

HAWKES BAY WOMEN'S INTERCLUB PENNANT

1. **Format:** A **Round Robin** competition between Hawke's Bay clubs situated in the **Central and Southern Zones**. Clubs may enter more than one team:

A Team consists of 8 players

4 Players of Index 0.0 – 22.0 and 4 players of Index 18.0 – 34.4

All matches in the competition will be one round (18 holes) **match play on handicap**. Handicap Strokes are given/taken on the stroke holes according to the handicap difference between players and the lowest net score wins the hole. Players in each team must play in handicap order. Eg: Player A has a course handicap of 26, Player B has handicap of 30 so player B gets one shot on the first four stroke holes.

2. **Participating Teams:** All Hawkes Bay Clubs within the Central and Southern Zones may field a team. If a club has insufficient numbers of players to make up a team but there are players in the index range who wish to participate, they may be selected for the Combined teams.

If a club cannot field the required number of players to make up each index range as outlined in 1. above then players outside the range may play, but they must play off the course handicap corresponding to the maximum of each group of 4.

Club Captains must confirm numbers of teams they will enter for each division to GHB&PBW Association Women's President by **30 November**.

3. **Players:** Substitutes from the same club are permitted if numbers cannot be made up from a team's reserves. Team captains will be responsible for finalising their teams for each round.

Saturday players may also be selected for teams, but week-day players should take preference.

A player belonging to more than one Club must nominate which club she will represent prior to commencement of the competition.

In the event that a player's index changes to the extent that it is no longer within the range for her team, it is up to her team captain and/or club selector to decide whether to allow her to continue to play for that team or to replace her.

4. **Convening Committee:** The Convening Committee will consist of the GHB&PBW Association Women's President and members of the GHB&PBW Women's Committee from Southern and Central Zones.

5. **Dates / Venues:** Matches will be played on dates between **March and August** as stated in the Draws.

The host clubs may or may not play, depending on the Draw. The host clubs are responsible for organising:

- a. Tee times NB: 2 tee start required, using tees 1 and 10
- b. Starters
- c. Gathering the results and sending to the Association per details on results sheets.

6. Results: Game Scoring: win = 1 point; half = ½ point*; loss = 0 point.

*Games finishing all square after 18 holes shall be deemed halved.

Team Match Scoring: 2 points awarded to the team with the greater overall number of game points, 1 point for a half.

If a player is disqualified or defaults, the score will be recorded as a 10/8 win for the opponent. In the event of a TEAM default, 2 points will be awarded to the opposing team.

- a. The captain of each team is responsible for entering her team names, index, and course handicap on the results sheets.
- b. The side that has the honour at the first teeing ground is determined by the order of the draw.
- c. Captains must record the result of each match on their results sheets, and must sign both their own and the opposing team's result sheet.
- d. On completion of the competition, the winning team of each division shall be determined by the number of points amassed by each team during the competition. In the event of a tie between teams, the winning team will be the tied team with the most individual game points. If a tie remains, the winning teams will hold the cup for 6 months each.
- e. The Convening Committee will present the Cups to the winning teams immediately after the last round has been played.

7. Motorised Vehicles: During play it is prohibited for a player to ride in or on a motorised vehicle, unless on the presentation of a medical certificate, the Committee has provided the player with dispensation to use such transport. The penalty is loss of hole at each hole where a breach occurs, with a maximum penalty of 2 holes per round. A player may accept a ride from a tournament official in the interest of saving time. If a player incurs an injury during the stipulated round which would prevent her walking to finish her match the Committee would be justified in permitting the player to continue her round using motorised transport if available.

8. Courtesy: It is recommended that, as a courtesy to both fellow players and to the host club, players stay on after their matches have finished until the results for the day have been announced.

9. Abandonment of Play: (Rule 6-8 page 51-53 of the Rule Book) The host club is responsible for nominating an individual (e.g. Club Captain) to be made available to make the decision whether to abandon play, due to inclement weather or any other reason. If all matches have completed 9 holes a result will be declared, based on the state of the matches of the holes completed at the time of abandonment. If all matches have not completed 9 holes the round will be abandoned. The host Club Captain must contact the GHB&PBW Association Women's President to arrange another date on which to play the round.