

Croquet Auckland

Golf Croquet Interclub Rules – 2021/22

Format and Team Composition:

1. **Division 1.** Graded levels for teams of 4 players with two players 2 and below handicap and 2 players 3 and above handicap.
For clubs without players within these H/C ranges then players with higher handicaps may play, 3 to 12's for instance.
However, those higher handicap players can only 'play down'. i.e., A player on a 2 handicap cannot 'play up' into a higher range of H/C's.
Division 2: Handicap for teams of 4 players on 7 – 12 handicaps.
If a player's handicap changes to 6 after they have played any game, they can still play for that team for that day and any subsequent interclub matches".
2. Players can now play in both divisions as each division is now being played on a different Tuesday.
3. Where a Club has members that cannot play all day due to physical reasons, then if there are two such members, in the same grade, in a club, the Team could then have 5 playing members on their team.
4. Format is to be 4 games of doubles, 8 singles.
5. Club can only have one team per division.
6. Any number of players can play for a club. There is no limit.
7. 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.
8. Jump shots to be allowed at all times. If a venue does not allow this to occur then the venue needs to be changed.

Referees:

The Host Club may 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 (e.g., when wrong ball played).

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 and players are informed at commencement of their games. Effectively captains are like tournament managers for the day and may set time limits. 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 minutes of designated start time their game may be defaulted.

Month and Day of Play:

This is an all-season event i.e., October to April (Not in January if not needed).

Play GC:

First Tuesday of the month for division one, and,

Second Tuesday of the month for division two.

If either Tuesday follows a long weekend, the next two Tuesdays will be used."

The weeks following the Inter Club Match could be used as back up for bad weather when the match has to be postponed.

In the draw, Tuesday is listed as the “traditional” day of play, but team captains can agree to play on any other day of the week.

All Clubs entering are expected to travel to venues designated on the programme.

Order of Play:

The home team captain has complete discretion over the order of play, so although the games are number 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 games takes place on which lawn. The visiting team captain may choose 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 to the Results Coordinator within 24 hours of the match.

If a club forfeits a game, then it is scored 7 – 0 to the opponents.

If a club forfeits a match, then it is scored 12 - 0 to the opponents.

If a club withdraws from Interclub then all previous games played are cancelled.

Winner:

The team with the most matches won will be deemed the winner. However, should there be 2 teams on Equal Matches Won, then the winner will be Matches Won plus the team with the most drawn matches. If, after this equation there is still an impasse, then the same as above will apply plus the number of games won. i.e., it is match wins, draws, then games won.

Etiquette:

All players are expected to observe the code of conduct in described in Law 16 of the WCF Golf Croquet Rules. In particular, players and spectators are reminded that Croquet Auckland grounds are designated as smoke-free zones.