



NZ Secondary Schools Golf Croquet Programme Guide



Purpose of this document

This NZ Secondary Schools Golf Croquet Programme Guide provides Croquet NZ affiliated associations and clubs with a model to establishing, developing, and managing youth participation.

Background

Croquet NZ established the current edition of the NZ Secondary Schools Golf Croquet Programme in 2013 - now regarded as the world's leading programme for youth croquet participation and player development.

In response to feedback from the 2013 Club Questionnaire, this edition of the NZ Secondary School GC Programme was established to support Croquet NZ's strategic directives by:

- providing genuine opportunities for students to participate in competitive golf croquet with their peers.
- establishing sustainable membership growth through increasing youth memberships and 'working age' club members over time.
- supporting club development and capability by engaging with stakeholders in the youth sport sector.
- improving public awareness and perceptions of the sport.
- creating a point of entry to the Croquet NZ Youth Development Programme.

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Programme Overview

The NZ Secondary Schools GC Programme provides all New Zealand enrolled year 9-13 students with opportunities to play Golf Croquet at croquet clubs and to represent their schools in organised Regional and National competitions.

The programme commences annually in School Term 1 (February). Croquet club facilitated Intro-Croquet sessions prepare students for Regional Secondary School Golf Croquet Championships in March / April.

Qualifying teams may then enter into the annual NZ Secondary School Golf Croquet Championship, held in September towards the end of term 3.

In term 4, Schools are notified of the national results, students are recognised, and invited to participate in term 1 Intro-Croquet sessions and regional events.

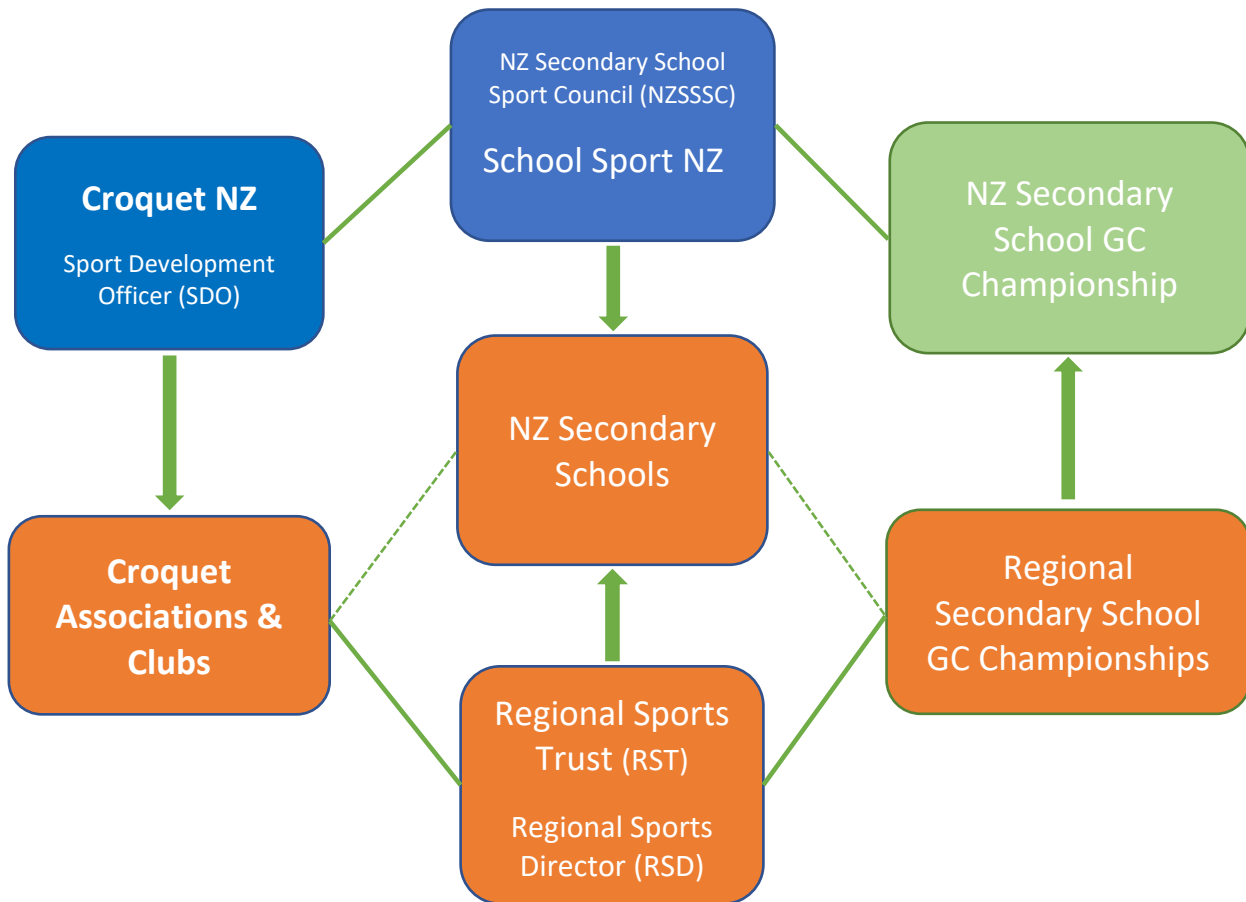
To facilitate this programme, Croquet NZ supports association and club infrastructure development to meet Regional Sports Trust sanctioning criteria for regional secondary school competition.

Guiding Principles

1. Inclusive, non-gender specific participation and GC Doubles format of play.
2. Fair play, safe environments and the Croquet NZ Code of Conduct.
3. Quality of experience over quantity of participants.
4. Pathways for participation in community sport and personal development through open entry mechanisms.
5. Player-centred philosophies supported by the Croquet NZ Coaching and Player Development programmes.
6. Compliance with stakeholder policies and agreements for sanctioned competition.

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Partnerships



Your croquet association’s engagement with the secondary school sports sector is reliant on a governance structure of sporting bodies who oversee the integrity and delivery of school sport in New Zealand. The secondary school sport sector is a significant part of the New Zealand sporting environment with over 145,000 students wearing their school colours with pride every year, supported by 10,500 school staff, 6000 of them teacher coaches.

Schools have a range of requirements that are important in ensuring safe, accessible sporting opportunities for their students. These include timing, cost and importantly, eligibility of students and teams to compete in an environment that reflects the values of honesty, respect, and fair play.

This governance framework provides a coordinated system of engagement with your secondary schools. It includes a network of support that is essential for the development and sustainability of your regional secondary school golf croquet programme. It ensures that values are upheld and the needs of schools, the students and your clubs are met.

Croquet NZ partnering with School Sport NZ

School Sport New Zealand is the sports service organisation that co-ordinates, promotes and protects secondary school sport for all students.

It has been established, by schools, to act as guardian of the heritage and the values of secondary school sport and to deliver leadership and support for all involved in the provision of sport to secondary schools and their students. It represents and is accountable to every New Zealand secondary school and to all students.

The NZ Secondary School Golf Croquet Championship is sanctioned by School Sport NZ. The event is included in the NZ secondary school sports calendar of sanctioned events.

Croquet Associations partnering with Regional Sport Trusts

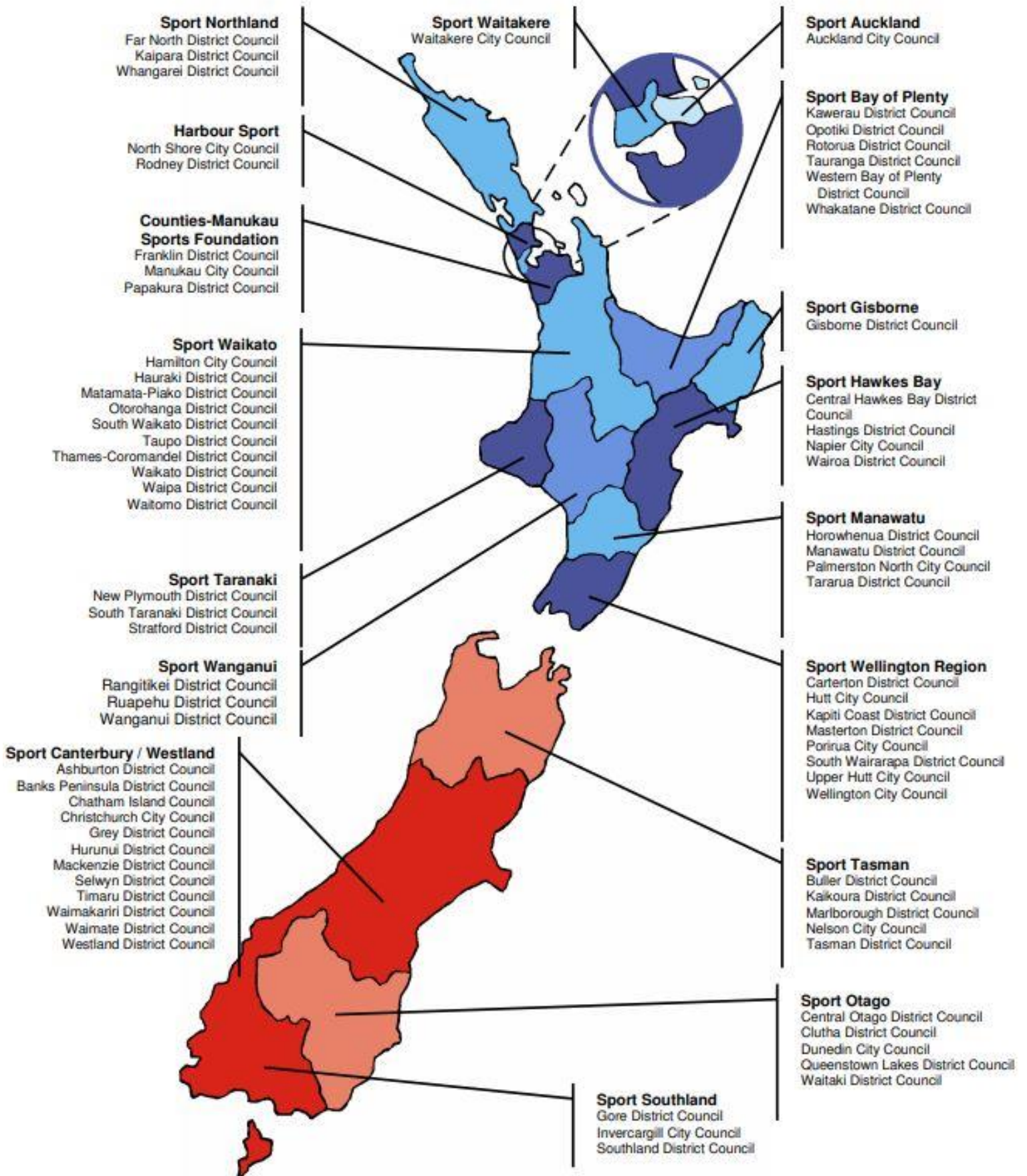
Regional Sports Trusts work across the physical activity, sport and recreation sector and have a wide range of duties including the organisation and distribution of funding and donations to regional sports organisations, schools, clubs, individuals, and community groups. RST's act as the voice for the communities that they operate within.

Within each RST, Regional Sports Directors (RSD's) work with schools to increase participation and improve programme quality, develop coaching programmes, and coordinates inter-school competitions and tournaments.

Croquet Associations are encouraged to discuss regional youth development with their RSD, with a view to establishing an RST sanctioned annual Regional Secondary Schools Golf Croquet Championship. Achieving sanctioned event status and being included in the secondary school sports calendar is the first milestone of establishing regional youth participation and growth.

Your RSD can discuss the criteria for sanctioning and support your planning and development towards that objective.

Location of Regional Sports Trusts



Talk to your Regional Sports Director, or visit your RST website for information about:

- Sanctioning requirements for secondary school sports and important dates.
- Funding assistance for programme development, promotions, and participation.
- The entry process for regional championship events.
- Distribution of information and communication with schools.
- Other RST programmes supporting club health and development.

See the regional sports directors contact list on the Sport NZ website:
<https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/regional-secondary-school-sports-directors/>



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Schedule of Annual Events

ALL SUMMER

Secondary Schools
INTRO-CROQUET
Workshops

Learn & play Golf Croquet

Easy to learn, fun to play, hard to master

Tuition and all equipment provided - FREE

Contact your local croquet organisation and make arrangements with your nearest croquet club



MARCH

REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCHOOL SPORT NZ
GOLF CROQUET NATIONALS QUALIFYING EVENT

Golf Croquet doubles competition
Non-gender specific
Pairs representing their school must meet School Sport NZ criteria
No limit for the number of pairs entered by each school
Contact your Regional Sports Trust or local croquet organisation for event details and entries.
(CNZ can provide promotional posters for websites and noticeboards)



SEPTEMBER

New Zealand
Secondary Schools
National Championship

Golf Croquet doubles competition
Up to 4 qualifying pairs per region
School Sport NZ entry criteria & conditions

2018 National Secondary School Champions:
Josie Tallents & Logan McCorkindale - Ashburton College

Christchurch
7-8 September 2019

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The annual events of the NZ Secondary Schools Programme are based around the NZ school term, with Regional Championships in March and the NZ Championship for qualifying teams each September.

Students can learn to play, enter a regional secondary school championship, qualify, and play in the NZ Secondary Schools GC Championship within the same school year.

The NZ Secondary School GC Championship is held at the beginning of the recognised croquet summer season, thus providing pathways for students to continue into Croquet NZ Youth Development programmes and summer sport.

Planning Your Season

1. At your Association AGM

Elect a Secondary Schools Coordinator (The role is listed on the Croquet NZ Database - association roles).

Determine a host venue and preferred date in March for your regional secondary school competition. Your Regional Sports Director will assist with scheduling to avoid clashes with other sports codes.

2. September

Apply for sanctioning of your secondary school event with your Regional Sports Trust (RST) for inclusion in the following year's sports calendar. Criteria for sanctioning varies between RST's according to the needs of their communities.

3. November

Forward details of your events to Croquet NZ's Sport Development Officer. Croquet NZ will prepare and distribute promotional materials to RST's, school sport coordinators and croquet clubs of participating regions at the beginning of Term 1 (End of January).

4. February

After promotional materials are distributed, contact your school's sports coordinator to:

- Follow-up the distribution of information from your RST.
- Promote and host Intro-Croquet opportunities for student participation in term 1.
- Invite the school's entry for your Regional Secondary School GC Championship.

5. March-April

Host your Regional Secondary School Championship.

Distribute a Regional Championship summary.

Confirm your NZ Secondary School GC Nationals qualifying teams with your RST and email SSNZ official entry forms to Croquet NZ's Sport Development Officer.

Secondary Schools **INTRO-CROQUET** Workshops

LEARN & PLAY GOLF CROQUET

Easy to learn, fun to play, hard to master

CNZ INTRO-CROQUET workshops promote and support the
Regional Secondary Schools Golf Croquet Championships
(Regional qualifying event for the NZSSSC Golf Croquet Championship)



Kaikoura Croquet Club
The Esplanade
3.30pm 10 February 2015



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Term 1 Intro-Croquet Sessions

Intro-Croquet sessions may take many forms, according to the needs of secondary schools in your region. Intro-Croquet sessions are ideal term 1 activities (February / March), leading into your Regional Secondary School Golf Croquet competitions.

When providing quality skills learning opportunities for students, Intro-Croquet sessions should usually be held on prepared croquet lawns of usual club standard. Organised Intro-Croquet sessions in school term 1 might include:

- Croquet Club access to play, league competitions and coaching sessions outside of school hours
- One-off or a series of PE Class sessions during school hours.
- Multi-week block of sessions (preferred by some schools where elected sport options for students are provided each school term).
- Inter-School / Intra-School competitions.
- Completing an Assessment Rubric 91330 for Level 2 NCEA credits. A Level 2 assessment rubric example is included in this publication.
- Some clubs offer holiday programmes or scheduled weekly opportunities for students to play and learn at their club after school.

Planning Intro-Croquet sessions:

Planning and facilitating suitable Intro-Croquet sessions should include a discussion with your local school's sports coordinator to ensure that your activities suit school objectives and student needs.

Your Association's Secondary Schools Coordinator or coaches will usually oversee Intro-Croquet sessions for students and will ensure:

- Game-based play is the prominent activity during any Intro-croquet session.
- The club has sufficient equipment and means to allow full participation at all times.
- Croquet mallets and other equipment is in good order.
- Your croquet club Health & Safety Plan is up to date and available.
- Volunteers are available to assist the lead role and support the playing group.
- Police vetting for key facilitators.



13 POINT DOUBLES EVENT
(non gender specific)
NATIONAL FINALS QUALIFIER

HEADQUARTERS
West End Croquet Club
West End Park
Maltby Ave, Timaru

ENTRIES
by 20 March to:
Kate Ormsby, Aoraki RSD
kate.ormsby@sportcanterbury.org.nz
INFO:
<http://www.schoolsportaoraki.co.nz>
NZSSSC entry criteria applies

ENQUIRIES
Prior tuition and equipment
may be arranged
Gail Benseman
gail.b@xtra.co.nz

or contact your nearest club:
www.croquet.org.nz

2019
AORAKI
SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS

GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP

Wednseday
27 March, from 9.30am
beginner & advanced grades



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Regional Golf Croquet Championships

Your RST sanctioned Regional Secondary Schools Golf Croquet Championship is the most important of any tournament calendar event. It is the catalyst for school representation and ongoing youth participation within your associations and clubs.

Regional Secondary School Golf Croquet Championships are qualifying events for the NZSSSC sanctioned national finals each September. Regionals are held in accordance with Regional Sports Trust sanctioning criteria, NZSSSC entry compliance and Croquet NZ Tournament Regulations.

Regional competitions should follow the same formats and regulations as the national event including:

- Golf Croquet Doubles, non-gender specific.
- Full size lawns and standard hoop settings.
- Minimum 50-minute time limits, if used.
- Two additional rotations if scores are tied on time. Next hoop in order to determine the winning side if scores are still tied.

Secondary School Coordinators of more than one croquet association within the jurisdiction of an RST are encouraged to meet with their Regional Sports Director to determine how regional competitions will best serve your region's Schools.

Entry processes will vary between Regional Sports Trusts. Some will prefer to invoice schools and collate entries, passing the information and entry fees onto the host croquet association. Others will require the host association to accept entries directly. Talk to your Regional Sports Director about their preferred method of entry for your event.

Regional Secondary School competitions provide excellent publicity opportunities however it is essential that school and student approval is obtained before any visual media is produced or displayed. Promotional activities may include:

- Listing your event and publishing results on croquetscores.com
- Engaging your local media outlets.
- Social media posts.
- Event summaries provided to participating schools and your RST.
- Croquet NZ distributes promotions for your regional event at the beginning of Term 1 to Regional Sports Directors and to croquet clubs within your association.

Information about hosting and running croquet tournaments is available on the Croquet NZ website in the tournaments section.

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Safe Sport for Children

Children want to be in an environment that is safe and supportive, where they are encouraged to be the best they can be and gain maximum enjoyment from what they are doing. We know from research that children do not enjoy experiences where:

- there is an over-emphasis on winning by both parents and coaches
- only the best players get to play/participate consistently
- some participants are favoured over others
- they perceive not to be on good terms with the person in charge
- they cannot participate with their friends
- they fear being hurt
- they do not feel safe
- they do not have enough fun; and
- they do not feel that they are improving or developing their skills

Safe sport for children is about balancing what children want to get from their sports experience while ensuring they are not subject to harm caused by an adverse social/or physical environment.

Health and Safety Information:

- A comprehensive guide to Safe Sport for Children is available on the Sport NZ website: <https://sportnz.org.nz/media/2017/safe-sport-for-children.pdf>
- The Croquet NZ Harassment-Free Sport and Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct are printed in the Croquet New Zealand Yearbook.
- Regional sanctioning applications to your RST will require an event health and safety plan. Your RST can provide templates for health & safety plans and event information. Discuss this with your Regional Sports Director or visit your RST's website for more information.



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FOR CHILDREN**

www.sportnz.org.nz



**SPORT
NEW ZEALAND**

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Introducing students to croquet

Whether an Intro-croquet session, a PE or coaching session, students like everyone else, want to play games. Games are fun, learning occurs in context and the attributes of sport that students enjoy the most are provided. It is the quality of their experiences that will encourage students to return to your club.

Playing games should form the basis of any croquet activity for students. When you are introducing new players, ask yourself:

- What do these players need to know to remain safe?
- What is the minimum information these players need to start a game and score a hoop?
- What is the minimum information these players need to win a game?

Coach less. Play more. Almost all other aspects of playing the game can be learned as games progress.

The Achievement Standard 91330 Golf Croquet assessment rubric supports Term 1 Intro-Croquet sessions for secondary school students and involves performing a physical activity to a high/outstanding level in an applied setting. An applied setting requires that the elements and skills of the physical activity be demonstrated in an authentic setting, such as during a game in an appropriate environment, or in a competitive situation.

Qualified coaches may be required to support teachers with observations and assessments if the Golf Croquet rubric is applied for NCEA credits.

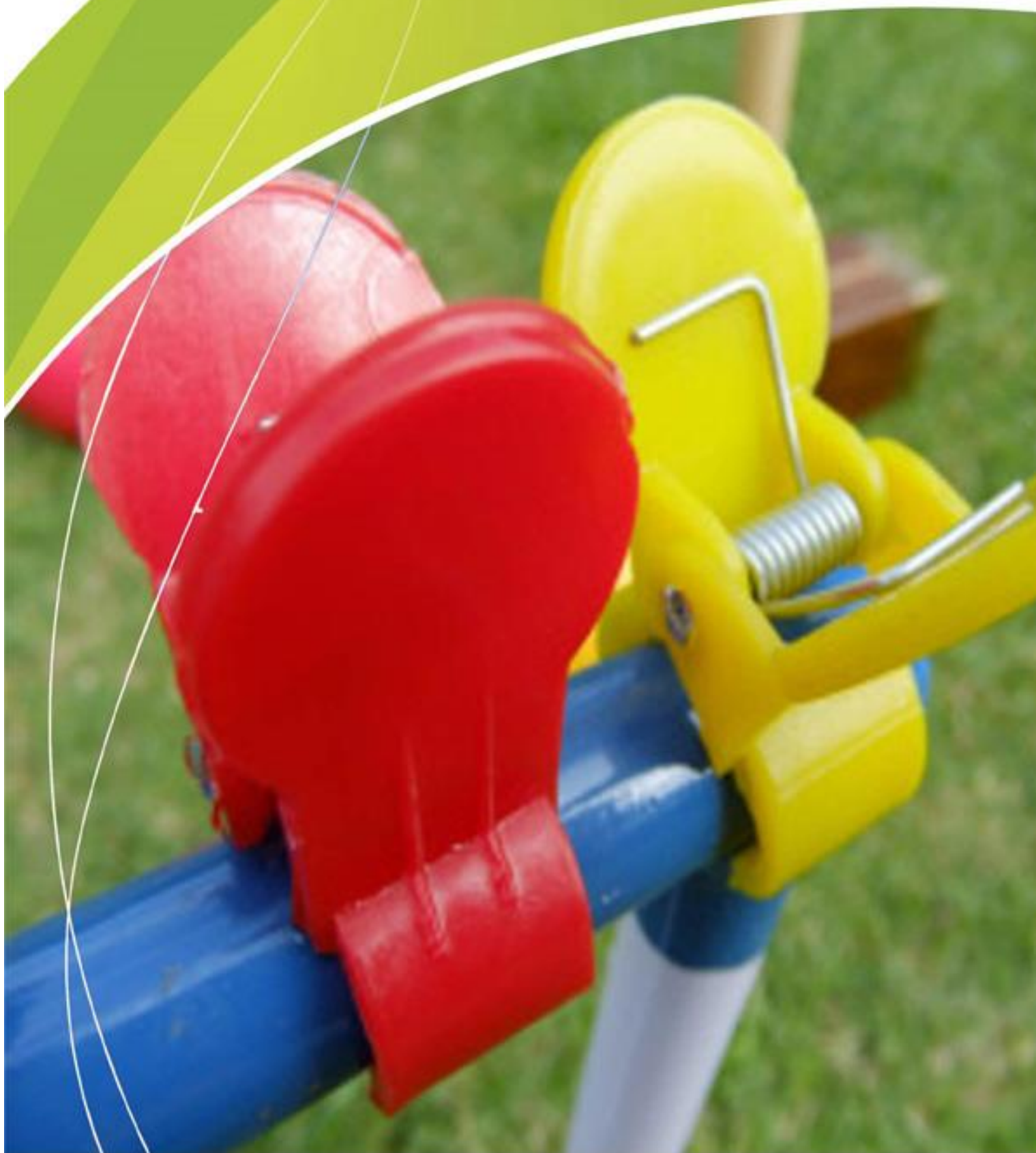
At the heart of the Croquet NZ Coaching Coaches Programme is a player-centred, games-based approach to coaching. While this Secondary Schools Programme Guide provides the mechanisms for students to access croquet, the Level 1 Croquet NZ Coaching Coaches Programme teaches coaches how to provide a quality experience for players once access for students is established. The Coaching Coaches programme provides you with:

- Key principles of effective coaching.
- Opportunities to explore different coaching approaches.
- Development of your own coaching philosophy and style.
- Support for your learning in the role through the 'Coaching Experience'.

Level 1 Coaching Coaches workshops are available to all croquet associations on request. Please contact the Croquet NZ Sport Development Officer for further information about hosting a Coaching Coaches workshop in your association.

COACHES TOOLKIT

TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL COACHING OF
LEVEL 1 ASSOCIATION & GOLF CROQUET



91330 Resource A: Golf Croquet Rubric

this activity requires students to demonstrate performance in full games of competitive

Golf Croquet.

Teacher/Peer/Self Observation sheet

Activity:	The student effectively demonstrates the following elements and skills to enable full participation:	Tick each time observed Dates →	The student consistently and effectively demonstrates the following elements and skills to enable full participation:	Tick each time observed Dates →	The student consistently, effectively and in an accomplished manner demonstrates the following elements and skills to enable full participation:	Tick each time observed Dates →
Tactical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of the sequence of balls and the order of hoops in a <u>13 point</u> game. Attempting to score points for your side and preventing the opposition from scoring by either blocking or clearing <u>opponents</u> balls. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the offside rule and the consequences Attempting to score points for your side and preventing the opposition from scoring by blocking and clearing <u>opponents</u> balls. Making tactical decisions that are appropriate for the player's ability 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding Double Tap and Crush Shot faults Making tactical decisions that provide an advantage two or more shots ahead. Attempting to gain a positional advantage at even numbered hoops when running odd numbered hoops. 	
Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining a balanced stance throughout the shot Strikes the ball with the middle of the mallet 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrating a full swing – steady backswing and follow through of the mallet Consistently lines up the striker's ball and target objective from two metres behind the striker's ball to enhance accuracy. Strikes the ball with the centre of the mallet through the centre of the ball and the mallet is vertical on impact. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both arms doing the same thing (Hands close together on the mallet shaft) Pivot point of a pendulum swing from the shoulders. 	

Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hit a ball consistently from one side of the lawn to the other (25 metres) • Run a hoop consistently from 0.5 metres (straight in front) • Make a roquet consistently from 3 metres. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play positional shots consistently and with moderate accuracy throughout the game • play clearance shots consistently with moderate power from 1+ metres. • Run a hoop consistently from 1+ metres (straight in front) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play positional shots consistently and with accuracy throughout the game • play clearance shots consistently with moderate power from 3+ metres. • Perform a successful jump shot over another ball whilst scoring a point • Run a hoop consistently from 2+ metres (straight in front) 		
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Game / competition (Doubles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The player demonstrates ability to work collaboratively with a partner in a competition setting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The player has gained sufficient knowledge of the rules to enable participation in a game unaided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The player is able to carry out their shot intentions with accuracy in a competition setting 		
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Overall grade

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence

Teacher verification

Name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____



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