

WEEKEND INTERCLUB COMPETITION RULES

PREMIER WOMEN'S GRADE, LANSDOWNE SALVER, LANSDOWNE TROPHY

1. Format

The format for all Premier Grade Interclub fixtures is two rounds of matchplay without handicaps, one round being foursomes format and one round being singles format.

The Women's Premier Grade will be contested by teams of six players each and in each fixture there will be 3 foursomes matches and 6 singles matches. One point is contested for each match.

There will be two separate competitions:

- First, a single round robin where each team plays each other team once.
- Second, the top 4 qualifiers from the round robin will play 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

2. Fixtures

For the round robin, all matches are to be played on neutral courses, with the team having the bye, hosting.

In the knockout competition, the teams finishing 1st to 4th in the round robin will contest the Lansdowne Trophy and be drawn in accordance with the draw provisions in the Rules of Golf. All knockout matches are to be played on neutral courses.

3. Hosting

Each Club will host one competition round in the round robin (Lansdowne Salver) phase.

The Lansdowne Trophy final will be hosted at the same venue as the final of the Men's Premier Competition.

Should the hosting provisions result in a team having a match on its home course, the venues will be changed.

4. Substitution of Players

Substituting of a player between rounds is not permitted unless the player being substituted becomes injured or unwell during the first round and is unable to continue. If the withdrawal is due to any condition present prior to the fixture, then the player may not be substituted.

Any substitute must play in the same playing position as the person being replaced.

Any player may be substituted after the posting of the team, prior to the commencement of the fixture provided the opposing team, the host club and WGI have been informed and;

- The substitute plays foursomes in the same position as the replaced player
- The substitute plays in either the same position as the replaced player or in the No.6 position with the rest of the team moving up a spot as required

5. 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 most number of points being ranked 1.

In the event at the conclusion of the round robin, for the most individual wins in Mary Alward Tuakana 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 foursomes 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 teams will be separated by the toss of a coin.

6. 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.

7. Eligibility Knockout Round

If a player has not played any Interclub matches for the Club and has not been cleared to play by the WGI Match Committee, 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 foursomes matches in the fixture have been completed, the results of those matches stand.
- If all foursomes matches in the fixture have not been completed, then the fixture is abandoned and all matches are to be replayed.
- If all singles matches have not been completed, then the round of singles matches are abandoned and only the singles matches 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 required a prompt decision, it shall be referred to and decided on by the WGI Representative on duty.

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

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

MARYALWARD/TUAKANA CUPS

1. Format

The format is to be matchplay with handicaps. Play is in fours, with two members of each team in each four. Each plays a singles match with the best score on each hole by each team member in each four advancing to a team-ball. One point is contested for each singles match and one point for each team-ball match.

Each team shall play in handicap index order. If after the posting of teams on the website, there is a handicap rollover on dot golf there is no requirement to alter the playing order to reflect a change in the handicap index order of players on the team sheet. This small change is to simplify the role of the team coordinators, from having to make changes after teams are posted, when often the small index change does not change the actual course handicap. Maximum handicap index is 40.4.

Score cards completed in line with the Rules of Golf, are to be submitted for handicapping.

A coin toss will decide the honor on the first tee.

2. Competition

There will be three Sections. Each Section will have five teams of eight players each and they will play home and away against each of the other teams.

The team in each Section which has scored the most points will win the Section.

The winners of the three Sections shall be seeded in accordance with the number of points scored in Section Play, with the top seeded team proceeding to the Final. The two other Section winners will play off for the other finals berth.

In the event 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 the winner.

- If there is still a tie, the separation will be determined by first, 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 Play-off fixtures, if there is a tie at the end of normal play, then two players selected from each team shall play a Sudden-death Play-off on handicap commencing from the starting hole. Singles and team ball will be played with 3 points contested on every playoff hole.

Only players who participated in the match play may participate in play-offs

3. Multiple Teams

A Club may enter more than one team into the competition provided the teams can be drawn in different sections.

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 in the other team.
- Players may move between teams provided:
 - They are not one of the five players nominated as not being able to move between teams
 - A player may play no more than 2 games for one team then play for another team.

4. 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 WGI are informed
- b. 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 Mary Alward/Tuakana Grades, this local rule **WILL** apply at the clubs who have introduced. Check with the host club and on the local rules board.

6. Field Day and Presentation of Trophies

- The Field Day will be held after the completion of Section Play.
- Each Club participating in the Field Day will pay an Entry Fee.
- Only players who participated in Mary Alward Section Play and Lansdowne, may participate
- Each team may enter a team of up to 4 pairs with the pairings at the club's discretion.
- No caddies to be used.
- WGI and the Host Club shall determine the Start time, a Shot Gun start at 9.00am is suggested.
- It is recommended that the host club arranges a simple lunch which is prepaid at the time of team Registrations.
- The competition will be a Foursomes Stableford (Handicap-half the pairs combined handicaps rounded up) with the top 3 scores counting towards the team score.
- To be played in sixes.

7. Trophies

(Presented at the Field Day)

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

The Tuakana Cup: presented to the runner-up team of 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 team with the two highest Stableford scores at the field day.

The Tuakana Salver: presented to the team with the second two highest Stableford scores at the field day.

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

8. Seedings for the following year

The section winners will be seeded 1, 2 and 3 respectively. The remaining Teams will be seeded according to the overall points table from Section play, (ties determined by lot) with the exception of any teams from 9 hole courses which will be drawn in separate sections.

- Section One: winner section 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, 16
- Section Two: winner section 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17
- Section Three: winner section 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 18