



# Norfolk Ladies County Golf Association

## GILLIESON CUP

### TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY

- a) Clubs must pay the annual NLCGA Affiliation Fees.
- b) Only members of the NLCGA are eligible to play. Players must be members of the club for which they play. **Penalty** - Exclusion of the 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) Matches to be played off handicap – LIMIT 26.0 Handicap Index. A player with a higher Handicap Index must play off a Handicap Index of 26.0. A Handicap Index must be 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 any 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 game.
- f) Clubs must confirm their entry each year by completing the NLCGA Inter-Club Competition Entry Form for the following year. The completed form, together with the entry fee, must be submitted to the County Treasurer by 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- g) For a new club wishing to enter a team in the Gillieson Cup, they must first apply to the County Secretary in writing on Club letterhead.

#### 2. MATCH DETAILS

- a) A match comprises three games of foursomes. Different players may be used each round.
- b) Play will be off the regular Ladies' Competition tees.
- c) The Team Captains must exchange team sheets at least 15 minutes prior to the first tee time, after which no player may be substituted. The stroke allowance is half the difference between the aggregate course handicaps of each pair on the course being played.
- d) The Team Captains will decide by the toss of a coin which club has the honour.
- e) Should any **pair** fail to be on the tee within 15 minutes after the last game has started, their opponents on the team sheet will have a 'walk over'.
- f) A game will be one round which **MUST BE PLAYED TO A FINISH**. There are no halved games. All games must be played to a finish in case of later disqualification e.g. playing off incorrect handicap. **Penalty – Loss of game.**
- g) Tied games – A game that ends all square must be played off hole by hole until one pair wins a hole. The play off must start on the hole where the game began. Handicap strokes are allowed as in the stipulated round.
- h) Caddies are permitted. NLCGA request that caddies do not go on the greens. Advice may only be given to players by their partners or their caddies – Rules of Golf (Rules 10-2 and 10-3).
- i) Players may not engage a professional or assistant professional as a caddie.
- j) Spectators are not allowed to communicate with the team or caddies. The only exception is the captain who may communicate but **NOT** give advice.
- k) The winning pair of each game scores one point. The winning club is the one with most points.

### 3 RESULTS

The WINNING team is responsible for emailing or sending the result sheet immediately to the Competition Organiser.

### 4. GENERAL

Each round will be played on the fixed date set in the previous year and printed on the draw sheet.

- a) If, due to exceptional circumstances the match is unable to be played on the fixed date, the following procedures must be followed by the HOME team.
- Immediately contact the Competition Organiser, or in her absence the Chairman of Competitions, for permission to rearrange the match on a mutually agreed date as close to the original date as possible.
  - Contact the AWAY club Team Captain to rearrange the match on a mutually agreed date.
  - Inform the Competition Organiser, or in her absence the Chairman of Competitions, of the rearranged date.
- b) (i) The Semi-finals will be played on a course which is NEUTRAL to both teams.
- The HOME club in the top half of the draw will host the two teams in the bottom half of the draw.
  - The HOME club in the bottom half of the draw will host the two teams in the top half of the draw.
  - The Competition Organiser will book a tee time at each club and notify the Team Captains.
  - The Competition Organiser will arrange catering for each match, which is paid for by the participating clubs, and notify the Team Captains.
- (ii) The Final will be played on a course which is NEUTRAL to both teams.
- Arrangements for the course to be used will be made by the Competition Organiser together with the Chairman of Competitions.
  - The Competition Organiser will notify the Team Captains and will arrange catering which is paid for by the County.
- c) On the day of the Final no practice round or any holes are to be played on the course where the final is being played. Holes may be walked. Penalty - Disqualification of the offending player.
- d) Motorised buggies are permitted subject to the Transportation Policy of the NLCGA.
- e) Mobile phones are permitted but MUST be set to silent and only used for GPS and emergency calls.

### 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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