



# DAVENPORT

GOLF CLUB POYNTON

## KNOCKOUT RULES

### KNOCKOUT COMMITTEE

The Knockout Committee, to whom all queries should be addressed, shall consist of the two Handicap Chairs, the Pro, the President and respective Captains.

### ELIGIBILITY

All competitors must have a competition (C) handicap to be eligible to enter the Knockouts. 'Off Peak' category members are not eligible to play in the knockouts.

Eligible categories are:-

Gents Singles and Doubles – Platinum and Intermediate

Ladies Singles and Doubles – Platinum, Intermediate and Gold

Mixed foursomes – Gents Platinum, Intermediate and Gold, Ladies Platinum, Intermediate and Gold

### RULES OF GOLF

Competitors should know the Rules of Golf. In particular, competitors should familiarise themselves with the Rules relating to Match Play.

The main Match Play Rules are Rules 2 and 6. However, there are references to Match Play throughout the Rules.

### ARRANGING DATES

Matches must be completed by the last date for the round as stated on the draw sheet.

It is the responsibility of all competitors to arrange the dates of their own matches. Players / teams should make contact with one another at the earliest opportunity.

In the event of a failure to reach agreement on a date, the Knockout Committee shall, on application, nominate a time on the last day specified for that particular round. The match must then be played on that date at that time. (Rule 33.1 and 33.3.)

If only one player or one of a team is present on the first tee at the nominated time, then that player / team shall be deemed to have won the match.

If neither player / team is present, both players / teams shall be disqualified.

Knockout matches may be played on competition days, after that day's competition.

### FINALS DAY

**All competitors must ensure they are available to play on Finals Day which is on the last Sunday of September.**

At the semi-final stage, if a player is unavailable to play on Finals Day they must inform the Knockout Committee **before** playing the semi-final.

In exceptional circumstances a request may be made to the Knockout Committee for permission to arrange an alternative date.

## **PLATES**

All Knockout matches must be played from the white (gentlemen) and red (ladies) plates on the teeing grounds, and not from the tee markers.

In the Jo Merricks Mixed Foursomes, gentlemen tee off on the odd numbered holes and ladies on the even numbered holes.

## **HANDICAP ALLOWANCES**

In Doubles matches, the number of shots given is 90% of the difference between the lowest handicap and each other player's handicap.

In Singles matches, the number of shots given is the full difference between the two handicaps.

In the Jo Merricks Mixed Foursomes, the number of shots given is half the difference in the combined handicaps. Strokes are taken from the men's stroke index.

Handicap Limits apply.

Gents Singles and Doubles – maximum 28 Handicap

Ladies Singles and Doubles – maximum 36 Handicap

Mixed Doubles – Gents maximum 28, Ladies maximum 36

Players with competition (C) handicaps greater than the maximum may enter the competition but can only play off the maximum allowed.

## **SCORING**

Each competitor is advised to keep a record of the scores during the match, and to agree the number of shots taken for each hole as they reach each green. (Rule 9.2a.)

## **SUBSTITUTING PLAYERS IN DOUBLES MATCHES**

If one competitor is unable to play in the first round a substitute may play, but that person must then continue to play in any subsequent round(s).

If a competitor is unable to play, then the partner should endeavour to fulfil the fixture alone.

## **USE OF CADDIES**

A Caddie may only be used in the Final. The Caddie can give advice but is NOT allowed on the green.

## **DISPUTES**

In the event of any dispute relating to the Knockout competitions, the Knockout Committee's decision is final.

## **DAILY MAIL FOURSOMES**

The winners of the Ladies and Gentlemen's Doubles Knockouts will be entered for the following year's Daily Mail Foursomes. In the event that they are unavailable, the runners up will be invited to play instead.