



NEW ZEALAND GOLF

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CLUB TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP

COMPETITION CONDITIONS

1. **Format of the Event**

- (a) *Club Competition:* Individual 18-hole net.
- (b) *District Finals:* 18 holes Four Ball Stroke Play. The aggregate of the Four Ball net scores of the two pairs is the team's score.
- (c) *National Final:* The national winner is determined from the scores of the winning teams at all District Finals.

2. **Conditions of Club Competition**

- (a) Open to Full Playing Members ('*Full Playing Member*' means a full, active 18-Hole member of a Club) holding an 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) Club Competitions shall be played between **1 February - 15 April**.
- (c) The competition is individual 18-hole net.
- (d) Clubs may hold more than one club competition day to ensure that all eligible members have the opportunity to participate eg. weekday and weekend. Subject to Club playing conditions, a player may compete on each competition day, however, must pay the entry fee each time she competes.
- (e) A player who is a Full Playing Member of more than one Club may compete in the National Teams' Championship at each of those clubs, however, must pay the entry fee each time she plays. Should the player be in the winning team of both Clubs she may represent each of the Clubs at a District Final, subject to there not being a clash of dates, where the two clubs she represents are in different Districts. If the latter situation arises the player must notify the respective Club, without undue delay, she will not be representing it at the District Final.
- (f) The four players returning the lowest individual net scores qualify for the team to represent the Club at the District Final.
- (g) It is at the Club's discretion whether or not to permit the use of motorised carts.
- (h) 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](#).

3. Club Team for the District Final

- (a) The Club team of four to contest the District Final will comprise the four players returning the lowest individual net scores in the Club competition.
- (b) Ties shall be decided by a countback of net scores.



- (c) If a player who qualifies in the Club team is subsequently unable to play in the District Final then that player shall be replaced by the player with the next best net score in the Club competition. Further replacements if necessary shall be in order of net scores in the Club competition. Where a team member is replaced, a copy of the Club competition scorecard, or printout, must be provided to the competition match committee prior to the start of play.
- (d) To qualify for the District Final competitors must play on their Club's specified national tournament day.

4. District Final Conditions

- (a) All District Finals must be played between **20 April and 31 May**.
- (b) A District Final must be played on a course with a women's NZG Course Rating of 70 or higher.
- (c) The competition format is Four Ball Stroke Play.
- (d) The four players from each club will be paired by their home club and drawn in two different fours.
- (e) Handicap Indices current on the day of the District Final will apply.
- (f) The Four Ball net scores of the two pairs in each club team will be added together at the end of the round to determine the team's score.
- (g) Ties shall be decided by a countback of Four Ball net scores. See Section 9, Handicap System and Course Rating, Clause 9-5(b).
- (h) In addition to Four Ball scorecards, players must keep and return individual scorecards for handicapping.
- (i) It is at the District Association's discretion whether or not to permit the use of motorised carts.
- (j) It is recommended District Associations adopt the Alternative to Stroke and Distance Local Rule. (See 2(h) above for Model Local Rule.)

Note: For the purpose of this competition, application of a 10% reduction in the course handicaps of a pair whose individual course handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes will not apply.

5. National Winners

- (a) Details of the winning District team are to be recorded on the form provided which must be returned with original scorecards to New Zealand Golf no later than the date specified on the form.
- (b) The net differential of the District winners will be determined by comparing the Four Ball net score to the women's NZG Course Rating. The team with the best net differential will be awarded the trophy.
- (c) In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by a countback.