

9-Hole LGU Terms of the Competition

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

- The **9-Hole Medal Division** is Handicap Indexes up to 54.0

The medal will be awarded for the Golf New Zealand year (January to December) and forwarded in August/September to the club.

(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**

- (i) 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.*)

Note: Where a club schedules two competition days for each individual 9-Hole 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 9-Hole 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 9-Hole 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 9-Hole 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 9-Hole LGU competition year which day they intend to play their 9-Hole LGU rounds on.

- (ii) The current Handicap Index on the day of play is to be used.
- (iii) When a Club has more than one course, or multi tees to play off (e.g. Front 9, Back 9, Middle 9 etc) the 9-Hole LGU Medal competition rounds need not all be played on the same course or tee marker throughout the year.
- (iv) 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, each is treated as a separate entity and postponement or cancellation of one would not affect the other.

- (v) Individual Clubs set their own policy for use of a motorised cart in the 9-Hole LGU competition.

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

(c) **Eligibility**

- (i) All 9-Hole Full Playing Members who hold a Handicap Index are eligible to compete in the 9-Hole LGU. (*Full Playing Member* means a full, active 9-Hole member of a Club.) 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 plus/minus par scores returned in 9-Hole LGU Medal competitions.
- (ii) Example of a player's four best plus/minus par scores:

Gross Score – Competition Handicap = Net – 50% PCC – Par = +/- Par

Gross Score	Competition Handicap	Net	PCC (50% daily PCC)	Par	+/- Par
54	18	36	-0.5	37	-0.5
52	17	35	1	37	-3
55	17	38	0	37	1
55	18	37	0	37	0
Total +/- Par					-2.5

Note:

- 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 9-Hole 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.

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

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