

# Scratch Knockout

## Men's Singles Knockout



### Description

The Men's Singles Scratch Knockout is a men's match-play competition which is only open to members who hold a handicap index no higher than 12.0 on the 14th March each year of the competition.

It will be open for entries from the 1st to the 14<sup>th</sup> March each year. A draw will take place the following day and all entrants will be notified of their opponents by email.

### General Terms of Competition:

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

### Eligibility:

This competition is open to qualified male members provided:

- They hold a WHS Handicap Index at the time of the draw for the first round.
- They 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).
- Members under 18 have been approved by the club professional as ready for competition golf at the time of the initial draw.

### Note:

The club recognises that medical conditions may occasionally prevent a member from being able to secure 54 holes of competition golf in the required period. Any member returning to golf in such circumstances should contact the competitions committee for inclusion in this competition.

### 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 Hale Golf Club - Finals Day.  
(Typically, the Sunday after Medal Final)

### Arranging the Match:

- It is the equal responsibility of both players 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 player must offer three reasonable dates to their opponent, at least two of which must be a weekend; otherwise, their opponent 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)! In order to prevent other members joining you in a singles match by booking into the vacant Player 3/4 slots, 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 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 – All entrants play off scratch (zero)

#### **Recording the Match Result:**

- The winner 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.

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