

## Ladies Foursomes Challenge

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### Description

The Ladies Foursomes Challenge is a women's foursomes match-play competition. It will be open for entries from **1 March to 1 April** each year. A draw will take place and all entrants will be notified of their opponents by email.

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### General Terms of Competition

- The Committee in charge of all aspects of running the Club's Women's Competitions, as defined in the Rules of Golf, shall be the **Ladies' Competition Committee**.
  - The handicapping of members shall be in accordance with the **World Handicap System**, as administered by England Golf and the Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU).
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### Eligibility

This competition is open to all lady members provided that:

- They hold a **WHS Handicap Index** at the time of the draw for the first round.
  - They do not play with the same partner in **two consecutive years**.
  - Members under 18 have been approved by the Club Professional as ready for competition golf at the time of the initial draw.
  - They have played a total of **54 holes in qualifying competitions** in the previous 12-month period (including at least one 18-hole competition).
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### Entries

By entering any knockout competition, players must:

- Agree to abide by the rules set out in this document.
  - Be available to play in the final on **Hale Golf Club Finals Day**.
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### Arranging the Match

- It is the equal responsibility of both pairs to arrange their match by the specified completion date.
  - Players are expected to begin communication within **7 days of the initial draw**, and in subsequent rounds, no later than the day after the previous round's completion date.
  - Each side must offer **three reasonable dates** via email, at least **two of which must be at weekends**. Failure to do so may result in the opponents being entitled to claim the match. (Email evidence may be required in the event of a dispute.)
  - If a mutually agreeable date cannot be found, or conditions prevent play, competitors must agree who will progress to the next round.
  - Once agreed, tee times should be reserved using the **Club V1 Booking System** (up to 2 weeks in advance).
    - Please ensure both front and back 9 holes are booked.
    - To prevent other members joining, **do not select** "Allow members to join any partial times".
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### Extensions

- As a general rule, **extensions** will not be granted, as this is unfair to other competitors. The committee reserve the right, however, to allow modest extensions in exceptional cases only – holidays will not be regarded as exceptional.
  - The Committee's decision on any dispute is final.
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### **Playing the Match**

- Matches will be played from the **red tees**.
  - The team at the top of the draw will **tee off first**.
  - The scheduled starting time is the agreed tee time.
    - If any player is not ready to play at that time, their opponents may claim the match.
    - A player arriving within **5 minutes** may incur the general penalty under **Rule 5.3a**.
  - Play shall be in accordance with the **Rules of Golf** and any applicable local rules.
  - If the match is tied after the final hole, play will continue **hole by hole until a winner is decided** (Rule 3.2a(4)).
  - If play cannot continue on the day, the match may be resumed from where it stopped, but must be completed by the round's closing date.
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### **Strokes Received**

- Matches will be played using **half the difference of the combined Course Handicap**, with a maximum individual **Course Handicap of 40**.
  - Members with higher handicaps may enter, but the number of shots received will be based on this limit.
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### **Recording the Match Result**

- The winner must record the result within **24 hours** using Club V1.
  - Failure to do so may result in the **match result being reversed**.
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### **Effective Date**

**March 2026**

Ladies Competition Committee

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