Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

ROSE BOWL KNOCKOUT TROPHY 2022

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 a Handicap Index of 18.5 or above on the closing date for entries.
6. Matches shall be played off 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Permission to play must be obtained from the Secretary of the "home" 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 winner of each match must notify the Competition Organiser of the result and 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 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.

14. The competition dates for 2022 are as follows:

Round 1 must be played between	1st April	13th May
Round 2 must be played between	14th May	25th June
Round 3 must be played between	26th June	7th August
Semi-Finals must be played between	8th August	11th 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	2nd July
Semi-Finals by	14th August

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

15. After consultation with the Competition Organiser, if a player who has played a previous round withdraws from the competition, then the beaten player from the previous round can be offered the opportunity to be re-instated, providing there is at least 2 weeks left for the match to be played and a mutually agreeable date can be found. However, if no mutually agreeable date can be found within the two-week period or if there is less than two weeks left to arrange a match, then the player who would have played the withdrawn player has a walkover.
16. 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.
17. 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.

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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