



Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

CHALLENGE CUP KNOCKOUT TROPHY 2018

RULES

1. The competition shall be played according to the general BCLGA "Conditions of Play".
2. The competition shall be open to all Members of the Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association. All matches in the competition must be played at clubs that are affiliated to BCLGA.
3. The Management of the competition shall be vested in the Competition Organiser appointed by the Executive Committee. Any dispute must be put in writing to the Competition Organiser, who may refer to the Executive Committee for a decision, whose decision shall be final.
4. To be played as a Knockout Singles Competition.
5. Entrants must have an exact handicap of 20.4 or below on the closing date for entries.
6. Matches shall be played off current handicap, with a maximum handicap of 20. Stroke allowance is the full difference in handicap, in accordance with the CONGU system of handicapping.
7. The venue of the matches, except for the final, shall be the 'home' club of one of the two opponents and shall be settled by a draw in the first round and advised by the Competition Organiser in subsequent rounds. Permission to play must be obtained from the Secretary of the club, the cost of the green fee, if any, being shared by the players.
8. Once a player has played a 'home' match in the competition, she cannot change her 'home' club unless she is no longer a member of that club.
9. The final shall be played on a neutral course. The course and date of the final to be arranged by the Competition Organiser.
10. **The winner of each match must notify the Competition Organiser of the result within 48 hours of the completion of the match. Competitors not complying with this rule will be disqualified.**
11. Responsibility for arranging matches is shared jointly between the two players, who must agree a mutually convenient date between themselves. However, if the "Home" player does not contact her opponent within 7 days of the start of the current Round then she shall forfeit the automatic right to the "Home" venue.

The competition dates for 2018 are as follows:

- *Round 1 must be played between 1st April and 13th May*
- *Round 2 must be played between 14th May and 24th June*
- *Round 3 must be played between 25th June and 5th August*
- *Semi-finals must be played between 6th August and 9th September*

In order to retain Home advantage, the Home pair must contact their opponents ON or BEFORE the following dates:

- *Round 1 by 8th April*
- *Round 2 by 20th May*
- *Round 3 by 1st July*
- *Semi-finals by 12th August*

After these dates, whichever pair makes initial contact may claim the Home advantage.

12. 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.
13. If a match has not been played by the last day of the round, or the players fail to agree a mutually convenient date, BOTH players will normally be disqualified following consultation with the Competition Organiser.
14. After consultation with the Competition Organiser, to avoid a player being given a walk-over, the losing player in the previous round may be permitted to be substituted for the player who would be giving the walk-over.

Additional Rule for all Knockouts:

Juniors are welcome to enter county knockouts, however parents/guardians are reminded that it is their responsibility to arrange for safeguarding of their child.

For each match a 'responsible adult' must be nominated (be it a parent or any other nominated adult) who will be responsible for the junior for the duration of the match. The 'responsible adult' must have details of emergency contact information and any special medical needs of the junior. The junior and her opponent must be provided with the contact telephone number of the nominated 'responsible adult'.

Note: 'duration of the match' includes the time from a junior being dropped off by parents/guardians to their collection by parents/guardians.

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