

WOMEN'S WEEKEND INTERCLUB COMPETITION RULES

PREMIER WOMEN'S GRADE, LANSDOWNE SALVER and LANSDOWNE TROPHY

1. Format

The format for all Premier Grade Interclub fixtures is two rounds of matchplay without handicap; one round being foursomes format and one round being singles format.

The Women's Premier Grade will be contested by teams of six players each and in each fixture there will be 3 foursomes matches and 6 singles matches. One point is contested for each match giving 9 points in total.

The teams will contest two separate competitions:

- First, a round robin where each team plays each other team once for the Lansdowne Salver
- Second, the top 4 qualifiers from the round robin will play a knockout competition for the Lansdowne Trophy, where the opposing teams will be determined by the finishing order in the round robin.

2. Fixtures

For the round robin, all matches are to be played on a neutral course, with the team having the bye, hosting.

In the knockout competition, the teams finishing 1st to 4th in the round robin will contest the Lansdowne Trophy semi finals; 1st vs. 4th, 2nd vs. 3rd, winners to play the final. These matches will all be played on neutral courses.

3. Hosting

Each Club will host one competition round of the round robin.

The final will be hosted at the same venue as the final of the Men's Premier Competition, excepting that the venue has to be neutral for all teams.

4. Substitution of Players

Substituting of a player between rounds is not permitted unless the player being substituted becomes injured or unwell during the first round and is unable to continue. If the withdrawal is due to any condition present prior to the fixture, then the player may not be substituted.

Any substitute must play in the same playing position as the person being substituted.

Any player may be substituted after the posting of the team, prior to the commencement of the fixture provided:

- The opposing team and the WGI is informed of the substitution
- For the foursomes match the substitute player will play in the position of the player being substituted
- For the singles match, the substitute player may either play in the position of the substituted player or at No.6 with the other players shuffling up the order.

5. Finishing Order and Ranking Round Robin Play

The finishing order and ranking will be determined by the points scored in all matches contested in the round robin, with the team scoring the most number of points being ranked 1.

In the event at the conclusion of the round robin, of two or more teams having the same number of points, the team with the highest number of points scored against the other tied team(s) will be deemed to be the higher finisher.

If there is still a tie, the separation will be determined first, by the team with the highest number of wins over both singles and foursomes matches during the season, second by the highest number of wins in singles matches and third, by the highest number of singles wins in the number 1 position, descending through the order until a winner is determined.

If the teams are still not able to be separated a coin toss will apply.

6. Deciding Tied Fixtures

During the knockout competition if two teams are tied on points at the conclusion of their match, the fixture shall be decided by one player selected by each team contesting a sudden-death play-off, commencing from the starting hole of that fixture.

7. Eligibility Knockout Rounds

If a player has not played any Interclub matches for the Club and has not been cleared to play by the WGI Match Committee, that player is ineligible to play in the knockout rounds.

8. Interruptions to Play

In the Lansdowne Trophy Competition, if play is interrupted by weather or by bad light, and matches are unable to be completed in accordance with the General provisions within the Rules, the following applies:

- If all foursomes matches in the fixture have been completed, the results of those matches stand.
- If all foursomes matches in the fixture have not been completed, then the fixture is abandoned and all matches are to be replayed. New team sheets shall be called for.
- If all singles matches have not been completed, then the round of singles matches are abandoned and only the singles matches replayed. New team sheets shall be called for.
- If the sudden-death play-off has not been completed, then the sudden-death play-off is abandoned. On it being recommenced, the team may reselect the player to contest the play-off provided that the player selected had played in the previous fixture from which the original playoff emanated.

9. Disputes

In the event that any dispute arises on the day of play which requires a prompt decision, it shall be referred to and ruled on by the Referee or the WGI Representative on duty.

MARY ALWARD/TUAKANA CUPS

1. Format

The format is to be matchplay with handicaps. Play is in fours, with two members of each team in each four. Each plays a singles match with the best score on each hole by each team in each four, advancing to a team-ball match. One point is contested for each singles match and one point for each team-ball match.

Each team shall play in strict handicap index order. Maximum handicap index 40.4.

Score cards completed in line with the Rules of Golf, are to be submitted for handicapping.

A coin toss will decide the honor on the 1st tee.

2. Competition

There will be three Sections. Each Section will have five teams of eight players each and they will play home and away against each of the other teams in the section.

The team in each Section which has scored the most points will win the Section.

The winners of the three Sections shall be seeded in accordance with the number of points scored in Section Play, with the top seeded team proceeding to the Final. The two other Section winners will playoff for the other finals berth.

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points, the team with the highest number of points scored against the other tied teams will be deemed the winner.

- If there is still a tie, the separation will be determined by first, the team with the highest number of wins during the season, second, the highest number of wins in singles matches and then by the highest number of singles wins in the number 1 position, descending through the order until a winner is determined.
- If there is still no winner, the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

In the Play-off fixtures, if there is a tie at the end of normal play, then one player selected from each team shall play a Sudden-death Play-off on handicap commencing from the 1st tee.

3. Multiple Teams

A club may enter more than one team in the competition provided the teams can be drawn in different sections.

Specific Rules apply to Clubs with more than one team to restrict the movement of players between those teams, preserve the fairness of the competition and retain the right of Clubs to utilise the players available.

Clubs with multiple teams must:

- Nominate five players in each team who **may not** play in the other team.
- Players may move between teams provided:
 - They are not one of the five players nominated as not being able to move between teams
 - A player may play no more than 2 games for one team then play for another team.

4. Substitution of Players

Any player may be substituted after the posting of the team and prior to the commencement of the match provided:

- a. The opposing team and WGI are informed
- b. The substitute plays in the position relating to their handicap index moving other players so the team remains in handicap index order.

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If a player has not played any Interclub matches for the Club and has not been cleared to play by the WGI Match Committee, that player is ineligible to play in the knockout rounds

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7. Field Day and Presentation of Trophies

- The Field Day will be held after the completion of Section Play.
- Each Club participating in the Field Day will pay an Entry Fee.
- Each team may enter a team of up to 4pairs with the pairings at the club's discretion.
- No caddies to be used.
- The Host Club in conjunction with WGI shall determine the Start time; a Shot Gun Start at 9.00am is suggested.
- It is recommended that the host club arranges a simple lunch which is prepaid at Registration.
- The competition will be a Foursomes Stableford, (Handicap-half the pairs combined handicaps, rounded up) with the best 3 scores counting towards the team score.
- To be played in sixes.

8. Trophies

(Presented at the Field Day)

The Mary Alward Cup: presented to the winning team of the Mary Alward\Tuakana final.

The Tuakana Cup: presented to the runner-up team of the Mary Alward\Tuakana final.

The Betty Duffy Trophy: for the most individual wins in Mary Alward\Tuakana.

The Mary Alward Shield: presented to the team with the three highest Stableford scores at the field day.

The Tuakana Salver: presented to the team with the second three highest Stableford scores at the field day.

Wendy Ferreira Trophy: presented to the pair with the highest Stableford score at the field day.

9. Seedings for the following year

The section winners will be seeded 1, 2 and 3 respectively. The remaining Teams will be seeded according to the overall points table from Section play, (ties determined by lot) with the exception of any teams from 9hole courses which will be drawn in separate sections.

- Section One: winner section 1, 6, 7, 12, 13
- Section Two: winner section 2, 5, 8, 11, 14
- Section Three: winner section 3, 4, 9, 10, 15

