

KWAZULU-NATAL COUNTRY DISTRICTS INTER- ZONE TOURNAMENT



RULES DEFINITIONS & CONDITIONS

1. **DATE:** 10th – 12th March, 2023.
2. **VENUE: 2022 – ESHOWE CC**
The venue for the following year's Inter-Zone tournament to be confirmed annually at the Annual General Meeting.
3. **COUNTRY DISTRICTS:**
 - 3.1. **COUNTRY DISTRICTS AREA:** The whole of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal, excluding the Magisterial Districts of Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Pinetown, Umlazi and Inanda, south of the Umdhloti River. This therefore excludes Amanzimtoti.
 - 3.2. **DEFINITION OF A COUNTRY DISTRICTS PLAYER:**
A Country Districts player is a player who is an officially handicapped member of a Club that is affiliated to a KZNGU Sub-Union.
If a player transfers from another club to a Country Districts Club, such a player shall be eligible to participate in the Country Districts Inter-Zone Tournament for the Sub-Union in which his home club is situated, provided that he has not represented his previous Club in a league fixture during the current calendar year.
The place of residence of the player does not have any bearing on this definition.
4. **COUNTRY DISTRICTS SUB-UNIONS:**
 - East Griqualand
 - Ilembe Golf Federation
 - Midlands
 - Northern KwaZulu-Natal
 - Southern KwaZulu -Natal
 - Zululand
5. **TEAMS:**
Teams of 8 (eight) Country Districts players from each Sub-Union, of which a maximum of 2 current KZN IPT Premier Division players are eligible for inclusion in Sub-Union teams. Players must be members of a club that is associated to their respective Sub-Unions.
6. **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:**
The President of the KZNGU shall appoint a Tournament Committee consisting of at least 3 (three) members of the KZNGU executive.

7. TOURNAMENT PLAY:**(Country District Champs)**

FRIDAY 1st Session A.M. - 18 Holes STROKEPLAY
2nd Session P.M. - 18 Holes STROKEPLAY

SATURDAY 3rd Session A.M. - 18 holes MATCH PLAY
4th Session P.M. - 18 Holes MATCH PLAY

SUNDAY 5th Session A.M. - 18 Holes MATCH PLAY

8. GREEN FEES: Green Fees for all Sub-Union team members in the Inter-Zone tournament will be paid for by KZNGU. Other players entering the 36 hole Country District Championship on Friday will be required to pay an Entrance Fee.

9. STARTING TIMES: In 2022 play commences at the following times:-.

FRIDAY	1 ST Session	-	07h00
	2 nd Session	-	12h00
SATURDAY	3 rd Session	-	07h00
	4 th Session	-	11.30h00
SUNDAY	5 th Session	-	07h00

Any player not able to start at his allocated time shall be penalised as provided in the Rules of Golf (Rule 5-3).

10. SCORING:**10.1. MATCH PLAY:**

2 points for a win
1 point for a half

10.2. STROKE PLAY: - Championship Event

Points will be awarded as follows to the Inter-Zone teams with the most points:-

1st - 3 points
2nd - 2.5 points
3rd - 2 points
4th - 1.5 points
5th - 1 points
6th - 0.5 point

11. TIES:

In the event of a tie for the Inter-Zone trophy, the team with the higher aggregate of individual matches won will be declared the winner. If still tied, the teams will be declared joint winners.

12. ENTRIES AND ORDER OF PLAY:

- 12.1 Teams will start in reverse order from No. 8 to No. 1 from starting tees at times as per the draw.
- 12.2 Teams order of play must be handed in by the Captain/Manager before the start of play on the 1st day.
- 12.3 Captains/Managers have the right to change order of play of their team for each day of play before 6.00pm.

13. DRAW: Play will be in the following sequence:-

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| 13.1. | 1 st Session | - | Country District Championships |
| | 2 nd Session | - | 2 x 18 Holes strokeplay. |
| | 3 rd Session | - | Match-play (Saturday) |
| | 4 th Session | - | Match-play (Saturday) |
| | 5 th Session | - | Match-play (Sunday) |

13.2 The allocation of teams A, B, C, D, E and F above will be done by the Tournament Committee appointed by the KwaZulu-Natal Golf Union Executive and each Sub-Union or Association will be advised thereof in good time by e-mail.

13.3. **DRAW FOR COUNTRY DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Teams will start from both tees as per pro-forma Start Sheet marked Annexure 'B'.

13.4. **ORDER OF PLAY:** The order of play is based on the formula of allocating each Association Team a letter of the alphabet - A to F, as was done when the Tournament was first introduced. The procedure followed each year is to move the team in the A slot to position F. This ensures a complete change in the order of play each year.

DRAW FOR 2022:

- A - Southern Kwa-Zulu Natal
- B - Zululand
- C - Northern Kwa-Zulu Natal
- D - Ilembe
- E - East Griqualand

14. TEAM MEMBER REPLACEMENTS:

- 14.1. In an emergency, and with the approval of the Tournament Committee, a team member may be replaced by a Country Districts player from his Association, but the replacement must be retained in the team for the remainder of the Tournament.
- 14.2. In the event of no replacement being available, another player may be substituted, with the consent of the defaulting player's opponent, in order to give the opponent a game, but such replacements score shall not count for the stroke play round nor shall he score in the match play rounds.

15. RULES:

- 15.1** The Tournament shall be played under the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and the Local Rules as the tournament Committee shall decide.
The venue Club shall be a member of a Country District Association.

- 15.2** For all players not part of a Sub-Union team and entering the Country Districts Championships on the Friday must have a maximum Handicap Index of 15,0

16. PRIZES:

Vouchers will be presented to the Top Three Scores in the Championships. A prize for the Most Valuable Player of the tournament will also be awarded.

- 16.1. **SHIELD:** Teams play for the Country Districts Shield. The Shield shall be updated annually by the KwaZulu-Natal Golf Union.

- 16.2. **TROPHIES:** The KwaZulu-Natal Golf Union shall present each member of the winning team with an engraved Country Districts prize.

17. SELECTION OF COUNTRY DISTRICTS TEAM:

A team of 8 (Eight) players and a Manager will be selected by the KZNGU and announced at the Prize-giving ceremony on Sunday following the end of play. Selection will be based on the KZNGU Selection Criteria – **not** the Order of Merit alone. Past performance of Country District's players taking part in KZNGU tournaments and the Inter-Zone will be taken into consideration for the selection of the team. The Country Districts Order of Merit will be used as a guideline only and will not determine team inclusion.

- 18. AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES:** These Rules came into effect in September, 1988, were amended in 1991 and 1995 and were amended as per the Minutes of the 1996, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005 Annual General Meeting, following the decision to move the tournament to the Country District Sub-Unions.

Any amendments, as agreed to from time to time, shall be added hereunder.

2004 AGM

- **Changes to Clause 3.2**
- **Changes to Clause 5**

2005 AGM

- **Changes to Clause 3.2**
- **Changes to Clause 5.**
- **Changes to Clause 17**

2010 AGM

- **Changes to Section 7 + 13.1**

2013 AGM

- **Change to allow the 'Host' Sub-Union to enter 2 Teams if they wish.**

2016 AGM:

- **All entrants to be handicapped at a club affiliated to a Sub-Union.**

