



Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

BUCKS CHALLENGE SHIELD 2017

RULES [N.B. Updated 19th June]

1. The competition shall be played according to the general BCLGA "Conditions of Play".
 2. The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association. Players must be members of the club they are representing and may only represent one club within any calendar year.
 3. The Management of the competition shall be vested in the Organiser appointed by the Executive Committee. Any dispute must be put in writing to the Organiser, who may refer to the Executive Committee for a decision, whose decision shall be final.
 4. To be played as an Inter-Club Knockout Singles Competition.
 5. Teams to consist of seven a side. The team must play in handicap order, where exact handicap is used to determine the order. A club may vary its team from match to match, and from the Home leg of the match to the Away leg.
 6. If any game in the first 3 rounds finishes "All Square" on the 18th green the match is halved. For the Semi-final & Final the players must proceed without delay to continue play from the 1st tee of the stipulated course of the day and continue until one player wins the game..
 7. The club going through to the next round shall be decided:
 - i). If one team wins four or more matches in the both the Home and Away leg of the match
 - ii). If both teams win four or more matches in one of the Home and Away legs, the winning club shall be determined by using the total of game points won. E.g. team A beats team B (5 - 2), team A loses to team B (3 - 4) – team A goes through on aggregate (8 – 6).
 - iii). If still equal there will be a countback on the total from all 14 matches played of number of holes won by each club. (An example is given on the "Sample Results Sheet".)
 - iv). If there is still no clear winner the team qualifying for the next round shall be decided by sudden death play-off. The lowest handicap players from each team in the second leg shall play sudden death play-off from the first tee to a conclusion.
- [In the second leg play may be stopped in the remaining matches if one team has won four of the matches in both legs of the match.]
8. Matches shall be played off current handicap, with a maximum handicap limit of 24 (players with a higher handicap may play off 24). Stroke allowance is the full difference in handicap, in accordance with the CONGU system of handicapping.
 9. The draw for each round will be made at a County Delegates, Vice Captains, or Executive Meeting. If there is no meeting at a suitable date, the draw can be made by two executive members who must be members of different clubs and neither of their clubs may be involved in the draw. The venue of each match will be decided by the draw.
 10. The entry fee, as determined by the Executive Committee, shall be paid before the draw.
 11. For the three Preliminary Rounds the Captain of the winning team must send the result of the match to the Organiser within 48 hours of completion of the second leg of the match. Teams not complying with this rule will be disqualified.

12. In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person as a Team Captain who may give Advice to the members of the team. The Team Captain cannot be a player or caddie in the current match of the competition. In the semi-finals and final, such person must be identified to the Competition Organiser before giving advice. In earlier rounds, such person must be identified to the opposing team before giving advice. A different person may captain each leg of the match.
13. The home team must offer three dates, to cover both weekend and weekday dates with no more than two dates in the same seven day period. Bank holidays count as weekend dates. The Home and Away legs of the match can be played in any order.
14. Extensions will not be given unless both courses are closed or unavailable on the last day of the round, in which case the Competition Organiser must be contacted to approve an extension.
15. If a match has not been played by the last day of the round, BOTH teams will normally be disqualified following consultation with the Competition Organiser.
16. A match may only be suspended in the event of the course being closed or due to thunder and lightning. If the course is not closed but it is considered by both teams that the conditions are dangerous e.g. strong gales or extreme fog, then the match may be suspended. Matches cannot be suspended for any other reason – e.g. too hot, cold or wet.
17. If the match is suspended after a ball has been played in any game, the results of any completed games shall stand. Any incomplete games shall continue from the place of suspension. Play should resume later on the same day or, if necessary, as soon as possible after the original date of the match. Only the original seven players who were involved on each side shall take part in the match on the rearranged date.
18. If the match has been suspended before any shot has been played, then the match may be rearranged on a new date with a new team.
19. Competition dates for 2017 are as follows:

- *Round 1 must be played between Monday 20th March and Wednesday 3rd May*
- *Round 2 must be played between Thursday 4th May and Saturday 24th June*
- *Round 3 must be played between Monday 3rd July and Saturday 12th August*
- *Semi-finals and final will be played on Monday 4th September at Gerrards Cross Golf Club*

The draw for each round will be made as follows:

- *Round 1 will be drawn at the County Delegates' meeting on Thursday 23rd February*
- *Round 2 will be drawn at the County Vice Captains' meeting on Wednesday 19th April*
- *Round 3 will be drawn at the County Delegates' meeting on Wednesday 14th June*

Each Club must offer the dates for their Home matches to their opponents ON or BEFORE the following dates:

- *Round 1 by Friday 3rd March*
- *Round 2 by Saturday 6th May*
- *Round 3 by Monday 19th June N.B. Date extended to 27th June*

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