

# *Wellington Croquet Association*

## **INTERCLUB CHALLENGE SERIES – RULES – 2022 -2023**

### **Nature of the Competitions**

1. A five division Level series comprising:

Open*	Pollock Stars
0+	Rudkin Brooches
4+	Gold Buttons
10+	Association Ferns
18+	McKenzie Cups

\* Players on handicaps 0 – 24 competing in the Open may also play in one of the other competitions.

2. Clubs will submit their entries for the Challenge series in accordance with the WCA Programme.
3. The winning Clubs from the previous year will be the holders at the beginning of the current series.
4. In arranging the draw, provision will be made to avoid clashes with NZCC Invitation meets. Where entries permit, the competition will be completed by mid-December but if this can't be achieved then the competition will recommence after mid-January.
5. Challenges are between Clubs, not between particular two-player teams. The unavailability of any particular player is not a reason to seek a change to the Challenge schedule.
6. Clubs can field, as their team, any two players eligible by their handicaps on the day the challenge is played. No player, however, shall be permitted to play for two WCA Clubs in the Challenge Series in any one season.
7. Matches are to be played at the lawns of the holder Club unless the holder Club requests otherwise.
8. Dawson balls to be used.

### **Arranging the Challenges**

1. The holders will, at the commencement of the Challenge series and immediately after each game, contact the next challenger to arrange a playing time. The match is to be played at 1.00pm on a Sunday nominated by the holders, or at a mutually agreed time.
2. Offered dates must be on or before the date set out in the schedule of challenges as issued by the Wellington Croquet Association.
3. Should there be no agreement reached, the matter must immediately be referred to the WCA Tournament Convenor whose decision shall be final.

## **Officials**

Games should be umpired. The Club Captain of the visiting Club or his/her deputy is to be advised in advance when the host Club cannot provide an umpire on call. The visiting Club may then provide an umpire.

## **Game Duration**

1. Game duration for each competition will be as follows:

Pollock Stars	Full games
Rudkin Brooches	4 hours
Gold Buttons	3 hours
Association Ferns	3 hours
McKenzie Cups	3 hours

2. A 10 minute hit-up will apply immediately prior to the agreed starting time. Players late arriving will forego the hit-up time or at least some part of it.

## **Weather Deferrals**

1. If the weather precludes play on the arranged date, every effort should be made to play the match within the scheduled timeframe to the mutual convenience of each team. However, if this is not possible, the challenger must go to the bottom of the challenge list.
2. Matches may be pegged down in the event of adverse weather conditions. Any pegged down matches must be completed within 7 days. Club Captains involved in the current challenge are to liaise with the subsequent challenger with the aim of keeping later challenges played to schedule.

## **Result Notification**

1. A result sheet is to be completed by the winning team, signed by both teams and then handed to the Club Captain.
2. The Club Captain is to e-mail or phone the result to the WCA Tournament Convenor on the same day as the event and then email the result sheet to the Tournament Convenor as soon as possible.