exceed your ESC score. Where the most likely score exceeds your ESC limit, then you must record your ESC score (the score which would be the equivalent of 0 stableford points).

HOLES NOT PLAYED:

Draw a line across the card at the hole where the match finished

For Handicapping purposes record a score of par plus any handicap strokes to which you are entitled on the un-played holes

COMPLETION OF SCORE CARDS:

If the match was played with handicaps applied, and 13 holes or more were completed, the cards must be presented for handicapping purposes. The remaining un-played holes should be recorded as nett par for each hole.

All other matches (off-the-stick and handicap matches with less than 13 holes completed) should have the cards presented for the recording of the match scores, but may be destroyed once the results sheet is signed off by all parties.

CHECKING AND SIGNING OF CARDS:

Please ensure that your card has the following details completed prior to being handed in for recording and handicapping:

- Name
- Date
- Club and Player ID
- Home Club
- Handicap Index
- Course Handicap
- Adjusted Gross
- Markers signature, Players signature
- Result of match – for example "Win to RNZAF 3/2"

ENTRY OF CARDS:

It is expected that the Host Club will enter all cards. **At no time** are cards to be given to players to return to their home Clubs.



RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST CLUBS

It is an expectation of the Association that a host team receiving a bye are present as the Clubs match committee to ensure the smooth running at their host round. This allows sufficient man power for starting, scoring and marshalling.

1 MATCH COMMITTEE OF THE DAY

To be two experienced members of the club in matters of club operations, rules and general golfing experience. These people need to be named on the Club information sent out prior to the day of competition and available throughout the day to all managers/captains and players.

2 STARTING

Ensure a 10-minute call is made to all teams to notify when they are due on the tee. Find and introduce yourself to the team manager. Locate the players by group no less than 5 minutes before they are due to tee off. Hand out cards, hole location sheets and notify them of any important local rules for the day. Announce the players when it is time to commence.

3 SCORING

Post results sheets as soon as all cards are in and the team score has been verified and signed.

4 MARSHALLING

Have no less than two Marshals on each nine of the course if possible. The location of Marshals is entirely dependent on the nature of the golf course. If there are known areas that cause golfers difficulty, ensure someone is placed in this location.

Speed of Play - Marshals can also be 'roving' meaning that they travel around looking to identify problem areas and gaps in the field and monitor the pace of play in accordance with item number 30 under Rules Governing NHGA Competitions. If possible, it is recommended that marshals use golf carts as this makes the task a lot more effective. This is at the discretion of the clubs and the conditions.

If a ball enters an undesirable area (i.e. Out of Bounds) and you are in a position to notify the player the correct signal is to extend your arm and wave to the fence line clearly. If the ball remains in bounds point and wave your arm out in the direction of the golf course side.

NOTE – When your club is hosting North Harbour Pennants your club is being represented and critiqued by the level of success of the day's event. If the day is runs well, the pace of play is acceptable, and all the players have a good time your club will create a favourable impression.



**ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE
NORTH HARBOUR 'CHAMPIONSHIP' COMPETITION
(NOBILO, WEST COAST AND RANGITOTO RESERVES)**

FORM OF COMPETITION

The Competition will be played with a maximum of 7 teams in the Nobilo and Rangitoto divisions. A Grade (Nobilo) will be the top division and B Grade (West Coast) the 2nd division. Reserve Grade (Rangitoto) will be for the top clubs 2nd teams. The format will be 18 Hole Match Play across all these Grades.

TEAMS

Teams from each Club shall consist of eight players who shall play in reverse order, and in this order player's names should be shown on the team lists. It is preferred that in the best interests of Golf and the spirit of the game that teams be selected in strict order of merit. All matches shall be played with no handicap strokes given.

THE DRAW

Each Team will play the other teams in the section as set out in the draw. Semi-finalists for all divisions will be determined by the round robin result.

POINTS

For each match a total of 8 points plus 1 bonus point shall be available. One point shall be scored for each Match win. A half point shall be scored for a match halved. A bonus of one point is available for an overall team win. This point is to be shared if the teams halve the match. No result may be posted until **all of both team's** cards have been presented to the recorder.

TIES

If two teams have an equal number of points at the end of the Nobilo/West Coast//Rangitoto round robin competition, placing shall be decided by the match where the two tied teams played each other with the winning team being declared the winner. If this match was also a tie a count back will occur in which the result from each teams No.1 is taken to decide the match. If this is also a tie the result of the No.2 is then used to determine the winner and so forth.

SEMI FINALS AND FINALS

The first 4 placed teams in round robin play will playoff in semi-finals (1st team plays 4th, 2nd team plays 3rd). The top 2 teams in the round robin play will get home advantage for the semi finals. For A Grade (Nobilo) and Reserves (Rangitoto) the winners of the semi finals shall play off for Nobilo and Rangitoto trophy on North Harbour Finals Day. The winners of the Semi Final of Grade 2 (West Coast) will playoff against each other at a final in which the higher finishing team from the round robin will receive the home advantage. The winner will be awarded the West Coast Trophy and go forward to finals day where a promotion/relegation match will be played against the team from the bottom of the Nobilo. In regards to all matches if there is a tie, a playoff will be held with a player selected by the manager/captain to represent the club in a sudden death playoff to decide the match.



**ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE
NORTH HARBOUR 'HANDICAP' COMPETITION
SUNDERLAND AND KAIPARA TROPHY**

FORM OF COMPETITION

The Handicap Competition shall be played in two divisions with ten teams in each division. Sunderland will be the top division and Kaipara the lower division. All matches shall be 18 holes of single match play with full handicap strokes given between players. The strokes given will be according to the card.

TEAMS

The teams will consist of eight players. Team to be entered in Handicap Index order, lowest at No 1 and highest at No 8, and **that handicap index is the one that will apply on the day**. If a player is replaced, the substitute will take his place in the team keeping the handicap index order intact. The maximum handicap index for this competition is 16.4.

On the Day: Any player who is not present **15 minutes prior to their team's first tee time** will be defaulted and the reserve will go in at the place that keeps the team in the correct handicap index order. The Handicap Index is the one held by the player at his home Club and must be entered on the team entry sheet.

THE DRAW

Each Team will play the other teams in the section as set out in the draw. The winners of the Sunderland Division and Kaipara Division will be determined by team with the highest points after the conclusion of all round robin matches.

POINTS

For each match a total of 8 points plus 1 bonus point will be available. One point shall be scored for each Match win. A half point shall be scored for a match halved. A bonus of one point is available for an overall team win. This point is to be shared if the teams halve the match. No result may be posted until **all of both team's** cards have been presented to the recorder.

TIES

In the event of a tie on points between the top teams at the end of the Sunderland or Kaipara Round Robin competition the winners shall be decided by a sudden death playoff between the teams No.1 players on the 18th hole. Play will continue on the same hole until a winner is found.

PROMOTION / RELEGATION

Promotion / Relegation between the bottom team in the Sunderland and the top team in the Kaipara shall be automatic unless the Club being promoted already has a team in the higher division. Should that situation arise the second team will remain in the lower division. Note: A club may not have two teams in the same division, therefore a team so relegated, which already has a team in the lower division, will lose the second team in that grade. If additional entries to the Handicap Grade are received for the following year's competition from a new club or from a club with a team currently in the Sunderland Competition the bottom placed team or teams of a club or clubs with two entries may be replaced at the match committee discretion



CONDITIONS FOR MEN'S INTERCLUB COMPETITION

TEAMS:

The Interclub Competition shall be played in two divisions with six teams of four players per section.

HANDICAP INDEX:

The handicap index limit for this competition shall be 16.5 – 24.4

A player with a handicap index lower than 16.5 may continue to play in the team if they played in the team prior to reducing below 16.5

PLAY:

The official playing day is Sunday but this may be changed by mutual agreement between teams. If teams are not able to agree to an alternative date, the date listed in the Programme must stand.

Teams play in handicap index order with lowest at no 1

Visiting Team Captain to provide team list to starter on arrival.

Suggested starting time is 12.00 but this is up to individual Club

(Host team to notify visiting team of start times)

SCORING:

Scoring 18 hole handicap match play. In each match of the full eighteen holes, one point will be awarded for each hole won, half a point for each hole halved, a lost hole gains no points. The winner will be the team scoring the greater total points.

All cards must be presented to the Host Club Captain and no results may be posted until all eight cards have been received by the recorder

At the end of the Round Robin competition the team with the most points will be declared the winner.

If two teams are tied on points, the team with the most individual matches will be declared the winner.

If the teams are still tied, the result will be decided by lot.

The winners of the two divisions will then compete for the trophy in a Final played under the same rules at a neutral venue on the date as stipulated by the Association. If the match is a tie, a playoff will be held with the number 1 players to decide the match.

DEFAULT:

If a player defaults, the opposing player will receive 12 points and the defaulting player 0

If a whole team defaults, the opposing team will receive the maximum points scored by any team in their division in that round and the defaulting team 0 points.

RESULTS:

Results to be sent to the NHGA Secretary **as soon as possible** after completion of round



SENIOR INTERCLUB - RULES OF THE COMPETITION

TEAMS:

The Senior Interclub Competition shall be played in four divisions with four teams of four players per division. There will be a maximum of sixteen teams in any year – this will be on the basis of one team per Club and the vacancies filled by those Clubs who can best support a second team. Players must be aged 55 or over as of the 1st of August of the year in which the competition is being played. The four sections will be selected randomly each year.

HANDICAP INDEX

The maximum handicap index limit for this competition shall be 24.4

PLAY:

The competition is to be played on any of the **weekdays** between the dates listed. If teams are unable to play that week, application may be made to the Association to play on an alternative date, the fixture must be played before the next round. In the case of the last round, there will be no exception. If teams are not able to agree to an alternative date, the date listed in the Programme must stand.

Teams play in handicap index order with lowest at no 1

Visiting Team Captain to provide team list to starter on arrival on entry form attached.

(Host team to notify visiting team of start times at least two weeks prior to the event)

SCORING:

Scoring 18 hole handicap match play. In each match of the full eighteen holes, one point will be awarded for each hole won, half a point for each hole halved, a lost hole gains no points. The winner to be the team scoring the greater total points. **All cards must be presented to the Host Club Captain and no results may be posted until all eight cards have been received by the recorder**

At the end of the Round Robin competition the team with the most points will be declared the winner of that section. If two teams are tied on points, the team with the most individual matches will be declared the winner. If teams are still tied the result will be decided by lot.

A semi final will take place between the winners of Division 1 and 2 and another between the winners of Division 3 and 4 on a neutral venue stipulated by the Association. If two teams are tied on points after completion of play the team with the most individual matches will be declared the winner. If the match is still a tie, a playoff will be held with the number 1 players to decide the match. The winners of the semi finals will then compete for the trophy in a Final played under the same rules the following week at a neutral venue as stipulated by the Association.

Results are to be entered on the current Interclub result sheets available from your Club office, **please ensure that all details are recorded – division, round no etc**

IN THE EVENT OF A DEFAULT:

If a player defaults he will receive no points, and the opposition will be awarded 12 points

If a whole team defaults they will not be awarded any points, and the opposition will be awarded the maximum points scored by any team in their division in that round

RESULTS:

Results to be sent to NH Golf **as soon as possible** after completion of round.