



# GOLF WELLINGTON

*Korowhā Te Whanganui-a-Tara*

## 2025 JUNIOR INTERCLUB RULES

### WATT CUP

#### 1. ENTRY CONDITIONS

- A. The competition will be played on Sundays on one course consisting of one 18-hole round.
- B. Teams can be made up of U19 players from two Clubs or more, however, players can only play for one team per season. Players not from the team's club will need approval.
- C. Each team will comprise four players, boys or girls, or any combination of either.

#### 2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. The player must be a financial member at a club within the Golf Wellington district.
- B. The player must not compete in the Interclub competition of any other district, or play for the Representative team in another district.
- C. The player must be under the age of 19 on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.
- D. No player can play for two Junior Interclub teams (in different divisions) in the same round.

#### 3. PLAYER MOVEMENT BETWEEN DIVISIONS

- A. The ranking of divisions will be Watt Cup, 18 Hole Pennants, and 9 Hole Pennants.
- B. Players' ability to move between divisions is not specifically restricted but should be kept to a minimum. The Golf Wellington Match Committee reserves the right to review and restrict excessive or questionable movements between teams, with due recognition given to playing ability, previous results and scores, and the club's realistic ability to field teams.

#### 4. FORMAT

- A. All matches will consist of singles and a team ball best ball within the playing group.
- B. Tees will be determined by Golf Wellington and advised to the host club.
- C. In each fixture, the games are match play without the application of handicaps. There will be 4 singles matches and 2 team ball matches, for a total of 6 points played.
- D. In the match singles shall take precedence and matches will be played as two singles matches with best score from each team pairing advancing to the team ball match.
- E. In the event a player concedes a hole or a match prior to a hole being completed, the player receiving the concession shall continue to play the hole until it is completed by either being conceded the shot for the team ball or by holing out their ball.
- F. In the event a singles match is completed or both singles matches are completed but the team ball is still alive, the players shall proceed as if the singles were still alive with the Rules of Golf for this competition being applied accordingly.
- G. In the event of a singles match and the team ball being completed, with the second singles match being alive, a player from the completed singles match may act as a caddie for another member of the team provided they do not continue to play a ball and the opponent is advised.

- H. No caddies, except players who have completed their match, are permitted in this Junior Interclub division.
- I. The number 4 player will tee off first. Tees as advised.
- J. Pace of play will be monitored at all times. The "loss of a hole" with the group in front, will result in a first warning. If the gap is not closed within one hole of the first warning, the players will be made to walk the next hole to catch up. Additionally, if there is a player(s) deemed to be at fault they will incur a loss of one hole in their singles match.

## 5. ROUND ROBIN & PLAYOFF SERIES

- A. At the completion of the round robin series, the top 4 teams will compete in the playoff series as follows:-
  - I. Semi-finals – Q1 vs. Q4, Q2 vs. Q3. In the event at the conclusion of the round robin of two or more teams finishing on the same number of points, the team with the higher number of points scored against the tied team(s) will be deemed the higher finisher. If there is still a tie, the separation will be determined firstly by the team with the higher number of singles wins during the round robin, secondly by the highest number of wins in the No.1 position descending through the order till a winner is found. Following this by lot.
  - II. Final – winners of the two semi-finals play for the Watt Cup. No playoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - III. If the score is 3 points each in any of the matches in the playoffs, the fixture shall be decided by one player selected from each team contesting a sudden death play-off, commencing from the original starting hole.
- B. If a player has not played any matches in the round robin, they will require approval from the Match Committee to play, or will otherwise be ineligible

## 6. TEAM MANAGER/COORDINATOR

Each individual team is required to have a Manager/Coordinator. A Manager may not manage more than one team. Manager/Coordinator's Responsibilities are to:

- A. Ensure all players are registered on the Golf Wellington website.
- B. Enter player names into the team sheet on Junior Interclub – Watt Cup tab on Golf Wellington website, no later than midday on the Thursday prior to the scheduled match
- C. Print player's scorecards on the day
- D. Ensure their team players are eligible to play in this competition.
- E. Ensure the Interclub Team Entry sheet is completed and handed to the Host Team Supervisor at least 20 minutes before tee off.
- F. Ensure their team is on the tee and ready to play at the designated times.
- G. Collect and check team cards at the conclusion of the round. Cards may be submitted for handicapping in accordance with the "Rules of Golf"
- H. Ensure the Results Sheets are completed and signed by the Team Captain or Manager.
- I. Remain with their team for the duration of the round.

## 7. Modern Local Rule E-5 (MLR E-5)

In the Watt Cup Grade, this local rule will **NOT** apply

## **.18 HOLE PENNANTS**

### **1. ENTRY CONDITIONS**

- A. The competition will be played on Sundays consisting of one 18-hole round.
- B. Teams can be made up of U19 players from two Clubs or more, however, players can only play for one team per season. Players not from the team's club will need approval.
- C. Each team will comprise four players, boys or girls, or any combination of either.

### **2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- A. The player must be a financial member at a club within the Golf Wellington district.
- B. The player must not compete in the Interclub competition of any other district
- C. The player must be under the age of 19 on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- D. No player can play for two junior interclub teams (in different divisions) in the same round.
- E. Players must have an official handicap index, with a maximum index of 54.0

### **3. PLAYER MOVEMENT BETWEEN DIVISIONS**

- A. The ranking of divisions will be Watt Cup, 18 Hole Pennants, and 9 Hole Pennants.
- B. The ability of players to move between divisions, is not specifically restricted but should be kept to a minimum. The Golf Wellington Match Committee reserves the right to review and restrict excessive or questionable movements between teams with due recognition given to playing ability, previous results & scores, and the club's realistic ability to field teams.

### **4. FORMAT**

- A. All matches will consist of singles only.
- B. In each fixture the games are match play played with the application of handicap. In each playing group, there will be 2 singles games. Therefore 2 points played for in each group for a total of 4 points in the match. The lower course handicap in each game will give the difference in shots to the higher course handicap player. If the game has a female and a male player, the player receiving the shots will take these on the appropriate holes of their card. The match is score vs. score (less a shot if given if this is the case) on each hole. Where a female and male play and there is a difference in par (eg par 4 vs par 5) the hole is still decided by score vs the score. The variation in par on the odd hole is accounted for by WHS and the course rating, and the resultant course handicap.
- C. Caddies are permitted; however their role is to help with the pace of play and rules of the game only. Advice as defined in the Rules of Golf is only to be given by the Team Manager. Advice on shots, club to use, how to play the hole, etc may result in penalties for the player.
- D. Team order is determined by handicap index, the lowest index playing in the No.1 position, and so on. If two players have the same index the team Manager will decide in which order they play. After entering the team, the order will remain even if handicap indexes change before match day.
- E. The number 4 player will tee off first. Golf Wellington will advise the Tees for each course.

- F. Pace of play should be monitored at all times. The “loss of a hole” with the group in front, will result in a first warning. If the gap is not reduced, players may be instructed to walk a hole.

## 5. ROUND ROBIN & FINAL

- A. At the completion of the round-robin series, teams will compete in the final as follows:-
  - I. Semi-Finals – Q1 vs. Q4, Q2 vs. Q3. In the event after the round-robin of two or more teams finishing on the same number of points, the team with the higher number of points scored against the tied team(s) will be deemed the higher finisher. If there is still a tie, the separation will be determined firstly by the team with the higher number of singles wins during the round robin, secondly by the highest number of wins in the No.1 position descending through the order till a winner is found. Following this by lot.
  - II. If there is a draw in the semi or final, the fixture shall be decided by the No.1 player in each team contesting a sudden death play-off, commencing from the original starting hole.
  - III. If a player has not played any matches in the round-robin, they will require clearance from the Golf Wellington Match Committee to play or will otherwise be ineligible.

## 6. TEAM MANAGER/COORDINATOR

Each team is required to have a Manager/Team Coordinator. Manager/Team Coordinator’s Responsibilities are to:

- A. Ensure all players are registered on the Golf Wellington website.
- B. Enter player names into the team sheet on the Junior Interclub – 18 Hole Pennants tab on Golf Wellington no later than midday on the Thursday prior to the scheduled match
- C. Print player's scorecards on the day
- D. Ensure their team players are eligible to play in this competition.
- E. Ensure the Interclub Team Entry sheet is completed and handed to the Host Team Supervisor at least 20 minutes before tee off.
- F. Ensure their team is on the tee and ready to play at the designated times.
- G. Collect and check team cards at the conclusion of the round. Cards MUST be submitted for handicapping in accordance with the “Rules of Golf”**
- H. Ensure the Results Sheets are completed and signed by the Team Captain or Manager.
- I. Remain with their team for the duration of the round.

## 7. Modern Local Rule E-5 (MLR E-5)

In the Junior 18 Hole Pennants Grade, this local rule **WILL** apply at the clubs who have introduced. Check with the host club and on the local rules board.

<b>.9 HOLE PENNANTS</b>
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### **1. ENTRY CONDITIONS**

- A. The competition will be played on Sundays consisting of one 9-hole round.
- B. Teams can be made up of U19 players from two Clubs or more, however, players can only play for one team per season. Players not from the team's club will need approval.
- C. Each team will comprise four players, boys or girls, or any combination of either.

### **2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- A. The player must be a financial member at a club within the Golf Wellington district.
- B. The player must be under the age of 19 on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.
- C. No player can play for two junior interclub teams (in different divisions) in the same round.
- D. Ideally a minimum of two players should hold a handicap index. Players without registered handicap indexes will be allocated the maximum index of 54.0, i.e.. 27.0 for the 9 Holes.

### **3. FORMAT**

- A. All matches will consist of singles and a team ball within the playing group
- B. In each fixture the games are played with the application of handicaps for stableford points with strokes taken as per the card. In each playing group, there will be 2 singles matches, stableford points tally for the round vs. the opponent's stableford points tally, and 1 team ball match being the total of the stableford points from the singles matches added together vs. the opponent's total. Therefore 3 points played for in each group for a total of 6 points in the match
- C. Team order is determined by handicap index, the lowest index playing in the No.1 position, and so on. If two players have the same index the team Manager will decide in which order they play. Once entered the team order will remain even if indexes change before match day.
- D. The number 4 player will tee off first. Boys and Girls both play off the Junior Tees or equivalent.
- E. Pace of play. At the beginning of the round, the host club will advise of the expected time of play for the 9 holes. The caddies, parents, and caregivers are to help their players with this recommendation. Advice as defined by the Rules of Golf is only to be given by the Team Manager.

#### **4. TEAM MANAGER/COORDINATOR**

Each individual team is required to have a Manager/Team Coordinator.

- A. Ensure all players are registered on the Golf Wellington website.
- B. Enter player names into the team sheet on the Junior Interclub – 9 Hole Pennants tab on Golf Wellington website, no later than midday on the Thursday prior to the scheduled match
- C. Print player's scorecards on the day
- D. Ensure their team players are eligible to play in this competition.
- E. Ensure the Interclub Team Entry sheet is completed.
- F. Ensure their team is on the tee and ready to play at the designated times.
- G. Collect and check team cards at the conclusion of the round. Cards MUST be submitted for handicapping in accordance with the "Rules of Golf"**
- H. Ensure the Results Sheets are completed and signed by the Team Captain or Manager.
- I. Remain with their team for the duration of the round.

#### **5. Modern Local Rule E-5 (MLR E-5)**

In the Junior 9 Hole Pennants Grade, this local rule **WILL** apply at the clubs that have introduced. Check with the host club and on the local rules board.