Golf Croquet Tournament Guidelines

The following principles will guide Tournament Managers for all Croquet Auckland events

1. CNZ tournament regulations published in their Year Book will apply
2. Tournaments will be open to players beyond the Auckland Association, except where the tournament flyer states otherwise.
3. Tournaments requiring a playoff at club level will have the results of those tournaments published on Croquet Scores.
4. A tournament could progress without a club level playoff provided all entrants can be accommodated in the final event.
5. The tournament flyer must be approved by the CA Tournament Convenor prior to publication, which should occur 6-8 weeks in advance of the event.
6. Each tournament will note the Tournament Manager, a Croquet Scores Manager and the Tournament Referee. Training at the beginning of the season is available with attendance expected.
7. The preferred tournament structure (to enable results to contribute to WCF D-Grade rankings – 'D' is 'Dynamic' grade which shows a player's current form) is for untimed games and selected from:
   a. a full round robin of 13-hoop or 19-hoop games, or
   b. double round robin match, or
   c. Matches of best-of-three, and
   d. Tournaments may need more than 5 games in a day and/or play over more than one day.
8. Where the above tournament structure could not be completed within two full days, or would require more than 6 games in the day, then the tournament could be structured using Block play with seeding taken from entrants' WCF D-Grade Rankings (where all entrants have one) or AHS card Index points. Top place-getters in each Block compete in a round robin to find first place rankings.
9. The final tournament structure must be approved by the CA Tournament Convenor.
10. Where entries need to be limited, such limit must be advertised on the flyer. The "allocation date" process can be applied, with selection based on each entrant's WCF ranking, or AHS card index points, with an advertised allocation date, after which entrants should be selected on date order of entry. Alternatively, the process using "date order of entry" can be applied.
11. A tournament will proceed with two or more entrants. Players can be encouraged to play up a grade.
12. The Tournament Manager will have access to a tournament briefing template that must include, among other matters, the process for identifying the winner, a reminder to uphold rules of play, code of conduct, and where a tournament referee is not available players should act as GC umpires.

13. All results will be recorded on www.croquetscores.com with the tournament title listed as "Auckland + event name, level, singles + Host Club"; and progressive results will be published online and in the clubrooms during play. **For one event with multiple grades** (Juniors & Seniors for e g) one of the Tournament Managers should set up croquetscores.com giving the other T M full privileges, after entering two blocks called 'Juniors' & 'Seniors' for their individual input.

14. Results will be checked by the Tournament Manager and included on the report that is to be completed and sent to the CA Secretary

15. Complaints are to be addressed at the event through the tournament appeals committee consisting of the Tournament Manager, the most senior referee present plus an experienced player not associated with the complaint. Any unresolved complaint must be lodged with the Secretary of Croquet Auckland within 7 days of the event's start date.