

18-HOLE LGU TERMS OF COMPETITION

Golf New Zealand 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 Indexes up to **18.4**
- The **Bronze Medal Division** is Handicap Indexes **18.5 to 54.0**. 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 Golf New Zealand year (January to December) and forwarded in August/September to the Club.

(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.

Note: *Where a club schedules two competition days for each individual LGU round, for example Tuesday and Saturday, subject to playing eligibility conditions at their club, (which may be based on membership category) players may compete in the LGU competition on **either** the Tuesday **or** Saturday but not both days. Players must identify on their scorecard prior to the commencement of play whether they are competing in the LGU. After commencing the round, if a player fails to complete the round – unless under exceptional circumstances as determined by the organising committee – she is not permitted to enter on the following scheduled day, for example if the player identifies she is competing in the LGU on Tuesday and fails to complete the round, she is not eligible to compete in the Saturday round – vice versa if the Saturday round is the first round and she would not be eligible to compete on the Tuesday. Players do not have to elect at the start of the LGU competition year which day they intend to play their LGU rounds on.*

- (ii) The current Handicap Index on the day of play is to be used.
- (iii) If a Club has members who cannot play regularly on the fixed LGU Medal day/s 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 fixed Medal day/s.

A list of players who come under this category must be drawn up by the committee at the commencement of the season and alterations shall be made only with their sanction.

The players listed 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 fixed Medal day/s 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/s.)

(iv) When a Club has more than one course, or multi tees to play off, the LGU Medal competitions for any division need not all be played on the same course or tee marker throughout the year.

(v) Change of Date: Any change of date, or cancellation of any round, 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 or players play on a midweek day and weekend day, each is treated as a separate entity and postponement or cancellation of one would not affect the other. The same applies if the divisions are split.

(vi) Individual Clubs set their own policy for use of a motorised cart in LGU competitions.

(vii) It is recommended Clubs adopt the Alternative to Stroke and Distance Local Rule – Model Local Rule E-5.

(c) **Eligibility**

(i) All Full Playing Members who hold a Handicap Index are eligible to compete in the LGU. ('Full Playing Member' means a full, active 18-Hole member of a Club.) 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 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 plus/minus par scores 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 plus/minus par scores:

$$\text{Gross Score} - \text{Competition Handicap} = \text{Net} - \text{PCC} - \text{Par} = +/- \text{Par}$$

Gross Score	Competition Handicap	Net	PCC	Par	+/- Par
88	13	75	3	72	0
83	13	70	2	72	-4
90	13	77	0	73	4
89	14	75	-1	73	3
Total +/- Par					3

Note 1:

- Where the PCC is a minus (-1) the adjustment to the Net is a plus
- Where the PCC is a plus (1, 2 or 3) the adjustment to the Net is a minus
- Where the PCC is a zero (0) there is no adjustment to the Net

Note 2:

- The 'Competition Handicap' may differ from a player's 'Playing Handicap' where different courses and/or multi tees are used in the LGU competition. If the same tees on the same course are used, or if there is no difference in par between the tee markers being played, the Competition Handicap and Playing Handicap would be the same. For Clubs using the DotGolf competition set-up, any additional strokes required if playing different courses/multi tees will be automatically added in calculating the results.

(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 plus/minus par scores 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 plus/minus par scores 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 plus/minus par scores 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 plus/minus par scores 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 Golf New Zealand. *(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 Indexes 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.

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