

Men's Matchplay Competitions (Knockouts)

General Terms of Competition

General:

- The Committee in charge of all aspects of running the Club's Competitions as defined in the Rules of Golf shall be the Club's Greens 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).

Eligibility:

Matchplay competitions are open to all male members provided:

- They hold a WHS Handicap Index at the time of the draw for the first round.

Note:

- Only members who have played a total of 54 holes in Qualifying Competitions in the previous 12 month period (which must include at least one 18 hole Competition), will be eligible to enter.
- Members **under 18** are allowed to enter if they have been approved by the club professional as ready for competition golf at the time of the initial draw.
- In the case of the Club's Scratch Matchplay Competition only, entrants must hold a Handicap Index no higher than 12.0 on 31st March each year.

Entries:

By entering any of the knockout competitions, players **must**:

- Agree to abide by the rules set out in this document.
- Be available to play in the final on the date specified for each competition:
 - Summer KO Finals will always be a Sunday in mid to late September.
 - Winter KO Finals will need to be played no later than the day before the first Medal competition of each year which are always scheduled for a Saturday in mid April.

Arranging the Match:

- Details of the Rules specific to each competition and the completion dates for each round will be published on Club V1 and can be found there by clicking on the information symbol as shown below:-



- It is the **equal responsibility** of both parties/teams to arrange for their match to be played by the completion date specified for that round. Parties are expected to start communicating with each other within seven days of the initial draw being announced

and, in subsequent rounds, **no later** than the day after the scheduled completion date for the previous round.

- **Using email** each party/team **must** offer three reasonable dates to their opponent(s), at least two of which **must** be a weekend; otherwise their opponents can legitimately claim the match. (In the event of any dispute this email trail will be required by the Committee).
- If a mutually agreeable date cannot be found, or conditions prevent the match from being played, the competitors must agree between them who is to go through to the next round.
- Once agreed, reserve the tee times using the Club V1 Booking system up to 2 weeks prior to your intended match (remember that you will need to book a slot for the back 9 too)! To prevent other members joining you in a singles match by booking the Player 3/4 slots, please make sure that you DO NOT check the box "Allow members to join any partial times".

Extensions:

- As a general rule there will be no extensions, as this is unfair to the 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 will rule on any dispute.

Playing the Match:

- Matches will be played from the blue tees.
- The scheduled starting time is deemed to be the agreed and booked tee-time. If any competitor is not present on the tee and ready to play at that time, their opponent is entitled to claim the match unless their opponent(s) is ready to play within 5 minutes of the scheduled time in which case the general penalty will apply. **Rule 5.3a**
- Play shall be in accordance with the rules of golf and any local rule currently in force.
- If a match is tied after the final hole, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner. **Rule 3.2a(4)**
- If conditions prevent the match being extended that day, the match may be resumed on another day from the place where play ceased, but the match must be concluded by the closing date for the round in question.

Strokes received:

- Singles - full difference of the **COURSE** handicap.
- Foursomes - half the difference in the combined **COURSE** handicap.

Recording the Match Result:

- The winner(s) **must** record the result **within 24 hours of the match ending** using Club V1.
- Failure to record the result correctly or within the 24 hours stipulated above may result in the match result being reversed.

Note that any player losing their first match in the Owen Memorial Cup will be entered into the Reid Plate Competition.

Greens Committee.
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