



The Gilbert Cups 2026/27 – October to February

The Gilbert Cups are a series of 18 hole, 4 ball, better ball matches played on Saturday mornings between mid-October and the end of February throughout the winter season. Players accrue points during the qualifying stages with the top 16 players contesting the knockout stages thereafter. The competition has 12 allocated tee times usually from 8:45 until 10:07 which allows a maximum of 48 participants.

Handicap Allowance

Each player receives 90% handicap allowance from the lowest player in the group.

Rules of Competition

1. The Gilbert Cups competition is open to all playing members.
2. All players must have a WHS handicap index.
3. Players need only to commit to the Saturday's on which they wish to play.
4. All players are expected to join the e-mail group at thegilbertcups@gmail.com
5. Entry can be made 3 weeks in advance online using HowDidIDo, the PSI unit in the Tantallon Room
6. The £2 entry fee for each week that you pay, will be collected off your Tantallon Card as you enter– please top up you card as required. Any withdrawals after the draw has been made will forfeit the £2 entry fee.
7. Members may also request a late entry (after the draw) via the Gilbert Cups e-mail address.
8. Any member requesting an early/late time should do so via email.
9. The draw will take place each weekend for the following week's matches and e-mailed to each player thereafter.
10. After the draw is made, all withdrawals and late entries should be done via the Gilbert Cups e-mail address and any subsequent re-draw will be performed in the order of the e-mails received.
11. The recording of results must be made by one of the group on the sheet for the purpose in the clubroom each Saturday.
12. 2 points will be awarded for a win and 1 for a square match.
13. The 16 players accruing the highest number of points after the qualifying rounds will qualify for the knockout stage of the competition.



14. In the event of a tie to determine any of the qualifying positions, the player with the most appearances throughout the season will qualify.
15. Any further tie or ties will be decided by a draw of lots.
16. A blind draw to determine the pairings for the knockout stages will follow.
17. Consolation competitions will be organised for the players who do not qualify for the knockout stages.

Rules of Play

1. All matches will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as laid down by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in conjunction with the West Links Local Rules as decided and altered from time to time by The North Berwick G.C.
2. A single player has the option to play two balls from the tee. Thereafter he can select which of the two tee shots to complete the hole with.
3. In the event of inclement weather, by agreement, a minimum 12 holes must be played in order that any result will stand and accrue points.
4. A match between two single players is not an official match and no points will be awarded.
5. In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Competition Committee will be final.

Dates

Qualifying Rounds

Every Saturday between 24th October 2026 & 6th February 2027

Quarterfinals

13th February 2027

Semi-finals

20th February 2027

Final

27th February 2027