



9-Hole LGU Competition Conditions

New Zealand Golf will give annually to each Club one 9-Hole LGU medal for competition amongst 9-Hole members.

- The **9-Hole Medal Division** is Handicap Indices up to **40.4N**

The medal 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 40.4N) may compete but must play off a Course Handicap not exceeding such as determined by a Handicap Index of 40.4N. (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**

The 9-Hole LGU Medal competition is a medal competition authorised by the Club committee each year. There shall be a minimum of six and a maximum of 12 9-Hole LGU Medal competitions programmed annually.

(b) **Club Medal Days**

- The dates for 9-Hole 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 9-Hole LGU Medal competition in the same week. *(Note: 9-Hole LGU Medal rounds may be scheduled to be held simultaneously with the three 9-Hole Home Links (Sue Bunt Salver) rounds.*
- When a Club has more than one course the 9-Hole LGU Medal competition rounds need not all be played on the same course throughout the year.
- 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, each is treated as a separate entity and postponement of one would not affect the other.
- Individual Clubs set their own policy for use of a motorised cart in the 9-Hole LGU competition.
- 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:

- 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.
- 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 9-Hole Full Playing Members holding Handicap Indices not exceeding 40.4N are eligible to compete in the 9-Hole LGU. (*'Full Playing Member'* means a full, active 9-Hole member of a Club.) Players holding Local Handicaps (i.e. handicaps greater than 40.4N) may compete but, subject to the above *Note*, must play off a Course Handicap not exceeding such as determined by a Handicap Index of 40.4N. Scores returned in the 9-Hole LGU Medal competitions are the only ones eligible to count for the medal. Should only one player compete in a 9-Hole LGU Medal scheduled competition round, her score must be recorded and count for 9-Hole 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 a 9-Hole LGU Medal competition, but the committee may make its own conditions regarding entry fees for any club prizes given in connection with the 9-Hole LGU Medal competition.
- (iv) A player who is a 9-Hole Full Playing Member of more than one Club is entitled to compete in 9-Hole LGU Medal competitions at each of these clubs, and may even play in two 9-Hole LGU Medal competitions on the same day, provided they are not played on the same course.

(d) **Draw**

Clubs may wish to draw players in Handicap Index order, but this is not compulsory.



(e) **Award of Medal**

(i) The Medal shall be awarded to the player with the lowest aggregate of best four net differentials returned in 9-Hole LGU Medal competitions.

(ii) Example of a player's four best net differentials:

Gross Score	Course Hcp	Net Score	Course Rating	Net Differential
51	14	37	35.1	+1.9
47	12	35	33.4	+1.6
46	14	32	35.1	-3.1
50	13	37	35.1	+1.9
Total Net Differential				+2.3

(iii) There must be at least two players who return four scores before a 9-Hole LGU medal will be awarded by New Zealand Golf.

(iv) Ties: If two or more players 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.

(v) 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.