

Croquet Auckland

Golf Croquet Inter-Club Rules – 2017/8

Teams:

An **OPEN team** will consist of 4 players on any handicap.

A **JUNIOR team** will consist of 4 players within the handicap range 9-16.

- If a player's handicap changes to 8 after they have played any game, they can still play for that team for that day and any subsequent Inter-club matches as long as their handicap does not go below 8.
- If necessary to make up a team, one player on an 8 handicap may be included.
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Players:

Any member of a club, may play for any team within that club, but once a player has played twice for one team, he is considered to be a member of that team and cannot play for another team. If a club has more than one team, reserves can therefore play for each team, within this restriction.

No player can play in final or semi-final rounds, unless they have already played for that team.

Players must be a levy paying member of a club belonging to Croquet Auckland.

A member of a club that is not fielding a team (or is not fielding a team in a grade in which the player may compete), may play for another club.

Before the start of play the four players will be listed in handicap order, starting with the lowest handicap. If 2 or more players have the same handicap then the team captain may list those players in any order. The players are labelled A, B, C and D with A having the lowest handicap and D the highest handicap.

Format:

There are 2 doubles games and 2 singles games. All games are handicap games.

In the doubles each player partners another player in their team to play the corresponding pair on the opposing team.

Game 1. A and D play opposing A and D, B and C play opposing B and C.

Game 2. A and D play opposing B and C, B and C play opposing A and D.

In the singles games each player plays their opposite number followed by a "reverse" singles.

Game 3. A plays A, B plays B, C plays C, D plays D

Game 4. A plays B, B plays A, C plays D, D plays C

Referees:

The Host Club should provide a Referee or Umpire where one is available.

Association Umpires may assist in deciding matters of fact (such as shots around the hoop). They are not expected to rule on matters of law (eg when wrong ball played).

If an umpire or referee is not available, players should ask a player from another match to watch a difficult shot, (eg where a double tap or a crush may occur). The decision by the player watching the shot will be final. If any player is about to play a dubious shot the opponent should ask for the shot to be watched, if he doesn't then the strikers' decision is final.. (Remember you can fault yourself if you think the shot was a fault.)

In any game where the players are in the 9-16 handicap range, the referee is deemed to be a 'referee in charge'.

Time limit:

All games will be 13 point games with no time limit.

When necessary, a time limit may be imposed, providing both captains agree to this.

Games should start at 10am unless team captains agree to a different start time, preference should be given to the wishes of the travelling team.

Penalties – If players are not available in any game within 15 mins of designated start time their game may be defaulted.

Day of play:

The designated day for Inter-club is Tuesday. If the two teams wish to play on another day and both teams agree, then you may go ahead and play on another mutually agreed day.

Order of play:

The home team captain has complete discretion over the order of play so although the games are numbered 1 to 4 above, they don't have to be played in that order.

The home team captain may decide to play the doubles first followed by the singles or vice versa.

Lawn allocation:

At least two lawns will be required for the competition. The doubles games should be played single banked. The visiting team captain has complete discretion over which game takes place on which lawn. The visiting team captain may chose to give some members of his team a better chance by allowing them to play on the same lawn as much as possible, (for instance, one member of the team could play all their games on the same lawn).

Results:

It is the responsibility of the home team to record the results on the ACA results form and to email or post a copy to the Results Coordinator within 24 hours of the match :

Winner:

The winner of each section is the club with the greatest number of games won.

Singles games and doubles games count equally towards the total.

If finals and semi-finals are played, then a similar format to section play will be used, at a venue determined by the match committee.

Etiquette:

All players are expected to observe the code of conduct described in Law 14 of the WCF Golf Croquet Rules.

In particular, players and spectators are reminded that Croquet Auckland grounds are designated as smoke-free zones.

Nelson Morrow (Auckland Match Convenor.)