



Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

BUCKS CHALLENGE SHIELD 2021

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. The Competition shall be played according to the BCLGA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition.
2. The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association. Players must be members of the club they are representing and may only represent one club in this competition within any calendar year. Clubs with smaller ladies' sections (up to 40 members) may join with another "small" club to create a 'composite team' - the Club to be used for Home matches must be recorded on the Entry Form.
3. The Management of the competition shall be vested in the Organiser appointed by the Executive Committee. Any dispute must be put in writing to the Organiser, who may refer to the Executive Committee for a decision, whose decision shall be final.
4. To be played as an Inter-Club Singles Knockout Competition.
5. Teams to consist of seven a side. The team must play in handicap order, where exact handicap is used to determine the order. A club may vary its team from match to match, and from the Home leg of the match to the Away leg. Each member of the team is required to have played in at least 2 matches prior to the Final. *If one player in a team is unavoidably detained and not ready to play when it is their tee time, the two captains can agree to leave that particular game to the end of the tee times. However, if the missing player is not available to tee off within 5 minutes of the final tee time, that particular game is forfeit. In the event of this happening in the Final, then this decision will be at the discretion of the Referee.*
6. Due to the late start of the competition in 2021, rounds 1 and 2 will be ONE leg only, so one team will play at home only and their opponents away only. The venue will be drawn as part of the draw for the round. Round 3 and the semi-final will revert to home and away legs.
7. If a player has a walkover then that player is deemed to have played a round. The result of the match will be recorded as 10&8. The person giving the walkover will not be deemed as having played.
8. If any game in the first 4 rounds finishes "All Square" on the 18th green the game is halved. For the Final the players must proceed without delay to continue play from the 1st tee of the stipulated course of the day and continue until one player wins the game.
9. The club going through to the next round shall be decided:
In Rounds 1 and 2
 - If one team wins four or more games in the match
 - If still equal there will be a countback on the total from all 7 games played of the number of holes won by each club (An example is given on the "Sample Results Sheet".)
 - If there is still no clear winner, the team qualifying for the next round shall be decided by sudden death play-off. The lowest handicap players from each team shall play sudden death play-off from the first tee to a conclusion.
 - Play may be stopped in the remaining games if one team has won four games in the match

In Rounds 3 and Semi-Final

- If one team wins four or more games in both the Home and Away leg of the match
 - If both teams win four or more games in one of the Home and Away legs, the winning club shall be determined by using the total of game points won. E.g. team A beats team B (5 – 2), team A loses to team B (3 – 4), then team A goes through on aggregate (8 – 6).
 - If still equal there will be a countback on the total from all 14 games played of number of holes won by each club. (An example is given on the “Sample Results Sheet”).
 - If there is still no clear winner, the team qualifying for the next round shall be decided by sudden death play-off. The lowest handicap players from each team in the second leg shall play sudden death play-off from the first tee to a conclusion.
 - In the second leg, play may be stopped in the remaining games if one team has won eight of the games in both legs of the match.
10. Matches shall be played off current handicap. Handicap allowances are calculated according to the WHS handicapping system as implemented by England Golf. Stroke allowance is 100% of the difference between the Course Handicaps of the players.
 11. The Course Handicap for each player shall be determined using her Handicap Index on the day of the match and the Slope rating of the course to be played.
 12. The maximum Handicap Index for the competition is 24.0, players with a higher Handicap Index may play, but will be allocated a Handicap Index of 24.0 for the purpose of the competition.
 13. The draw for each round will be made at a County Delegates, Vice Captains, or Executive Meeting. If there is no meeting at a suitable date, the draw can be made by two Executive Members who must be members of different clubs and neither of their clubs may be involved in the draw.
 14. The final will be played at a venue which is arranged and publicised at the beginning of the competition. If the final venue is the home club of one of the finalists, the venue WILL NOT be changed.
 15. The entry fee, as determined by the Executive Committee, shall be paid before the draw.
 16. **For the four Preliminary Rounds the Captain of the winning team must send the result of the match to the Organiser within 48 hours of completion of the second leg of the match. Teams not complying with this rule will be disqualified.**
 17. Advice in Match Play Team Competitions:
 - Each team may name one Advice Giver whom players on the team may ask for advice and receive advice during the round.
 - The team must identify the Advice Giver to the opposing team and to the competition organiser (if applicable) before any player on the team begins her round. The team may change its Advice Giver during the round but must tell the opposing team and competition organiser when it is doing so. A different person may be appointed for each leg of the match.
 - The Advice Giver must not point out a line of play or walk on the putting green when the ball of a team player lies on the putting green.
 - Note that if a team’s Advice Giver is also a player or caddie in the match, she is not allowed to act in that role while playing a round in the match.

- The advice giver has the same status as a member of the side in relation to each member of his or her team.
18. The home team must offer three dates, to cover both weekend and weekday dates with no more than two dates in the same seven-day period. Bank holidays count as weekend dates. The Home and Away legs of the match can be played in any order.
 19. 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.
 20. If a match has not been played by the last day of the round, BOTH teams will normally be disqualified following consultation with the Competition Organiser.
 21. A match may only be suspended in the event of the course being closed or due to thunder and lightning. If the course is not closed but it is considered by both teams that the conditions are dangerous e.g. strong gales or extreme fog, then the match may be suspended. Matches cannot be suspended for any other reason – e.g. too hot, cold or wet.
 22. If the match is suspended after a ball has been played in any game, the results of any completed games shall stand. Any incomplete games shall continue from the place of suspension. Play should resume later, on the same day or, if necessary, as soon as possible after the original date of the match. Only the original seven players who were involved on each side shall take part in the match on the rearranged date.
 23. If the match has been suspended before any shot has been played, then the match may be rearranged on a new date with a new team.
 24. Competition dates for 2021 are as follows:
 - *Round 1 must be played between Monday 17th May and Sunday 13th June*
 - *Round 2 must be played between Monday 17th May and Sunday 11th July*
 - *Round 3 must be played between Monday 12th July and Sunday 22nd August*
 - *Semi-finals must be played between Monday 23rd August and Sunday 26th September*
 - *The final will be played at a place and date to be confirmed between 1st and 17th October*
 - ***If one team does not have a BYE in round 1, round 2 cannot be organised and played until the round 1 match is complete***
 25. The draw for each round will be made as follows:
 - *Round 1 and 2 will be drawn at a Zoom Draw meeting on Wednesday 24th March*
 - *Round 3 will be drawn at the County Delegates' meeting on Wednesday 9th June*
 - *The Semi Finals will be drawn at the BCLGA Executives' meeting on Tuesday 20th July*
 26. Each Club must offer the dates for their Home matches to their opponents ON or BEFORE the following dates:
 - *Round 1 by Monday 3rd May*
 - *Round 2 by Monday 14th June if the home team had a BYE in round 1*
Round 2 by Monday 21st June if the home team did NOT have a BYE in round 1
 - *Round 3 by Monday 19th July*
 - *Semi Finals by Monday 31st August*

Additional Rule for Bucks Shield League Matches

Clubs who include Juniors in their teams are reminded of their safeguarding responsibilities. Please be sure to follow the appropriate guidelines and ensure parental consent is obtained for those Juniors involved, particularly if the Junior is transported to an 'away' venue.

For each match a 'responsible adult' must be nominated (be it a parent, the team captain or another adult team member) 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 captains of both teams, plus 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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