



LGU Competition Conditions

New Zealand Golf will give annually to each Club Silver and Bronze medals to a maximum of 1 Silver medal and 3 Bronze medals for competition amongst Silver and Bronze division players.

- The **Silver Medal Division** is Handicap Indices up to **18.4**
- The **Bronze Medal Division** is Handicap Indices **18.5 to 40.4**. The number of Bronze divisions is determined as follows:
 - Up to 20 Bronze club members 1 Bronze division
 - 21 – 40 Bronze club members 2 Bronze divisions
 - 41+ Bronze club members 3 Bronze divisions
- Clubs set their own handicap divisions within the above Bronze divisions so that there are even numbers competing for each medal.
- Bronze I, II and III Divisions, once defined at the beginning of a year, will apply for the remainder of that year, but may be redefined as necessary from year to year.

Medals will be awarded for the New Zealand Golf year (January to December) and forwarded in August to the club.

Note: Subject to a Club's ruling on playing rights for Local Handicappers, members holding Local Handicaps (i.e. Handicaps 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.)

(a) **Definition**

LGU Medal competitions are medal competitions authorised by the Club committee each year. There shall be a minimum of six and a maximum of 16 LGU Medal competitions programmed annually.

(b) **Club Medal Days**

- (i) The dates for LGU Medal competitions must be fixed and published at the beginning of the year. They may be programmed more than once a month during the playing season. A Club may hold more than one LGU Medal competition in the same week.
- (ii) If a Club has members who cannot play regularly on the fixed LGU Medal day because of business, professional, scholastic or other commitments, the committee may arrange, at its discretion, for such specified players to take part in the competition on another day within 7 days of the main Medal day. The list of eligible players shall be drawn up by the committee at the start of the season and alterations shall be made only with their sanction. Shift workers may compete on whatever day they are free irrespective of when they played in the previous month. *(Note: This discretion does not apply to players who may not be able to participate in any one monthly main Medal day for personal reasons, it only relates to players who come under the above criteria and who cannot play regularly on the fixed LGU Medal day.)*
- (iii) When a Club has more than one course the LGU Medal competitions for any division need not all be played on the same course throughout the year.
- (iv) Change of Date: Any change of date is at the discretion of the organising committee. Such postponed round/s must be played within two calendar months of the date originally fixed, and not later than 31 December of the current year.
Where a Club has more than one club day and, for example, the Silver division plays on one day and the Bronze division on another, each is treated as a separate entity and postponement of one would not affect the other. The same applies if the divisions are split
- (v) Individual Clubs set their own policy for use of a motorised cart in LGU competitions.



(vi) 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](#).



(c) **Eligibility**

- (i) All Full Playing Members holding Handicap Indices not exceeding 40.4 are eligible to compete in the LGU. (*'Full Playing Member'* means a full, active 18-Hole member of a Club.) Players holding Local Handicaps (i.e. handicaps greater than 40.4) may compete but, subject to the above *Note*, must play off a Course Handicap not exceeding such as determined by a Handicap Index of 40.4. Scores returned in the LGU Medal competitions are the only ones eligible to count for the Silver and Bronze medals. Should only one player in any division compete in an LGU Medal scheduled competition round, her score must be recorded and count for LGU Medal purposes.
- (ii) A player need not return more than four scores.
- (iii) There shall be no compulsory entrance fee for players competing in an LGU Medal competition, but the committee may make its own conditions regarding entry fees for any club prizes given in connection with LGU Medal competitions.
- (iv) A player who is a Full Playing Member of more than one Club is entitled to compete in LGU Medal competitions at each of these clubs, and may even play in two LGU Medal competitions on the same day, provided they are not played on the same course.

(d) **Draw**

Where feasible, it is recommended that clubs should draw the Silver and Bronze divisions separately.

(e) **Award of Medals**

- (i) The Medal for a division shall be awarded to the player with the lowest aggregate of best four net differentials returned in LGU Medal competitions whilst she is eligible to compete in that division.
- (ii) A player who changes divisions during the year may compete in both (or all) divisions, but the winning of a medal in a lower handicap division cancels the winning of a medal in a higher handicap division at the same Club in the same year. For example, a player who wins the Silver medal cannot also win the Bronze I medal, and a player who wins the Bronze II medal cannot also win the Bronze III medal, etc.
- (iii) Example of a player's four best net differentials:

Gross Score	Course Hcp	Net Score	Course Rating	Net Differential
96	24	72	70.2	+1.8
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92	24	68	70.2	-2.2
93	22	71	70.2	+0.8
Total Net Differential				+2.2

- (iv) Handicap Index changes may result in a player moving from one LGU division to another during the year's competition which may prevent her from returning the minimum four scores from any one division. Where a Club holds an insufficient number of rounds to enable players to return the minimum four scores in multiple divisions, the best four net differentials from the division she has played the most rounds in will determine what division her overall score is calculated against, with all scores from all divisions used in determining the overall result, for example:
 - *four scores returned from Silver Division rounds and three scores returned from Bronze I Division rounds means the best four differentials will be determined from the seven scores submitted from both divisions and the player will be competing for the Silver LGU medal*
 - *two scores returned from Bronze I Division rounds and five scores returned from Bronze II Division rounds means the best four differentials will be determined from the seven scores submitted from both divisions and the player will be competing for the Bronze II Division LGU medal*
 - *where a player has the same number of scores returned from multiple divisions i.e. three from Bronze I and three from Silver means the player will be competing in the lower division i.e. for the Silver LGU medal and the best differentials calculated as in bullet points 1 and 2 above.*



- (v) There must be at least two players in a division who return four scores before a medal for that division will be awarded by New Zealand Golf. *(Note: Where, for example, five players commenced the LGU year in the Silver division and within a few rounds played, four of the players moved to a Bronze division leaving only one player in the Silver division, provided two of the five original Silver division players met the condition of submitting four LGU scores, the remaining Silver division player, provided she had also submitted the required minimum four scores, would be eligible for the Silver medal. This also applies to players moving between Bronze divisions.)*
- (vi) Ties: If two or more players in a division tie there shall be a play-off to decide the winner. The players will use their current Handicap Indices and if possible play together, with a marker.
- (vii) In the case of a further tie the committee may decide whether to:
 - (a) Have a further play-off, or
 - (b) Purchase another medal and make a joint award.