



NORTHLAND GOLF CLUB TOP DOG RULES - 2026

As at 14 Jul 26

1. **Participation:** Club Members only.
2. **Qualifying Round:** The qualifying round will be 18 holes combined net for men's pairs playing in a group of four. **Start Procedure:** Groups are to arrange their own time and must play off the 1st tee from the blue markers. The results of the round will be used to create a seeded draw. A maximum of 16 teams will qualify.
3. **Handicap:** the highest handicap is 24.0
4. **Competition Rounds:** This will be Four-Ball Match Play on Handicap. You and your partner compete together as a side, with each of you playing your own ball, and your side's score for a hole is the lower net score of the two of you on that hole on Handicap.
5. **Rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club** and the Local Rules of the Northland Golf Club as displayed at the club will apply to this event.
6. **The Match Committee** shall rule on any matters brought to their attention within 15 minutes of the end of the round. The Committee's decisions shall be final.
7. **Start Times for Competition Rounds:** Bookings must be made as normal. Teams are to arrange their own start times. This competition is based on the "on or before" basis – not "on XX date". All play is to start on the 1st tee using the blue markers.
8. **Playoffs:** If a match ends in a draw then a sudden death playoff is to be done – 18th hole (2 x), 1st hole, 17th hole.
9. **The winning pairs** of each match are to report results to the Shop directly after the match.
10. **The Alternate Stroke and Distance rule** does not apply in this competition.
11. **Golf carts** are allowed to be used.
12. **Local Rules** can be found on the back of the player's score card.
13. **Temporary Local Rules** can be found on the Shop external whiteboard.
14. **Knowledge of these Rules** is necessary in order to play a successful round.

- ✚ **Both team players** must agree to be available for all planned rounds.
- ✚ **Dispensation** will only be given for family bereavement or club representations.
- ✚ **Enquiries:** Men's Club Captain at sparten39@gmail.com or cell 021 0588 978.