



Rules for the Palmanui Shield. (to be read in conjunction with the Rules for all Pennant & District Competitions) - 2013 Version

1. Teams will consist of 6 players who play in order of handicap index from No.1 in the team.
2. Match play competition consists of singles matches played without handicap index, and four-ball best ball played with handicap index.
3. In the preliminary rounds each club plays the others, with two matches played on each day of competition except for the final. In the event of a bye in the Competition the team which has the bye in the morning round has the right to play a practice round at the end of the field.
4. The four teams with the most points in the preliminary rounds will play in the semi-finals (team 1 plays team 4, and team 2 plays team 3) followed by a final and a match to decide 3rd and 4th positions. These matches will be played at a neutral venue.
5. Winning teams will be awarded 3 points and 1 point for a draw. In the event that a count-back is required, the number of individual wins will be used.
6. To play in a Semi Final or Final, team members must have played in three (3) matches during the preliminary rounds of the current year. In the event that there is a bye in the Competition this will count as 1 match for the players who represent their club in the other round on that day. *A team which is in breach of this rule shall forfeit 3 match points for playing the ineligible player.*
7. If a Club is unable to field a team whose players do not comply with Rule 6 they may make a request to the Executive Officer to play a replacement player who must not be on a lower handicap index than the player replaced. *If this rule is not adhered to the penalty shall forfeit of 3 match points for playing the ineligible player*
8. No club is allowed more than one team in the Palmanui Shield and there will be a maximum of 10 teams in the competition. A Club may not enter a team in the Palmanui Shield competition if they do not have a team in either of the A, B or C Grade Pennant competitions.
9. Clubs wishing to enter the Palmanui Shield must make application in writing, to the Executive Officer by 30 September of the preceding year. Any Club which does not have a team in either A, B or C Grade Pennant is not eligible to enter a team in Palmanui Shield. If there are 10 teams already in the competition and other clubs wish to enter, a qualifying event will be arranged between the lowest placed club in the previous competition and the clubs wishing to enter the competition. The qualifying event will be held in conjunction with the Chamberlain Shield, with scoring by 36 hole gross stableford without handicap. The player eligibility for the lowest placed club team will be as per Rule 6 above.
10. 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 where Championship tees are available they should be used. Wherever possible four starting tees shall be used.

11. Starting time will be 7.30am for the morning round and 12.15 pm for the afternoon round. A list of each team, in playing order must be handed to the starter at least 15 minutes prior to the designated start time.
12. In the case of a tie in the final the Shield will be shared.
13. Late starting: Rules 6 & 7 from the Rules of Golf will apply.
14. Slow Play: It is the intention to utilise the slow play rule as per the Rules of Golf, when necessary.
15. Any dispute shall be advised, in writing, within 5 days after the event to the Executive Officer for submission to the Manawatu Wanganui Golf Incorporated Men's Committee, whose decision shall be final.
16. All scorecards from singles matches are to be duly signed, returned and entered for handicapping purposes. The Club is to certify on the result sheet which is returned to the District 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, and the player/s involved will have a card entered in the handicapping system as a par score.*