

MATCH ARRANGEMENT IN CLUB KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

The Golfing Activities Committee (GAC) has reviewed the existing rules in relation to match arrangement for knockout competitions in light of some evidence that the current procedures are open to abuse.

For Club match play competitions, the GAC does not establish starting times and the arrangements for playing these matches are left to the players to organise before the deadline date for each round. This is the practice. However, with immediate effect the following rules **MUST** be adhered to:

- The player or team at the top of the draw **must** offer dates / times to their opponents ASAP and no later than a week after (i) publication of the draw; or (ii) in subsequent rounds, after the publication of the relevant result from the previous round.
- The other player or team **must** respond within 5 days. Should one of the 4 offered dates not be agreed, alternatives **must** be offered including at least 2 weekend date.
- It is the equal responsibility of both players/teams to make contact to ensure that the above rules are followed.
- A minimum of 4 dates **must** always be offered, (including 2 weekend date).
- If a date cannot be agreed, either or both players or teams **must** apply to the GAC for a ruling as to whether both players or teams should be disqualified or one player or team may be allowed to advance to the next round of the competition.
- The GAC should be contacted in writing, preferably by email (gac@pinnerhillgc.com) at the earliest opportunity.
- In reaching its decision the GAC will call for and review the evidence in relation to the attempts to arrange the match in accordance with the above procedures. The GAC may decide to disqualify one or both players or teams, or it may decide to establish a result by the toss of a coin. The GAC's decision is final on this matter.

All matches MUST be played by the deadlines for each round published by the GAC. These deadlines may be extended by the GAC if appropriate in light of course or other conditions, in which case the extension will be published generally.

- The result of any match played *after* the relevant deadline will be void and both players/teams will be disqualified.

Finally please note that when a result is known the winners **MUST** update the draw sheet in the Men's Changing Room.

Please take the above into consideration when entering any Club knock-out competition. If you know that you will not be available to play for a substantial period during the Competition - DO NOT ENTER

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