

## **MEN'S WEEKEND INTERCLUB COMPETITION RULES – 1.1.2026**

### **Premier Grade**

#### **1. Format**

The format for Premier Grade Interclub fixtures in the Otaki Cup round robin is one round of match play without the application of handicaps, singles matches.

The format for Premier Grade Interclub matches in the Duncan Cup is two rounds of matchplay without the application of handicaps, foursomes in round 1 followed by singles in round 2.

The grade will be contested by seven teams of 8 players each. In the Otaki Cup, there will be 8 singles matches for one point each, a total of 8 points, and in the Duncan Cup, 4 foursomes matches and 8 singles matches, a total of 12 points.

Each team will be entitled to field an approved professional golfer in each round. This player will be approved by the Golf Wellington Match Committee to be aligned with one club/team and compete in the Men's Premier grade. Each club may have only one approved professional for the season. The professional will not be playing for a living on tour and may play in any position in the singles.

Teams will tee off at the same time, a multi-tee start.

Play is from the back tees or equivalent, as the host Club and/or Golf Wellington determines.

Lunches will be provided under the conditions circulated to clubs

There will be two separate competitions

- Otaki Cup. A round robin where each team plays each other once.
- Duncan Cup, Presidents Salver. A knockout competition. The top 4 finishers from the Otaki Cup will contest the Duncan Cup. 1<sup>st</sup> vs. 2<sup>nd</sup>, winner to the final. 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. 4<sup>th</sup> winner to play the loser from 1<sup>st</sup> vs. 2<sup>nd</sup>, winner to final.  
5<sup>th</sup> vs. 6<sup>th</sup>, the winner wins the President's Salver.  
The loser of 5<sup>th</sup> v 6<sup>th</sup> plays 7<sup>th</sup>; the loser is relegated.

#### **2. Finishing Order and Ranking Round Robin Play**

The finishing order will be determined by the points scored in all matches in the Otaki Cup, with the team scoring the most points being placed 1<sup>st</sup>. If two or more teams are tied for first place, the result between the two teams will determine the winner. If this were a tie, the trophy would be shared

For seedings into the Duncan Cup. In the event after the round-robin, of two or more teams finishing with the same number of points, the separation will be determined firstly by the result between those two teams, then by the team with the highest number of wins during the season, followed by the highest number of wins in the No.1 position, descending through the order until a winner is determined.

### 3. Deciding Tied Fixtures

During the knockout competition, if both teams are tied at 6 points each after their match, the fixture shall be decided by one player selected from each team contesting a sudden-death play-off, commencing from the original starting hole.

### 4. Eligibility Duncan Cup and Presidents Salver (post Otaki Cup) Rounds

If a player has not played any Interclub matches for the Club before March 21st 2026, they will not be eligible.

### 5. 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 Golf Wellington General Manager is informed.
- b. The substitute plays in either the same position as the replaced player or in the No.8 position with the rest of the team moving up a spot as required.

### 6. Disputes

For a dispute arising on the day that requires a prompt decision, it shall be referred in the first instance to the Golf Wellington General Manager.

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

In the Premier Grade, this local rule will **NOT** apply

## Championship Grade

### 1. Format

The format for all Championship Grade Interclub fixtures is one round of match play without the application of handicaps, singles matches, and team ball matches.

The grade will be contested by eight teams of 8 players each, and in each fixture, there will be 8 singles matches, for one point each, and 4 team ball matches for one point each, a total of 12 points.

Each team will be entitled to field an approved professional golfer in each round. This player will be approved by the Golf Wellington Match Committee to be aligned with one club/team and compete in the Men's Championship grade. Each club may have only one approved professional for the season. The professional will not be playing for a living on tour and must play in the No.1 or No.2 position in the team.

Teams will tee off at the same time, a multi-tee start.

Play is from the back tees or equivalent, as the Host Club and/or Golf Wellington determines.

Lunches will be provided under the conditions circulated to clubs.

There will be two separate competitions

- Waikanae Cup. A round-robin where each team plays the other once. 7 of the 8 teams will host a round; the team not hosting a round is to be decided by lot if required.
- Schroder Trophy, Dudding Shield. A knockout competition. Finishers 1 to 4 from the round-robin will contest the Schroder Trophy. 1<sup>st</sup> vs. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Winners to play final. Losers only play if required to establish the team to be promoted to the Premier grade. The highest-finishing, eligible team in the top 4 is promoted to Premier. Finishers 5 to 8 from the round-robin will contest the Dudding Shield. 5<sup>th</sup> vs. 8<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> vs. 7<sup>th</sup>. Winners play for the Dudding Shield, losers play to decide relegation.

### 2. Finishing Order and Ranking Round Robin Play

The finishing order will be determined by the points scored in all matches in the round-robin, with the team scoring the most points being placed 1<sup>st</sup>.

In the event after the round robin, of two or more teams finishing with the same number of points, the ranking will be determined firstly by the team with the highest number of wins over both singles and team ball matches during the season, secondly by the highest number of wins in singles matches and thirdly by the highest number of singles wins in the No.1 position, descending through the order until a winner is determined.

### 3. Deciding Tied Fixtures

During the knockout competition, if both teams are tied 6 points each after their match, the fixture shall be decided by one player selected from each team contesting a sudden-death play-off, commencing from the original starting hole.

### 4. Eligibility Schroder Trophy, Dudding Shield (post Waikanae Cup) Rounds

If a player has not played any Interclub matches for the Club before March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, they will not be ineligible.

### 5. 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 Golf Wellington General Manager is informed.
- b. The substitute plays in either the same position as the replaced player or in the No.8 position with the rest of the team moving up a spot as required.

### 6. Disputes

For a dispute arising on the day that requires a prompt decision, it shall be referred in the first instance to the Golf Wellington General Manager.

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

In the Championship Grade, this local rule will **NOT** apply

## 18 Hole Grades, Divisions 1 to 11, and Division 12

### 1. Format

The format for Divisions 1 to 11 Interclub grades is one round of match play without the application of handicaps, singles matches, and team ball matches.

The format for Division 12 is one round of match play **with the application of handicaps**, singles matches, and team ball matches. Shots will be given based on the difference in course handicaps, at the appropriate stroke holes. Additionally, the low marker in the playing group will give the difference in shots to the other 3 players at the appropriate stroke holes, in the normal manner of a 4BBB match. The match is still seen as 2 singles matches and a team ball rather than a 4BBB match. Advice is not to be given between singles players from the same team. The team order will be in the handicap index, lowest to highest, **at the time of the team being entered**.

**Cards must be returned for handicapping in Div 12**, completed as per the Rules of Golf, i.e., bogey score written down for holes that remain after completion of both singles and team ball matches (the score that would give 2 stableford points on the hole)

Each grade will be ideally contested by six teams of ten players each, and in each fixture, there will be 10 singles matches, for one point each, and 5 team ball matches for one point each, a total of 15 points.

Teams will play on a home-and-away basis. The Host Club is to determine the Tees to be played from.

Tee times.

**8.00 am earliest** other than by mutual agreement.

**9.00 am earliest**, other than by mutual agreement, for teams from the Wairarapa, when playing a team from either Kapiti or Wellington (Miramar, Mornington, Karori, Ohariu).

### 2. Finishing Order

The team in each Division that has scored the most points will be determined the winner.

In the event of two or more teams finishing with the same number of points, the team with the highest number of points scored against the tied team(s) will be deemed to be the winner.

If there is still a tie, the separation will be determined firstly by the team with the highest number of wins during the season, secondly by the highest number of wins in singles matches and thirdly by the highest number of singles wins in the No.1 position, descending through the order until a winner is determined. If the teams are still unable to be separated, then joint winners will be declared.

In a grade requiring playoffs, due to the number of teams, the finishing positions will see playoffs, 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3, etc. If there teams equal in these finishing positions, the separation will be determined firstly by the team with the highest number of wins during the season, secondly by the

highest number of wins in singles matches, and thirdly by the highest number of singles wins in the No.1 position, descending through the order until a winner is determined.

### 3. 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, the Host and the Golf Wellington General Manager are informed
- b. The substitute plays in either the same position as the replaced player or in the No.10 position with the rest of the team moving up a spot as required.

### 4. Disputes

For a dispute arising on the day that requires a prompt decision, it shall in the first instance be referred to the Golf Wellington General Manager.

### 5. Promotion/Relegation

The team that wins the Division will be promoted to the next highest division.

The team that scores the least number of points in each Division shall be relegated to the next lower Division. In the event of a tie, the teams shall be separated using the same process as used to determine the winner of a tie for the most points.

If the club of the team earning promotion already has a team in the higher Division, whether by relegation or otherwise, then the right to promotion passes to the highest-placed team that is eligible.

If the Club of the team being relegated already has a team in the lower Division, whether by promotion or otherwise, then the team in the lower Division is also relegated to the next lower Division, and its place is taken by the next highest-placed team that is eligible from that Division.

### 6. New Team Entering Interclub

Where a Club wishes to enter a new team into the Interclub competition, that team is to be entered in the bottom-ranked Division, or the most appropriate grade as determined by the Golf Wellington Match Committee on details requested and supplied by the club. The Match Committee will promote or relegate teams as required to balance the grades.

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

In the Men's 18 Hole Div 1 to Div 12, this local rule **WILL** apply at the clubs that have introduced. Check with the host club and on the local rules board.