

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CLUB TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP
TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. Format of the Event

- (a) *Club Competition:* Individual 18-hole net.
- (b) *District Final:* 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 Golf Club) holding an 18-Hole Handicap Index.
- (b) Club Competitions shall be played between **Club Opening Day - 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 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.

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) The competition format is Four Ball Stroke Play.
- (c) The four players from each club will be paired by their home club and drawn in two different fours.
- (d) Handicap Indexes current on the day of the District Final will apply.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Ties shall be decided by a countback of Four Ball net scores. (*See Section 5/5.8(b), Golf Operations Guide at <https://static.golf.co.nz/clubs/1000/uploads/case%20studies/golf%20operations%20guide.pdf>*)
- (g) In addition to Four Ball scorecards, players must keep and return individual scorecards for handicapping.
- (h) It is at the District Association's discretion whether to permit the use of motorised carts.
- (i) It is recommended District Associations adopt the Alternative to Stroke and Distance Local Rule - Model Local Rule E-5.

5. National Winners

- (a) Details of the winning District team are to be recorded on the form provided which must be returned, either e-mailed or posted together with original scorecards, or scanned copies, to Golf New Zealand 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 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.