CARRICK CUP INTER-CLUB SCRATCH FOURSOMES TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a) Clubs must pay the annual NLCGA Affiliation Fees.
- b) Only members of the NLCGA are eligible to enter. Players must be a member of the club for which they play. **Penalty** Exclusion of offending player.
- c) A player may only play for one club in this competition in any one season. **Penalty** Exclusion of offending player from second club's match.
- d) Players must play off scratch and be in receipt of a Handicap Index issued by 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.
- e) A player must have submitted 5 x 18-hole cards or 10 x 9-hole cards or any combination to equal 5 x 18-holes within the previous 12 months prior to the match being played. It is the player's responsibility to ensure they meet the qualifying criteria. Failure to comply will result in the loss of the match.
- f) Clubs must confirm their entry each year by completing the NLCGA Competition Entry Form for the following year. The completed form, together with the entry fee, must be submitted to the County Treasurer by 31st July.
- g) If clubs wish to enter a team in the Carrick Cup they must first apply to the County Secretary, in writing, on Club letterhead.

2. MATCH DETAILS

- a) A team will consist of two players. Different players may be used in each round.
- b) The Team Captains will decide by the toss of a coin which club has the honour.
- c) A match will be one round of foursomes scratch play, which must be played to a finish.
- d) All matches should be played off the regular Ladies' Competition tees.
- e) The NLCGA requests that caddies do not go on the greens. Advice may **only** be given to players by their playing partner or their caddies Rules of Golf (Rules 10-2 and 10-3).
- f) Players may not engage a professional or assistant professional as a caddie.
- g) Spectators are not allowed to communicate with the team or caddies. The only exception is the captain who may communicate but NOT give advice.
- h) Motorised buggies are permitted subject to the Transportation Policy of the NLCGA.
- Mobile phones are permitted but MUST be set to silent and only used for GPS and emergency calls

3. RESULTS

The WINNING team will be responsible for sending the result sheet immediately to the Competition Organiser.

4. GENERAL

- a) Each round will be played by the date printed on the draw sheet.
- b) The HOME team will be responsible for arranging the match by contacting the AWAY team and offering three dates, one of which must be a weekday and one a weekend day.
- c) If, due to exceptional circumstances the match is unable to be played on the arranged date, the following procedures must be followed:
 - i. Team Captains to rearrange the match on a mutually agreed date
 - ii. If it is not possible to rearrange the match by the Played by Date the club who is unable to play the original date will concede the game.
 - iii. A conceded match will only be accepted after consultation with the Competition Organiser who has the final decision.
- d) The Semi-Finals will be played on a set date on a course which is NEUTRAL to both teams.
 - i. The Home club in the top half of the draw will host the two teams in the bottom half of the draw.
 - ii. The Home club in the bottom half of the draw will host the two teams in the top half of the draw.
 - iii. The Competition Organiser will book a tee time at each club and notify the Team Captains.
 - iv. The Competition Organiser will arrange catering for each match, which is paid for by the participating clubs, and notify the Team Captains.

e) The Final will be played on a course which is NEUTRAL to both teams

- i. Arrangements for the course to be used will be made by the Competition Organiser with the Chairman of Competitions.
- ii. The Competition Organiser will notify the Team Captains and will arrange catering, which is paid for by the County, and notify the Team Captains.
- f) 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 team.

5. SUSPENSION OF PLAY/ABANDONMENT

- a) If a match is temporarily suspended (e.g. thunderstorm) balls should be marked and play discontinued until resumption of play is signalled in accordance with the suspension of play procedure. Players need to take responsibility for their own safety.
- b) If the club deems that the course is unplayable on the day or if for any other reason the match has to be abandoned (ie weather conditions) the HOME club must follow the procedure in term 4 a) above.

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

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