



Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

CHALLENGE CUP KNOCKOUT TROPHY 2019

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

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 Singles Competition.
5. Entrants must have an exact handicap of 20.4 or below on the closing date for entries.
6. Matches shall be played off current handicap, with a maximum handicap of 20. Stroke allowance is the full difference in handicap, in accordance with the CONGU system of handicapping.
7. 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 player(s) having home advantage. For the second round draw onwards, home advantage is decided by the organiser using the following algorithm: a) if one player had a home draw in round one and the second player had an away draw in round one, then the second player is given home advantage in round two. b) if both players 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 player has not had a home advantage then they are given it in round three, but if both players have had the same advantage in the first two rounds, then the organiser decides by the toss of a coin.
8. Once a player has played a 'home' match in the competition, she cannot change her 'home' club unless she is no longer a member of that club.
9. The final shall be played on a neutral course. The course and date of the final to be arranged by the Competition Organiser.
10. **The winner 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.**
11. Responsibility for arranging matches is shared jointly between the two players, who must agree a mutually convenient date between themselves. However, if the "Home" player does not contact her opponent within 7 days of the start of the current Round then she shall forfeit the automatic right to the "Home" venue.
The competition dates for 2019 are as follows:
 - *Round 1 must be played between 1st April and 13th May*
 - *Round 2 must be played between 14th May and 24th June*
 - *Round 3 must be played between 25th June and 5th August*
 - *Semi-finals must be played between 6th August and 9th September*

In order to retain Home advantage, the Home player must contact her opponent ON or BEFORE the following dates:

- *Round 1 by 7th April*
- *Round 2 by 20th May*
- *Round 3 by 1st July*
- *Semi-finals by 12th August*

After these dates, whichever player makes initial contact may claim the Home advantage.

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.

12. If a match has not been played by the last day of the round, or the players fail to agree a mutually convenient date, BOTH players will normally be disqualified following consultation with the Competition Organiser.
13. After consultation with the Competition Organiser, to avoid a player being given a walk-over, the losing player in the previous round may be permitted to be substituted for the player who would be giving the walk-over.

Additional Rule for all 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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