



WAIKANAE GOLF CLUB INC

RULES FOR MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - ALL GRADES.

Competition: Men's Club Championships - All Grades.

Eligibility:

All financial male Full, Life or Honorary Life members who have an official NZGA Handicap. Note: Any Junior member wishing to play in other than the Junior Boys Grade must obtain the approval of the Club Captain and must play his qualifying round(s) in the company of adult members, one of whom must be his marker.

Grades:

- **Senior Open** - Course handicap +4 to 39 (Qualifying and Matchplay on gross.)
- **Intermediate** - Course handicap 10 to 18 (Qualifying and Matchplay on gross.)
- **Junior** - Course handicap 19 to 39 (Qualifying and Matchplay on gross.)
- **Veterans** - Members 55 years of age or over at date of competition commencement, regardless of handicap. (Qualifying and Matchplay on handicap.)

A player may play **in one grade only** even though he may be eligible for more than one by virtue of age or handicap, and the grade chosen must be declared prior to any qualifying round and recorded on the scorecard. Handicaps for the qualifying rounds will be as at the commencement of the first qualifying round (or any other date which may be substituted by the Match Committee in the event of no play being possible on that date), and any player whose handicap changes during the qualifying period will remain in the division in which he commenced.

Format:

Qualifying: All grades will play two rounds of 18 holes under strokeplay conditions to determine the seedings for the matchplay knockouts.

A maximum of 16 will qualify in each grade for matchplay elimination. In the event of fewer than 16 submitting qualifying scores, all entrants with valid scores will qualify and the vacant places will be filled by byes. The automatic draw will be used to decide order of play for the matchplay section of this event. Ties for qualifying positions will be ordered for seeding by either gross or net countback depending on the grade.

Exemptions: The only exemptions from qualifying to be considered by the Match Committee shall be in respect of players selected in National or Provincial fixtures. Alternative dates for matchplay for such players would also be considered. In the event of cancellation of a qualifying round due to weather or other circumstance, the Match Committee will decide the qualifying criteria based on the number of completed rounds.

Matchplay:

The Championship in each grade will be decided by knock-out matchplay over stipulated rounds of 18 holes commencing at the first hole. If a match is "all square" at the end of 18 holes, it will continue until one player wins a hole. No other form of deciding a match will be accepted and any breach will result in both players being disqualified. A match will be defaulted if one or other player is unable to play by the appointed date. Matches other than finals may be played ahead of the scheduled date if both players agree and with Match Committee approval.

The Open, Intermediate and Junior Mens will be played without handicap. Veterans matches will be played on handicap, including any extra holes necessary to decide a match.

Handicaps to be applied in giving or receiving strokes in those grades where this is appropriate will be the handicaps displayed on the handicap board on the day of play.

Matchplay Finals:

- Open, Intermediate and Junior (mens) grades will be played over 36 holes.
- Veterans will be played over 18 holes.
- Referees will be appointed for all finals. The Referees decision on any matter relating to a match will be final.

Tees: All grades to play from the Blue Tees.

Entry: There is no entry fee payable for Club Championships.

A player intending to qualify must enter his name in the appropriate Grade column on the Entry Sheet in the Mens Locker Room. A draw will be made out and times will be posted on the Club Website prior to the commencing weekend.

For Qualifying Rounds any player not on the first tee and ready to commence play by his allotted time may be penalized two strokes at the discretion of the Match Committee.

NOTES:

- 1. Availability to Participate.** Players should not enter this event unless they are intending to be available to play all scheduled rounds for which they qualify.
- 2. Winners' Obligations.** All Grade winners are expected to represent the WGC at the WGA Champion of Champions event .
- 3. Timeliness.** Players should be aware that under the Rules of Golf failure to be ready to play at the time laid down in the draw, may result in their disqualification. The dates for play may be varied only by the match committee and in special circumstances, at their discretion. Both players may agree to play a round match earlier than published. Finals MUST be played on Finals Day
- 4. Motorised Transport.** The use of motorized transport by players in this event will not be permitted unless agreed by the Club Captain or his authorized Deputy prior to qualifying date. Electric trundlers not capable of carrying a player are permitted.

Scorecards: Scorecards for qualifying rounds must show the Grade in which the player is entered.

Disputes: **Qualifying:** Any matter arising during qualifying should immediately be brought to the attention of a member of the Match Committee or dealt with in accordance with Rule 3-3 and decided by the Match Committee at the earliest possible time and *before* the card is submitted.

Matchplay: A dispute arising in matchplay must be decided as set out in Rule 2-5 of the Rules of Golf, and any claim lodged before either player tees off at the next hole. A person competent to adjudicate should be available on the course if the players are unable to resolve the dispute within the rules.