

NORFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION



INTER CLUB DIAMOND KNOCK- OUT COMPETITION 4 BALL BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a) Each player must have reached 60 years of age on the 1st January in the year of the competition.
- b) Clubs must pay the annual NLCGA Affiliation Fees.
- c) Only members of the NLCGA are eligible to enter. Players must be members of the club for which they play.
- d) A player **must** only play for one club in any one season.
- e) All matches to be played off handicap – LIMIT 28 Handicap Index. A player with a higher handicap may play off a Handicap Index of 28. A Handicap Index must be issued from a 'golf club' (as defined in the Rules of Handicapping book) that is authorised to use the Rules of Handicapping. **Penalty** – exclusion of offending player.
- f) Clubs must confirm their entry each year or indicate their wish to join the competition by completing the NLCGA Inter-club Competition Entry form for the following year. The completed form, together with the Entry form must be submitted to the Hon Treasurer by 31st July.

2. MATCH DETAILS

- a) A Four-Ball Better Ball match for three pairs, using course handicaps on the course where the match is being played, the lowest handicap player giving strokes to the other three players based on 90% handicap difference. The pair winning the greater number of holes shall win the game (Myhill Scoring).
- b) Each game will be played over 18 holes. The holes up in each game will be combined to find the match winner (Myhill Scoring). In the event that the match is tied the last pair out for each team will play sudden death commencing at the first hole.
- c) The Team Captains must exchange team sheets up to 15 minutes before start of play.
- d) Different players may be used each round.
- e) The Team Captains will decide by the toss of a coin which club has the honour.
- f) Should any **team** fail to be on the tee within 10 minutes after the last game has started, their opponents on the team sheet will have a "walk over". **ONE** player may represent the team for all or part of the match. The missing partner may join the match at any time between holes in accordance with Rules of Golf (Rule 23-4).
- g) Advice may only be given to players by their playing partner or their caddies – Rules of Golf (Rules 10-2 and 10-3).
- h) All queries or disputes must be referred to the Competition Organiser, or in her absence the Chairman of Competitions, whose decision is final.

3. RESULTS

The winning Team is responsible for sending the result sheet immediately to the Competition Organiser.

4. GENERAL

The competition will be played following a draw.

- a) A round starts the day after the closing date of the previous round as indicated on the draw sheet. The first round commences four weeks before the closing date for the purposes of this rule.
- b) The Home team will be responsible for arranging the match. They must contact the Away team **within 10 days** of the start of the round to be played offering **three dates spread over the time available**, one of which must be a weekday and one a weekend day. **If contact is not made within 10 days of the start of the round** to be played the Home advantage passes to the Away team. The Away team must get authorisation from the Competition Organiser, or in her absence the Chairman of Competitions, before taking the Home advantage rule.
- c) The Final will be played on a course which is NEUTRAL to both teams. The Competition Organiser together with the Chairman of Competitions will make arrangements for the course to be used.
- d) On the day of the Final no practice round or any holes are to be played on the course where the Final is being held. Holes may be walked. **Penalty** - exclusion of offending player.
- e) Distance measuring devices are permitted in accordance with the Rules of Golf (Rule 4-3).
- f) Motorised buggies are permitted subject to the Transportation Policy of the NLCGA.
- g) The NLCGA requests that caddies do not go onto greens.

5. SUSPENSION OF PLAY/ABANDONMENT

- a) If a match is temporarily suspended (eg thunderstorm) balls should be marked and play discontinued until resumption of play is signalled as set out in the suspension of play procedure.
- b) If the course is unplayable on the day or has to be abandoned, the HOME club must follow the procedures in Term 4(b).

Team Captains are asked to mutually resolve situations not covered by the above.

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