



Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

BUCKS CHALLENGE SHIELD 2019

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 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 (the semi-final may count as one of those occasions). 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.
6. If any game in the first 3 rounds finishes "All Square" on the 18th green the game is halved. For the Semi-final & 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.
7. The club going through to the next round shall be decided:
 - When one team wins 7½ or more games over the combined home and away legs of the match, play can be stopped in subsequent games.
 - In the event of a tie, there will be a countback on the number of holes won by each club over the total from all 14 games played. (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.
8. Matches shall be played off current handicap, with a maximum handicap limit of 24 (players with a higher handicap may play off 24). Stroke allowance is the full difference in handicap, in accordance with the CONGU system of handicapping.
9. 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.
10. The entry fee, as determined by the Executive Committee, shall be paid before the draw.

11. **For the three 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.**
12. 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 for the semi-finals and finals) 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.
13. 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. Each Club should select its preferred date and respond to their opponents within 7 days of the dates having been offered.
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, BOTH teams will normally be disqualified following consultation with the Competition Organiser.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. Competition dates for 2019 are as follows:
 - *Round 1 must be played between Monday 25th March and Sunday 5th May*
 - *Round 2 must be played between Monday 6th May and Sunday 7th July*
 - ***(NO MATCHES CAN BE SCHEDULED DURING COUNTY MATCH WEEK – For 2019 this will be Sunday 16th June to Wednesday 19th June).***
 - *Round 3 must be played between Monday 8th July and Sunday 1st September*
 - *Semi-finals and final will be played on Thursday 12th September at Harleyford Golf Club.*

20. The draw for each round will be made as follows:

- *Round 1 will be drawn at the County Delegates' meeting on Wednesday 13th February*
- *Round 2 will be drawn at the County Vice Captains' meeting on Wednesday 17th April*
- *Round 3 will be drawn at the County Delegates' meeting on Wednesday 5th June.*

21. Each Club must offer the dates for their Home matches to their opponents ON or BEFORE the following dates:

- *Round 1 by Friday 8th March*
- *Round 2 by Friday 10th May*
- *Round 3 by Friday 12th July*

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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