

NORFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP****TERMS OF THE COMPETITION****1. ENTRY CONDITIONS**

- a) Only members of the NLCGA whose home club is affiliated to Norfolk are eligible to enter.
- b) The entry fee will be decided by the NLCGA Executive Committee.
- c) The Handicap Index limit will be decided by the NLCGA Executive Committee.
- d) Entry will be limited to the 60 players with the lowest Handicap Indices. If the competition is oversubscribed, ladies with higher Handicap Indices will be placed on a waiting list in Handicap Index order. Players will be drawn in a split draw of Handicap Indices plus to 9 and 10 to 14. Under exceptional circumstances the split may be adjusted.
- e) Late entries received after the closing date will only be considered if maximum field has not been achieved.
- f) Cancellations should be advised to the Championship Organiser as soon as possible.
- g) No refund of entry fees will be given for cancellation within 14 days of the competition.
- h) Players must have a Handicap Index issued from a 'golf club' (as defined in the Rules of Handicapping book) that is authorised to use the Rules of Handicapping.

2. CONDITIONS

- a) The Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and Local Rules as may be approved by the Competition Organiser.
- b) Distance measuring devices are permitted in accordance with the Rules of Golf (Rule 4-3).
- c) The Championship will consist of two 18-hole stroke play rounds played on Day 1. Players with the best 16 gross scores will qualify for the match play on Day 2.
- d) Ties will be decided by card countback.
- e) The match play draw will be made according to the automatic draw.
- f) Qualifiers unable to play in the match play:
 - If the draw has not been made, the next qualifier(s) will go forward for the draw.
 - If the draw has been made, the player(s) will be removed from the draw and the opponent(s) will receive a bye.
- g) If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in stroke play and loss of hole in match play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes, in the absence of circumstances that warrant the waiving of the penalty under the Rules of Golf (Rule 5-3), is disqualification.
- h) The Championship Committee reserves the right to arrange and/or alter starting times.
- i) In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Championship Committee reserves the right to alter the format of the competition in order to achieve a result.
- j) In all matters, the decision of the Championship Committee is final.
- k) Motorised buggies are permitted subject to the Transportation Policy of the NLCGA.
- l) Caddies are permitted. NLCGA request that caddies do not go onto greens.
- m) Players may not engage a professional or assistant professional as a caddie.
- n) In the event of a tie in the team competition the trophy will be shared.