



N. Z. SECONDARY SCHOOLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

Rules and Conditions

District Competition

A District final is to be staged in each of the New Zealand Golf Inc. Districts. This event will consist of an 18-hole teams stroke play event played annually to determine the Secondary School Champions in their District.

Each District Association is to accept ownership and responsibility for their event and determine a host club and suitable date, notwithstanding that provided the Rules and Conditions are observed, the management and organisation may be contracted to the District Junior Network, Eagles Golfing Society, the local Sports Trust, the Secondary School Sports Association, or other similar body.

The National Final will be held on 2 September 2019 at Cromwell GC, with practice day on Sunday 1 September.

In 2018 a regional play-off was introduced with the aim to have the strongest schools advance to the national final.

District Format

18 holes, teams stroke play.

Each team to comprise 4 players (may be mixed boys/girls teams from the same school).

Winning School decided by the aggregate of the 3 lowest 18-hole gross scores for each round.

In the event of 2 or more Schools scoring the same 18-hole total, the matter will be decided as follows:

- a. The team with the lowest 4th player score will determine the tie.
- b. If still a tie, the matter will be decided by lot.

Secondary Schools will compete in their District competition as determined by the geographical boundaries of each New Zealand Golf Inc. District Golf Association.

District Eligibility

Open to all Secondary Schools (boys and girls).

Each Secondary School is entitled to enter one team of four pupils (may be mixed boys/girls teams from the same school). Further teams from the same school may be entered at the discretion of the District organising committee, providing space allows.

Players must be students attending the college for which they are playing.

Players must be under 19 years of age on 1 January in the year of competition.

There should be a teacher or official in charge of each team.

Any student leaving school at any stage of the school year will not be eligible to play in rounds played after his/her departure.

Schools should give consideration to the NZSSSC eligibility requirements for the National Finals in the composition of their teams for District Tournaments. While schools may enter teams into District Tournaments that do not comply, **ONLY TEAMS THAT COMPLY WITH NZSSSC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL FINALS WILL BE ABLE TO EARN THE QUALIFYING SPOT FOR THE SCHOOL AT DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS.** Teams that do not comply as above are not eligible to earn the qualifying spot for the school.

Composition of winning District teams may change for the National Final.

Entry Forms

The District organiser will prepare an entry form inviting each Secondary School to participate in the District Championship in their area. The District Golf Association boundaries will decide any dispute as to which competition a School competes in.

If any doubt arises regarding such boundaries the matter will be determined by New Zealand Golf Inc.

Secondary Schools are to return entries as required by the entry form with the closing date ten (10) days before the event.

Entry Fee

An entry fee per team may be paid by each school and will cover all levels of the competition. The fee is determined by the District Organising Committee. The fee will accompany the entry form and will be used by the host club organising committee to supplement the expenses of the day.

Draw

The District Organising Committee will prepare the draw and distribute it to all schools participating as soon as practicable after the closing date.

REGIONAL PLAY-OFFS

With the aim of securing the strongest field possible for the national final and being fair to the spread of schools there will be a regional playoff involving the following Districts.

- a. Hawkes Bay v Poverty Bay
- b. Taranaki v Manawatu/Wanganui
- c. Canterbury (3rd place team in District event) v Aorangi
- d. Otago v Southland

The winning schools in each of these Districts will make arrangements for the playoff, but should compete annually on a home and away basis. The local District Golf Association will assist with securing a venue.

The winning team will advance to the national final.

The losing team will still be able to apply for one of the wild card places in the national final field.

High Schools per District

Northland	36
North Harbour	38
Auckland	71
Waikato	43
Bay of Plenty	33
Hawkes Bay	24
Poverty Bay	12
Taranaki	13
Man/Wang	30
Wellington	50
Tasman	15
Canterbury	59
Aorangi	15
Otago	23
Southland	15

Based on school numbers Auckland, Wellington and Canterbury will qualify a minimum of 2 teams.

The Districts jointly shaded will play a regional final, with the winner advancing to the final.



When the championship is played in a District where the school is usually required to play a regional playoff, both Districts will be invited to the final.

NATIONAL FINAL

There will be a maximum of 18 schools contesting the national final.

The winning school in each of the following District tournaments will advance a team(s) directly to the national final.

Northland, North Harbour, Auckland (2), Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Wellington (2), Tasman and Canterbury (2)

The defending champion will automatically qualify for the national final. If this school is from Auckland, Wellington or Canterbury, they will add just one extra team from their District competition.

The above 11 schools will be joined by the 4 regional play-off winners, confirming 15 schools at the national final.

Wildcard Schools

Following the District and Regional stages, the teams that have not as yet qualified will be able to submit an application for one of three wildcard places in the National Final.

Condition of entry to the National Final

As per the NZSSSC eligibility requirements ***a team can have a maximum of 2 New To School students and this maximum must include any Non – Domestic students.*** For clarity, in effect, only 2 international students may be included in a team and this only if the other 2 domestic students are not classified as New to School)

For a full description of this ruling and the definition of Domestic students see the NZSSSC eligibility criteria at <http://www.nzsssc.org.nz/events-1/eligibility-regulations>

In the event of two or more teams scoring the same 36-hole total, the matter will be decided as follows:

- a. The team with the lowest fourth player score in the second round will determine the tie.
- b. If still tied, the lowest fourth player score in the first round will be used.
- c. If still tied, the lowest third player score in the second round will determine the tie.
- d. If still tied, the lowest third player score in the first round will be used.
- e. If still tied, the process used above will apply to the lowest second player score, and, if necessary, to the lowest leading player score.

New Zealand Golf Inc Condition for Junior Events

- a. Smoking by players is prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- b. Players are not permitted caddies. The player will use a pull cart or carry his/her own clubs. A breach of this condition will result in disqualification.

Stroke adjustment for girls participating in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championship

Any girl member of a school participating in any stage of the Championship shall adhere to the following playing conditions:

- Girls shall play off the ladies (yellow) tees
- In accordance with Section 9.3 (c) of the New Zealand Golf Inc Handicap Regulations, if the course ratings at the respective courses differ then a score adjustment must be made. This occurs at the completion of any girl's round by adjusting their gross score by the difference between the ladies course rating and the relevant men's course rating. Adjustments between the two respective ratings should be made by adjusting the girl's gross score, as in the examples below.

Example 1:

Boys playing off white tees, course rating 69.0

Girls playing off yellow tees, course rating 72.2

Course rating differential -3.2 (0.1-0.4 round down, 0.5-0.9 round up)

Adjustment to girls gross score = reduce by 3 shots, e.g. girl's gross 85 is adjusted to 82

Example 2:

Boys playing off white tees, course rating 70.5

Girls playing off yellow tees, course rating 68.0

Course rating differential +2.5

Adjustment to girls gross score = add on 3 shots, e.g. girl's gross 85 is adjusted to 88

These adjustments are made at both the District and National Final.

New Zealand Golf will make the final decision on any other matter that may affect the playing of the national final.