



# Norfolk Ladies County Golf Association

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

### ENTRY CONDITIONS

The competition is open to members of affiliated clubs to NLCGA and to players whose home club is in Norfolk.

**The Handicap Index limit will be + - 14.0, a player whose Handicap Index has increased above the limit will play off the limit for the competition. Players must have 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.**

A player must have submitted 5 x 18 hole cards or 10 x 9 hole cards or any combination to equal 5 x 18 hole cards within the previous 12 months prior to the competition being played. It is the players responsibility to ensure they meet the qualifying criteria. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

Clubs will be invited to enter players into the team trophy once individual entry has closed.

If the competition is oversubscribed entries with higher Handicap Indices will be balloted out and placed on a waiting list in Handicap Index order.

Late entries received after the closing date will only be considered if the maximum field has not been achieved.

Cancellations should be advised to the Competition Organiser as soon as possible.

No refund of entry fees will be given for cancellation within 14 days of the competition.

### COMPETITION CONDITIONS

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.

**Played over three days:**

**Day 1 will consist of two 18-hole medal rounds playing for the Betty Trafford Cup for the best gross score, the Hannaford Cup for the best nett score and the Philips-Oppenheim Team Trophy for the best two nett scores by members of the same club.**

**In the event of a two tee start play will be from the alternative tee for all players for the second round. ( e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> am 10<sup>th</sup> pm).**

**Day 2: The 16 players with the best gross scores will play knock-out match play, until four players remain. The match play draw will be made according to the automatic draw.**

**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.**

**Day 3: Semi-final and Final.**

**The winner of the championship will be awarded the Sumpter Cup, the runner up the Salver.**

When not on the standard ladies tee, the playing tee will be notified on the competition entry form.

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.

The Championship Committee reserves the right to arrange and/or alter starting times.

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Championship Competition organiser reserves the right to alter the format of the competition in order to achieve a result. Players need to take responsibility for their own safety.

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.

Caddies are permitted. NLCGA request that caddies do not go on the greens. Advice may **only** be given to players by their caddies – Rules of Golf (Rules 10-2 and 10-3).

Players may not engage a professional or assistant professional as a caddie.

In the event of a tie, day 1 individual prizes will be decided by card countback, Team Trophy will be shared and team prize provided to both teams. Match play will go to sudden death.

In accordance with NLCGA policy players may win more than one trophy but only one prize voucher. In all matters, the Championship Competition Organiser's decision is final.