

The Golf Section of the Richmond Club has resolved to propose a change to the conditions relating to handicaps for those players who participate in future South Island Tournaments organised by ClubsNZ.

Currently the rules impose a maximum handicap of 24 for any player in these tournaments. Our Club is aware that some of our members are reluctant to participate because their individual handicaps are greater than 24, and they understand that the current rule may have a significant effect on the combined team scores.

As Club members' ages increase, the permitted handicap will cause issues for many more participants and may see a reduction in numbers attending future tournaments. We are anxious to avoid that happening.

Accordingly it is proposed that the rule be amended so that

**“The handicap of any participant who is a registered member of a golf club shall be that issued by NZGolf at the time of the tournament. Notwithstanding, any player who has a handicap issued by NZGolf of greater than 36 shall be allocated a handicap of 36 for the purposes of the tournament.”**

This proposal is seconded by the Golf Section of Kaiapoi Club.