

Open Inter-club

There are 10 teams in the Open inter-club competition.

A double round robin of 14 board matches playing 2 matches in each session. The matches will be organised so that you play 7 boards against each pair in the other team for each match, so every month you will meet 4 different pairs playing 7 boards against each of them.

The draw for the first round robin will be generated at random by the program but the second round robin will be structured so that the leading teams are likely to be playing at the end. Because the first round robin finishes halfway through the 2 matches for July, the draw for the second round robin will be decided by the placings at the end of June when 8 matches will have been completed.

First 3 matches of the second round robin:

Teams that were 4th, 8th, 9th and 10th all play each other.

Teams that were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd play the teams that were 5th, 6th and 7th.

Next 3 matches of the second round robin:

Teams that were 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th all play each other.

Teams that were 1st, 2nd and 3rd play the teams that were 8th, 9th and 10th.

Final 3 matches of the second round robin:

Teams that were 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th all play each other.

Teams that were 5th, 6th and 7th play the teams that were 8th, 9th and 10th.

Note about HUM Systems

Highly Unusual Methods are normally only allowed in open events where at least 8 boards are being played against each pair but we are only playing 7 boards. There doesn't seem to be an issue as it appears none of the entrants are playing a HUM. If there is a pair playing a HUM or if a team uses a substitute pair playing a HUM, they will be allowed to play that system provided 24 hour notice is given to teams that they are playing. That will be easy from July onwards when the draw is known, but may need to be circulated to more teams during the first round robin

Intermediate Inter-club

There were 20 teams in the Intermediate inter-club competition.

However a team from Waiheke turned up on the first night and were unable to play because it made an odd number of teams.

It turned out that it was our fault for missing the entry, so we have found a way to have 22 teams in the competition from April onwards

The 2 extra teams – Waiheke Mako and Auckland Auxiliaries – will get 60% of the VPs they could have scored in March, so they start on 24

It is too hard to figure the draw with the 2 new teams to continue with what was originally planned to be a Round Robin style format

We now have a normal Swiss Teams format until September, at which point everyone will have met 14 different opponents. (The 2 new teams will have played 12 different opponents.) By August/September the leaders will have been reaching well down the field to find new teams to play. In October/November the Swiss format continues, but the history of previous matches is erased so teams who met during March to September can play one more time. The 4 matches in October/November will almost certainly be repeats. The most important will probably be the first match in October when 1st will be playing 2nd. However all of those last 4 matches will be between teams with similar scores, so the winners will be decided by matches between teams that are in contention

Junior Inter-club

There are 18 teams in the Junior inter-club competition.

It will be a round robin of 12 board matches playing 2 matches in each session. You play 6 boards against each pair in the other team for each match, so every month you will meet 4 different pairs playing 6 boards against each of them.

On the last month there will only be one team that you haven't played yet. The 18th match will be based on the results after October. The leading teams will get to play each other again. Also 3rd/4th, 5th/6th etc. The only exception will be if any of those teams were scheduled to play in the first match of November. You won't play the same team twice on one session