

WEEKEND INTERCLUB COMPETITION RULES – 1.1.2026

PREMIER WOMEN'S GRADE, LANSDOWNE SALVER, LANSDOWNE TROPHY

1. Format

The Women's Lansdowne grade is contested by teams of 6 players. The format is matchplay – the top 4 players will compete without the application of handicaps, and players 5 and 6 will compete with the application of handicaps. Play is in fours, with two members of each team making up the four. Each plays a singles match with the best score on each hole from both teams advancing to the team-ball match. One point is contested for each singles match and one point for each team-ball match.

The two players with the highest handicap index will play in order in the no.5 and no.6 positions. The lowest 4 handicap index players may play in any order, in the top 4 positions. After the entry of teams on the website and subsequent publication of the team sheets, **team playing order will not change even if handicap indexes alter between this publication and match day**, except under the normal process of a substitution.

The two players competing off handicap will have a maximum index of 18.0. A player with a higher index may compete but will be assigned the maximum (18.0).

All score cards MUST be completed in line with the Rules of Golf, and submitted for handicapping

There will be two separate competitions:

- First, a round-robin where each team plays each other twice.
- Second, a knockout competition where the opposing teams will be determined by the finishing order in the round robin.

The winning team in the round-robin will win the Lansdowne Salver. The winning team in the knockout competition will win the Lansdowne Trophy.

A coin toss will decide the honor on the 1st tee, with the winner of the toss having the honor.

2. Fixtures

In the knockout competition, the team finishing 1st plays 4th, 2nd plays 3rd in the contest for the Lansdowne Trophy. All knockout matches are to be played on neutral courses.

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 and Golf Wellington are informed.
- b. The substitute plays in the position relating to their handicap index, cognisant of the above rules.

4. 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 greatest number of points being ranked 1.

In the event after 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 team ball 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 unable to be separated, then the teams will be separated by the toss of a coin

5. Deciding Tied Fixtures

During the knock-out competition, if two teams are tied on points at the conclusion of their matches, 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. This playoff will be without the application of handicaps.

6. Eligibility Knockout Round

If a player has not played any Interclub matches for the Club in the current season before the 21st of March 2026, that player is ineligible to play in the knock-out 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 singles matches have not been completed, then the round of singles matches is abandoned, and the matches are replayed.
- 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.

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 decided on by the Golf Wellington General Manager, or other appropriate on-duty official.

10. Modern Local Rule E-5 (MLR E-5)

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

MARY ALWARD, TUAKANA TROPHIES

1. Format

The Women's Mary Alward/Tuakana grade is contested by teams of 8 players. The format is matchplay with the application of handicaps. Play is in fours, with two members of each team making up the four. Each plays a singles match with the best score on each hole from both teams advancing to the team-ball match. One point is contested for each singles match and one point for each team-ball match.

Each team shall be entered in handicap index order. After the entry of teams on the website, and subsequent publication of the team sheets, **team playing order will not change even if handicap indexes alter between this publication and match day**, except under the normal process of a substitution.

Clubs should load the match sheets as an event on DotGolf, prior to match day, and print off cards on the morning of match day. The maximum handicap index is 40.4.

All score cards MUST be completed in line with the Rules of Golf, and submitted for handicapping.

A coin toss will decide the honor on the first tee, with the winner having the honor.

2. Competition

There will be one section of 12 teams.

The teams will play 4 home games and 4 away games. After the completion of these 8 rounds (preliminary rounds), the top 8 teams will contest 4 quarterfinals at neutral venues. The top qualifier will be awarded the Mary Alward Salver.

1st position on the table will play 8th; 2nd vs. 7th; 3rd vs. 6th and 4th vs. 5th.

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points, separation will be determined by.

- 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 quarters, semis, and final, 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 starting hole.

Only players who participated in section play may participate in the quarter, semi, and final.

3. Movement Between Grades

When both the Lansdowne and Mary Alward grades are playing on the same day, players who have played previously in the No.5 or No.6 position in Lansdowne are eligible to play Mary Alward. Players who have played in the No.1 – 4 positions will need approval, to be requested in writing prior to the Wednesday before the match. When a Lansdowne team is not playing, any player wishing to play Mary Alward, who played in the previous Lansdowne match, will need approval to play.

4. Multiple Teams

A Club may enter more than one team into the competition.

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 on the other team.
- Players may move between teams provided:
 - They are not one of the five players nominated for not being able to move between teams
 - They have not played more than 3 games for one team, unless otherwise approved by the Golf Wellington Match Committee.

5. Substitution of Players

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

- c. The opposing team and Golf Wellington are informed
- d. The substitute plays in the position relating to their handicap index, moving other players so the team remains in handicap index order.

6. Modern Local Rule E-5 (MLR E-5)

In the Women's Mary Alward/Tuakana Grades, this local rule **WILL** apply at the clubs that have introduced. Check with the host club and the local rules board.

7. Field Day and Presentation of Trophies

- The Field Day will be held after the completion of the Lansdowne and Mary Alward finals
- Each Club participating in the Field Day will pay an Entry Fee.
- Each team may enter a team of up to 4 pairs, with the pairings at the club's discretion.
- The competition will be a Foursomes Stableford (Handicap-half the pairs' combined course handicaps rounded up) with the top 3 scores counting towards the team score.
- To be played in sixes.

8. Trophies

(Presented/represented at the Field Day)

The Lansdowne Salver : presented to the winner of the round robin.

The Lansdowne Trophy : presented to the winning team in the Lansdowne final.

The Lansdowne Jug : presented to the runner-up team in the Lansdowne final.

The Mary Alward Salver : presented to the winner of the round robin.

The Mary Alward Cup: presented to the winning team in the Mary Alward/Tuakana final.

The Tuakana Cup: presented to the runner-up team in the Mary Alward/Tuakana final.

The Founders Trophy: for the most individual wins in Lansdowne round robin

The Betty Duffy Trophy: for the most individual wins in Mary Alward/Tuakana section play.

The Mary Alward Shield: presented to the winning team on the field day.

The Tuakana Salver: presented to the second-place team at the field day.

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