

# GUIDELINES FOR TEAMS TOURNAMENTS

## GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

This section is printed in the NZCBA Manual and is repeated here for convenience.

1. **Length of Tournament** – The format chosen will depend on the time available for the tournament – whether it is one or two days. For one-day events, typically a 5A tournament played over 60 to 80 boards, a Round Robin or Swiss format is recommended.
2. **Number of Teams** – An even number of teams is preferable but not essential; with an odd number of teams the bottom 3 teams in each round can play a triangular movement.
3. **Length of Matches** – For 10 A Point tournaments and above it is recommended that a minimum of 8 boards per match be played.
4. **Number of Rounds in a Swiss Format** – The number of rounds played should be one third to (at most) one half of the number of teams in the field.

## FURTHER CONSULTATION

With such a wide variety of formats available, it is recommended that consultation as to a suitable format be considered, particularly for 10A and 15A Point events.

### Contacts

Julie Atkinson  
Phone: (09) 629 3615  
E-mail: [jatkinsn@ihug.co.nz](mailto:jatkinsn@ihug.co.nz)

Patrick Carter  
Phone (09) 629 3615 (Home)  
(09) 524 5562 (Work)  
E-mail [trpack@ihug.co.nz](mailto:trpack@ihug.co.nz)

Arie Geursen  
E-mail [arie.geursen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:arie.geursen@xtra.co.nz)