

WOMEN'S MIDWEEK INTERCLUB COMPETITION RULES – 1.1.2026

SILVER PENNANTS, COMBO PENNANTS:

Played Mid-Week on a Monday

1. Format

The Women's Pennants Grades are contested by teams of 6 players. The format is match play with the application of handicaps. Play is in fours, with two members of each team making up the four.

Each player will compete in a singles match, with the best score on each hole from each team also counting towards a team ball match. One point is contested for each singles match and one point for each team ball match, giving 9 points competed for in total.

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.

Host 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. Maximum handicap index is 40.4.

First tee-off times are **9.30 am to 10.00 am**. A coin toss will decide the honor on the 1st tee, the winner of the toss having the honor.

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

2. Competition

There will be two competitions – Silver Pennants and Combo Pennants.

Where there is an odd number of teams in a competition, the team having a bye will also be the host team. Where there is an even number of teams in a competition, the team not having a home/host game will also not play any of the host teams on their own course.

Handicap ranges are:

- **Silver Pennants:** Handicap Indices up to 18.4 (also refer FHR below)

Floating Handicap Range (FHR) Indices 18.5 – 20.5 inclusive

The FHR can be used by clubs unable to field a full team in the Silver Pennants due to a shortage of players within the required handicap ranges, i.e., a player with a handicap index of 18.5 to 20.5 inclusive may play.

- Two FHR players per team may be used per round
- Players from within the FHR will play off the course handicap corresponding to that of their own index.
- In addition, a player on a handicap index of 20.6 or higher may play in the silver division but must use a 20.5 index.

If a team continues to have insufficient players, it should play a shortened team.

- **Combo Pennants:** Handicap Indices 18.5 index to 40.4 (also refer to FHR and allowance below)

Floating Handicap Range (FHR) Indices 16.4 – 18.4 inclusive

The FHR can be used by clubs unable to field a full team in the Combo Pennants due to a shortage of players within the required handicap ranges, i.e., a player with a handicap index 16.4 to 18.4 inclusive

- Two FHR players per team may be used per round
- Players from within the FHR will play off the course handicap corresponding with that of their own index.

Additionally, teams may field up to 3 players below this range, i.e., with less than a 16.4 index

- **Combo Pennants.** The 2 top teams in each pool after the completion of the round-robin will contest semi finals and a final
- In the event of one or more teams being tied for these first two positions, separation will be determined by a count of singles matches across the season. If there is still a tie, the no.6 players' results shall be discarded, then the no 5 and so on. Following this, the Golf Wellington Match Committee will advise on the process of separation.
 - In the semi-finals and final, if both teams are tied at the completion of the match, the fixture will be decided by one player selected from each team contesting a sudden death playoff commencing from the 1st tee, handicaps to apply.
- The play-off fixtures are played on a neutral course
- Only players who participated in section play may participate in play-offs unless otherwise approved.

3. Multiple Teams

A club may enter more than one team into the competition. Players may not move between teams unless otherwise approved.

4. Substitution of Players:

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

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

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

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

6. Field Day and Presentation of Trophies

- The Field Day will be held after the completion of Silver and Combo competitions.
- 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.

Trophies:

Silver Pennant Trophy

Combo Pennant Trophy

Port Nicholson Salver (field day winning club/team)

Lady Meech Trophy (most individual wins)