

# B.C.L.G.A.

## BUCKS. CHALLENGE SHIELD RULES 2010

1. To be played as an Inter-Club Knock-out Singles Competition.
2. The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the County Association. Players must be members of clubs affiliated to the County Association. Competitors may only play for one club within any calendar year. 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.
3. Teams to consist of seven a side - a club may vary its team from match to match. The seven games to be played off handicap and in handicap order to a finish, or until an overall match result (i.e. 4 wins) has been achieved. No games are to be halved – if any game is All Square on the 18th green the players must proceed without delay to continue play from the 1st Tee. When one team has achieved four wins play in the remaining three games may be stopped.
4. Handicap limit of 24 (players with a higher handicap may play off 24). Stroke allowance full difference of handicap. Exact handicap to be used to determine handicap order. Players must have an ACTIVE handicap.
5. The draw will be made at a Delegates' Meeting. The venue for the first round match will be announced at the draw. The Organiser will notify Clubs of their opponents and venue for the second and third rounds. The entry fee, as determined by the Executive Committee, shall be paid before the draw.
6. Play is over the stipulated course of the day and players and caddies shall walk at all times.
7. The Captain of the winning team must send the result of the match to the Organiser within 24 hours of completion of the match.
8. In the event of play being suspended because of the course being declared unplayable, or thunder and lightning, any games completed shall stand. 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 stopped. (With regard to fog, as a general rule players should not play if visibility is reduced to a point where they are unable to see their ball land). Matches cannot be stopped for any other reason – e.g. too hot, cold or wet. 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. The match shall be deemed to have started once a ball is in play; however, if no shot has been played then the match may be rearranged on a new date with a new team.
9. Advice may be given by a nominated team captain as provided under Rule 8 (Note) of the Rules of Golf.
10. The Competition shall run from 28th March to 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
11. In order to retain Home advantage the Home Club must contact their opponent to offer dates by March 8<sup>th</sup> for round 1, May 10<sup>th</sup> for round 2 and June 29<sup>th</sup> for round 3. After this date whichever Club makes initial contact may claim the Home advantage. Three dates must be offered by the Home Club to cover both weekend and weekday dates with no more than two in the same seven day period. Bank holidays count as weekend dates. The last date of the round must be left free. Extensions will not be given unless both courses are closed or unavailable on the last day, in which case the Organiser must be contacted.
12. In this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.