



### **Rules for the President's Trophy Competition - 2019**

1. The President's Trophy competition is open to all bona fide members of the club that they represent.
2. It is a Matchplay and Four Ball competition played with handicap between all club teams of eight players in each team.
3. A club may only have one team in the President's Trophy competition.
4. Player eligibility: Players entered in the President's Trophy competition must meet all the following eligibility criteria:-
  - 4.1 The 'home' club is the club where the handicap of the player is held.
  - 4.2 The home club of the player must be within the Men's Committee jurisdiction.
  - 4.3 The player must be a financial member of, and have playing rights, at the club he is representing. A player may only represent one Club in the current Pennant season unless dispensation under Rule 4.5 has been granted.
  - 4.4 The player must be eligible for selection in the District's representative teams. To be eligible to play representative golf for the District a player must hold New Zealand Resident status.
  - 4.5 Any transfer of a President's Trophy player from one club to another during the duration of the competition must have the approval of the Men's Committee, in writing, prior to that player representing the new club.
  - 4.6 Each club may enter one player whose eligibility does not meet 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4 of the above criteria. The club must apply in writing to the Men's Committee 10 days prior to the round in which this player first plays for the club, identifying the player whose eligibility does not meet the criteria. Each player must be re-registered each season.

*The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be disqualification of the games contested by the ineligible player and in addition a further one game will be deducted from the offending club's total and awarded to the non-offending opposing club. If considered serious by the Men's Committee, the offending team may be disqualified.*
  - 4.7 A player is ineligible to play in the semi-finals or final for their Club if they have not played in at least one round of President's Trophy in the current competition.
5. 5.1 A list of team members in playing order must be submitted to the starter no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled tee time of each competing team. The playing order shall be one through eight in handicap order. *Teams failing to meet these requirements shall be penalised two match points.*
- 5.2 Any player late to the starting tee and not arriving by the time the others in the four have played from the tee, or not playing in the correct order, *shall be disqualified from the match.*

6.1 The President's Trophy competition will consist of round robin matches, with quarter-Finals, semi-finals and a final. The competition for each round will consist of singles and four ball best ball matches played concurrently.

6.2 Club teams shall consist of 8 players in order of handicap index of which the top 4 players shall have indexes of 5.0 to 15.0 and the lower 4 players shall have indexes of 12.5 to 22.4. Players are entitled to full handicap indexes. When the handicap rollover occurs on the Wednesday preceding the fixture, players may be selected on the prior week's handicap index, but must play off their latest handicap index and in handicap index order (*e.g. A player selected on 22.4, but whose handicap moves beyond 22.4, must play off the maximum handicap of 22.4*). *Players not playing in the correct order or on the correct handicap index shall be disqualified from the team.*

6.2 In preliminary rounds, each club is drawn to play the others over 18 holes. The draw is changed annually. The top 8 teams at the end of the preliminary rounds shall play on a neutral course, chosen by the Association, in seeded Quarter-Finals, leading to Semi-Finals and a Final. The venues selected by the Association in post section play shall take into consideration the travelling requirements of the farthest team.

6.3.1 In the event of a tie following the round robin, places will be decided on the total number of singles matches and fourball matches won, with further ties decided in favour of the team which won when the teams first met. Any further ties will be decided by lot. In the event of a draw in semi-finals or the final the result shall be determined as follows: The respective No 1's shall play sudden death for a maximum of three extra holes to be designated by the match committee of the day. Should no result be forthcoming then, the winner shall be the winning team when the two teams met in the round robin series, and failing that the highest seed coming into the finals series shall be declared the winner.

6.3.2 Points shall be awarded on the basis of one point for each game won and half a point for each game halved. A total of 12 points is to be awarded in each match. When a club wins by default, it shall be awarded 8 points. When teams have equal points at the conclusion of the preliminary competition, the team winning the match between the clubs concerned shall be the winner. Further draws shall be decided by lot.

In the event of ties in the quarter-finals and semi-finals, the winner shall be the club scoring the most points in the top playing section. Further draws are resolved by sudden death play-off between the players at number five in the teams. There may be joint winners in the final.

6.4 Matches in the preliminary rounds shall be played during the weekends set by the MWG Inc Men's Committee. The time of play shall normally be the Saturday but may be varied by the mutual consent of the competing clubs. The host club shall be responsible for confirming starting arrangements no later than Monday evening prior to the date set for the match. Normally play shall not commence before 10am.

6.5 If any match is abandoned because the host club deems its course unplayable, it shall be played as soon as possible by mutual arrangement between the clubs but not later than the date arranged for playing the last round in the preliminary competition. When the last round is abandoned it shall be played on a date set by the MWG Inc Men's Committee.

**6.6 The competition is for players who normally do not play in the A Pennant competition.**

6.7 Any dispute arising from a round of the competition shall be advised to the District Executive Officer within 5 days of completion of the round for referral to the MWG Inc Men's Committee, whose decision shall be final.

6.8 The host club will forward the result, using the official result sheet, to the District Executive Officer by the Tuesday following the weekend that the match was played.

6.9 All scorecards are to be duly signed and returned at the conclusion of the round. All scorecards must be entered for handicapping purposes. The host club is to certify on the result sheet which is returned to the District Executive Officer that this has been complied with.

*The penalty for non-compliance of this Rule will be the deduction of 1 match point for each breach of the rule by a team.*

6.10 The current NZ Golf rules pertaining to:

1. Slow Play – (where a Club has official able to enforce the Rule)
2. The use of Distance Measuring Devices (Distance measuring devices are allowed in the President's Trophy competition) and
3. The Use of Motorised Carts

Will be those pertaining to the competition.

### **Responsibilities of the Host Club**

1. The Host Club must ensure that its course is well groomed, and out of bounds, ground under repair and lateral water hazards are defined. Pin placements should be in keeping with the event and the normal club tees are to be used.

2. Local rules are to be announced before commencement of play and prominently displayed near starting tees. Where possible a copy of these Rules should be available to competitors prior to the commencement of play.

### **Golf Etiquette**

Members of visiting teams have a duty towards the Host Club to acquaint themselves with dress regulations that apply on the course and in the Clubhouse. Clubs should ensure that the dress of their representatives is in good taste at all times.

Visiting teams are expected to patronise the Host Club's refreshment facilities after the conclusion of the round.

**Due to Pahiataua Golf Club withdrawing from the competition there is a Bye in the draw. This has resulted in four (4) clubs having to have a Bye. This will continue until either Pahiataua return to the competition or another Club withdraws. The Clubs with the Bye will change each year until the end of the cycle.**