

## **CNZ Tournament Calendar Proposed Changes**

Croquet New Zealand is proposing several changes to the CNZ tournament calendar which would be implemented from the 2022-23 season.

The purpose of these changes is to reduce the overall number of CNZ tournaments being held to encourage regional and local tournament participation as well as trying to re-establish prestige in the Invitation events. The rationale for the proposed changes are listed below before going into the questions.

Questions 3 & 4 in the survey suggest moving the Island Championships to be held bi-annually. What this will mean is that in any given croquet season, only 1 AC Island Championship and 1 GC Island Championship will be held. If this was accepted, it would mean the NIGC and SIAC would be held in the same year and the SIGC and NIAC would be held in the same year. This proposed change will reduce the number of CNZ tournaments by 2 each season, reducing the congestion.

Question 5 & 6 in the survey suggest reducing the Invitation events to the Top 2 only. Over the last few seasons, an enormous amount of time and effort has been put into ensuring these events have proceeded from the Selectors, the Tournament Committee and the Office. The invitations should carry plenty of prestige and it should be a privilege to compete in them.

Question 7 in the survey is recommending that the GC Invitations be moved to November each season. The March-April period is currently extremely busy in the CNZ calendar with the Arthur Ross Final, Don Reyland Stars Final, the AC Invitations, the GC Invitations and the GC U21 Championships. By moving the GC Invitations to November, it will ensure that individuals do not have to choose between the AC Invitations and the GC Invitations or the U21 Championships and the GC Invitations. If the GC Invitations were moved to the beginning of the season, the previous season results will carry more weight.

Question 8 in the survey is recommending that the Men's and Women's Championship be removed from the calendar. Since the 2015/16 season, this Championship has seen participation steadily decline. As the Championship is not supported by members, CNZ believes it would be better to remove this tournament, reducing the congestion in the calendar and putting more emphasis on the remaining tournaments.

Players are invited to have their say on these proposed changes by completing the survey using the link below before the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2021.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3YPSX36>