



NEW ZEALAND GOLF

WOMEN'S NATIONAL 18-HOLE HOME LINKS

COMPETITION CONDITIONS

The competition is supported by Srixon and to be eligible to win Srixon prizes players must tee off on the first hole with a Srixon golf ball

1. Conditions Applying to all Women's 18-Hole Home Links Events

Home Links events are played at home club courses with district and national winners being determined from individual club results i.e. there is no play-off at club/district level.

- (a) Subject to the specific eligibility criteria for any individual event (see below) the Home Links events are open to all Full Playing Members (*'Full Playing Member'* means a full, active 18-Hole member of a Club) holding a New Zealand Golf 18-Hole Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4. Subject to a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers, players holding Local Handicaps (i.e. Handicap Indices greater than 40.4) may compete but must play off a course handicap not exceeding such as determined by a Handicap Index of 40.4. (*Note: If a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers does not permit them to play at the same time as the women's competition is played, this ruling will override their eligibility to compete in the competition.*)
- (b) All events, except the Nancy MacCormick Memorial Foursomes, are played concurrently.
- (c) The events are played annually on the home course of each Club during the months of March, April and May.
- (d) The dates of play for both weekday and weekend members are fixed by the Club committee.
- (e) There shall be no entry fee charged for any Home Links event.
- (f) A player who is a Full Playing Member of more than one Club may only play in the competition once and must elect which Club she will play in the competition at.
- (g) Each Club will determine the winner (and ties) for each event, complete the Club Home Links Results Sheet provided by New Zealand Golf and send it together with the original scorecards of the winners (and ties) to reach the District Association Secretary no later than the date specified on the results sheet (normally early June.)
- (h) All scorecards submitted must:
 - (i) be original scorecards.
 - (ii) show the event for which they are submitted.
 - (iii) show the women's NZG Course Rating and NZG Slope Number for the course played.
 - (iv) show the player's Handicap Index and Course Handicap.
 - (v) be signed and countersigned by the player and marker.
 - (vi) be certified as correct by the club secretary.
- (i) The District winners (and ties) for each event will be determined by the District Association secretary, who will complete the District Home Links Results Sheet provided by New Zealand Golf and send it together with the original scorecards of the winners (and ties) to reach the New Zealand Golf no later than the date specified on the results sheet.
- (j) If a tie occurs at national level, a further round will be played by the players involved in the tie, the date to be the first scheduled LGU Medal competition, or within one month, after a player's



Club receives notification that a play-off is necessary. Once established, this date cannot be altered. A player's Handicap Index current on the day of the play-off will apply. In the event of a further tie, the trophy will be awarded jointly.

- (k) It is at the Club's discretion whether or not to permit the use of motorised carts.
- (l) It is recommended Clubs adopt the Alternative to Stroke and Distance Local Rule.

Model Local Rule E-5

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see [Rule 14.3](#)):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- (a) **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:
 - Come to rest on the course, or
 - Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- (b) **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point **but** is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see [Rule 6.3b](#)).

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see [Rule 18.3](#)).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under [Rule 14.7a](#).



2. **Nancy MacCormick Memorial Foursomes**

Nancy MacCormick was appointed Secretary of the NZLGU in 1932 and remained in that office until her death in 1952. In 1953 silver salvers were purchased to commemorate her long years of service and so began the Home Links Foursomes competition.

Event-Specific Conditions:

- (a) The competition is Foursomes handicap stroke play, played over 36 holes on one day or 18 holes on two days within a two-week period.
- (b) Players choose their own partners, and pairs are then drawn at random to play together.
- (c) The partners' teeing off order may be changed for the second 18 holes.
- (d) A pair's net score for each 18 holes is determined by deducting half the combined Course Handicaps.
- (e) The current Handicap Indices and Course Handicaps of both partners must be recorded on the scorecards for each 18 holes.

3. **Coronation Medal** (presented by Miss Pearson and Mrs Hulton of England)

Event-Specific Conditions:

- (a) Open to players in the Silver division only.
- (b) The competition is 18 holes handicap stroke play i.e. best net competition.

4. **Aotearoa Cup** (presented by Miss M. Payton)

Event-Specific Conditions:

- (a) Open to players in the Silver and Bronze divisions.
- (b) The competition is 18 holes handicap stroke play i.e. best net competition
- (c) The Silver and Bronze division players should be kept separate in the draw if possible.

5. **Best Gross Cup**

Event-Specific Conditions:

- (a) Open to players in the Silver and Bronze divisions.
- (b) The competition is 18 hole gross stroke play i.e. best gross competition

6. **Veterans Trophy**

Event-Specific Conditions:

- (a) Open to players in the Silver and Bronze divisions who are 70 years of age or over on 1 March of the current year.
- (b) The competition is 18 holes handicap stroke play i.e. best net competition



7. Junior Girls 18 Hole Home Links

Event-Specific Conditions:

- (a) Open to Full Playing Members (*'Full Playing Member'* means a full, active 18-Hole member of a Club) who are under 19 years of age on 1 March of the current year holding a New Zealand Golf Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4.
- (b) There are two 18 hole events, Junior Best Gross and Junior Best Net.
- (c) Eligible scores are those returned whilst the player's Handicap Index is 40.4 or lower, in rounds played during March, April and May in a Club or LGU Medal competition at the member's Home Club.
- (d) The player's date of birth must be recorded on the club Home Links Results Sheet.