

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.

In singles play, the two lowest handicap index players must play in the top two positions on the team sheet ie. in either the number one or number two position.

There will be two separate competitions:

- First, a double round, round robin where each team plays each other team twice.
- Second, 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 knock out competition will win the Lansdowne Trophy.

A coin toss will decide the honor on the 1st tee.

2. Fixtures

In the knockout competition, the team finishing 1st plays 4th 2nd plays 3rd in the contest the Lansdowne Trophy All knockout matches are to be played on neutral courses.

3. 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.

4. 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, 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.

5. 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.

6. 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

MARY ALWARD/TUAKANA CUPS

1. Format

The Women's Mary Alward/Tuakana grade is contested by teams of 8 players. The format is to be matchplay with the application of handicaps. Play is in fours, with two members of each team making up the four. Each plays a singles match with the best score on each hole from both teams advancing to the team-ball match. One point is contested for each singles match and one point for each team-ball match.

Each team shall be entered in handicap index order. After the entering 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**, excepting under the normal process of a substitution.

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.

Score cards completed in line with the Rules of Golf, **can** 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 5 teams of eight players each and they will play 4 home and 4 away matches.

The first team in each of the 3 sections, will contest a semifinal and then a final for the Mary Alward Trophy. Of these three teams, the teams with the 2nd and 3rd best points tally after section play will play the semifinal, with the winner of this match playing the team with the highest points tally.

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 semis and final, 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 section play may participate in semi and final.

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 the Lansdowne and Mary Alward finals
- 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.
- 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 course handicaps rounded up) with the top 3 scores counting towards the team score.
- To be played in sixes.
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7. Trophies

(Presented at the Field Day)

The Lansdowne Trophy

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 the 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, 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 and 6, 7, 12, 13
- Section Two: winner section and 5, 8, 11, 14
- Section Three: winner section and 4, 9, 10, 15