



Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

WINTER FOUR-BALL KNOCKOUT TROPHY

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID 19, THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION WILL BE BETTER BALL FORMAT INSTEAD OF FOURSOMES

1. The competition shall be played according to the general BCLGA "Local Rules, Terms of the Competition and General Regulations".
2. The competition shall be open to all Members of the Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association. All matches in the competition must be played at clubs that are affiliated to BCLGA.
3. The Management of the competition shall be vested in the Competition Organiser appointed by the Executive Committee. Any dispute must be put in writing to the Competition Organiser, who may refer to the Executive Committee for a decision, whose decision shall be final.
4. To be played as a Knockout Four-Ball Match Play Competition.
5. For the 2020/21 season, because of the introduction of WHS, the first round of matches must be played by 1st November 2020 and the second round of match must NOT be played before 2nd November 2020.
6. Handicap Allowances for matches played Before or ON 1st November 2020 must be calculated as follows:
 - Matches shall be played off current handicap. Stroke allowance is 90% of the difference between the lowest handicap of the four players and each of the other three players, in accordance with the CONGU system of handicapping.
7. Handicap Allowances for matches played On or After 2nd November 2020 must be calculated as follows:
 - Matches shall be played off current handicap. Stroke allowance is the Full Difference between the lowest Playing Handicap of the four players and the Playing Handicap of each of the other three players, in accordance with the WHS system of handicapping as implemented by England Golf.
 1. Determine the Course Handicap for each player using her Handicap Index on the day of the match and the Slope Rating for the course to be played.
 2. Calculate the Playing Handicap for each player, which is 90% of the Course Handicap, rounding 0.5 up to the nearest whole number.
 3. Stroke allowance is the FULL difference between the Playing Handicap of the lowest handicap of the four players and each of the other three players.

8. Due to Covid regulations, caddies are NOT allowed in this competition for winter 2020/21.
9. The venue for the matches, except for the final, shall be the "home" club of one of the players. The first round draw will be done by automated software with the first named pair having home advantage.
For the second round draw onwards, home advantage is decided by the organiser using the following algorithm: a) if one pair had a home draw in round one and the second pair had an away draw in round one, then the second pair is given home advantage in round two. b) if both pairs had the same advantage in round one, then home advantage in round two is decided by the organiser by the toss of a coin.
For the third round onwards – a similar pattern applies, if one pair has not had a home advantage then they are given it in round three, but if both pairs have had the same advantage in the first two rounds, then the organiser decides by the toss of a coin. To retain 'home advantage' the home pair must make contact the opposition with suggested dates, within 7 days of the start of each round.
10. Pairs need not be members of the same club, however if they are members of different clubs, they must nominate their 'home' club for the competition on the entry form. Once a pair has played a 'home' match in the competition, they cannot change their 'home' club unless BOTH players are no longer members of the club. Permission to play must be obtained from the Secretary of the Club, the cost of the green fee, if any, being shared by the players.
11. The final shall be played on a neutral course. The course and date of the final to be arranged by the Competition Organiser.
12. The winners of each match must notify the Competition Organiser of the result and the date the match was played within 48 hours of the completion of the match. Competitors not complying with this rule will be disqualified.
13. Responsibility for arranging matches is shared jointly between the two pairs, who must agree a mutually convenient date between themselves. Players are asked to be as flexible as possible with availability.
14. Extensions will not be given unless both courses are closed or unavailable on the last day of the round, in which case the Competition Organiser must be contacted to approve an extension.
15. If a match has not been played by the last day of the round, or the pairs fail to agree a mutually convenient date, BOTH pairs will normally be disqualified following consultation with the Competition Organiser.
16. After consultation with the Competition Organiser, to avoid a pair being given a walk-over, the losing pair in the previous round may be permitted to be substituted for the pair who would be giving the walk-over.

ADDITIONAL RULE FOR KNOCKOUTS

Juniors are welcome to enter county knockouts, however parents/guardians are reminded that it is their responsibility to arrange for safeguarding of their child.

For each match a 'responsible adult' must be nominated (be it a parent or any other nominated adult) who will be responsible for the junior for the duration of the match. The 'responsible adult' must have details of emergency contact information and any special medical needs of the junior. The junior and her opponent must be provided with the contact telephone number of the nominated 'responsible adult'.

Note: 'duration of the match' includes the time from a junior being dropped off by parents/guardians to their collection by parents/guardians.

In accordance with item B4 In BCLGA Local Rules, Terms of the Competition and General Regulations, a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

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