



## **Rules for President's Trophy - 2017**

- 1 Club teams shall consist of 8 players in order of handicap index of which the top 4 players shall have indexes of 7.5 to 14.4, 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.*
- 2 A club may only have one team in the singles match play with handicap competition. If a player is a member of more than one club, he may play for only one club during the calendar year. *In the event that this rule is breached the penalty shall be the disqualification of the player plus 1 further match point.*
- 3 Clubs wishing to enter a team in the President's Trophy must make application in writing to the Executive Officer by September 30<sup>th</sup> of the preceding year.
- 4 In preliminary rounds, each club is drawn to play the others in the group over 18 holes. The draw is changed biennially. Winners and runners-up of each group 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.
- 5 Points shall be awarded on the basis of one point for each game won and half a point for each game halved. In addition, one point shall be added to the team result for an overall win in the top playing section, and one point shall be added for the overall win in the lower playing section. A half point shall be awarded when a section is drawn i.e. a total of 10 points is to be awarded in each match. When a club wins by default, it shall be awarded 6 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 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.

- 7 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.
- 8 The competition is for players who normally do not play in A Pennant or Palmanui Shield competitions.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.*