

Inter-Club Foursomes

2017

1. One club shall play against another as determined by the random draw of all teams made at the July County Committee Meeting and on dates confirmed at that Meeting. However, if the course with the Home draw is unavailable because of a prior booking by the club, then the team captains can mutually agree to either arrange an earlier date on the Home course or agree to play on the Away course on the due date and at the appointed time.
2. On the day of the match, if the Home course is declared unplayable at the time fixed, or the use of trollies or buggies is banned, then the Away course must be used as a first option if it is available. If the Away course is unavailable, then both team captains can mutually agree on an alternative date and time prior to the date set for the following round of the competition.
If neither course is available, the Match Secretary shall be responsible for arranging the match within six days.
3. Each club shall be represented by four players with active CONGU handicaps. Active CONGU handicap certificates must be made available on the day of play.
4. Matches to start at **1.00pm**. If both Divisions on the same Course: Silver Division 1.00pm and Bronze Division 1.20pm or by special arrangement with the Match Secretary. *(R&A Rule 6-3a Time of starting. The player must start at the time established by the Committee)*
5. Pairs to play in combined playing handicap order. **BEFORE play commences** both team captains **must**:
 - a. Confirm playing handicaps
 - b. Agree playing order
 - c. Agree strokes received/given
6. The result is deemed to be confirmed when both Team Captains have signed the match sheets.
7. The competition shall be foursomes on handicap, the limit being **40** combined in the Silver Division and **60** combined in the Bronze Division. A Bronze player may play in one Bronze and one Silver Division team if necessary, but must play off a maximum of **20** handicap in the Silver Division. Handicap allowance: $\frac{1}{2}$ the difference between the total combined handicap of each pair.
8. Each pair shall play one round of **all** 18 holes and the club having won most holes on the combined result of the two matches shall progress into the next round.
9. In the event of a tie in any round both pairs shall play three more holes. If the score is still all square, there will be a sudden death playoff by both pairs on the next and subsequent holes until there is a clear winner.
10. A club need not be represented by the same four players throughout the course of the competition.
11. A player is not eligible to play for two clubs during the competition.
12. The host club Lady Captain is responsible for arrangements and should contact the visiting Lady Captain prior to the match to confirm arrangements and notify her of any temporary greens/bunkers out of play etc. Provision of refreshments is at the discretion of individual clubs and should be agreed with the visiting Captain prior to the match. The Team Captain is responsible for all rulings or decisions on the day of the match.
13. A maximum of 6 temporary greens are acceptable providing the hole is the regulation $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches (i.e. no "bucket" holes). The County Executive reserves the right to waive this rule.
14. The result of each match must be telephoned to the Match Secretary, by the winners, directly the match is finished, and the result sheet, signed by both Captains, posted to her immediately.
15. In the event of temporary suspension of play due to severe weather conditions, play must be resumed if possible by 4.30pm. If then the course is declared unplayable it can only be a

temporary suspension, and play must be resumed from where it was discontinued, even though resumption occurs on a subsequent day (R&A Rule 6-8).

16. If resumption of play is to be arranged for a subsequent day, the match must be arranged for the soonest day possible before the date of the next round.
17. Every effort must be made by the teams to find such a date so that the match can be completed. If any of the players who played in the suspended match are unable to play on the resumption date they may be replaced (in line with rule 3). In such circumstances each individual match involving new player(s) must have stroke allowances re-calculated and re-start at the first hole.
18. If however it proves impossible to arrange a resumption due to course unavailability both Team Captains are to report to the Match Secretary.
19. In the event that a match is not completed the Executive Committee will come to an equitable decision to achieve a result. Any decision made by the County Executive is final.
20. The **Semi-Finals** and **Finals** of both Silver and Bronze Divisions shall be over 18 holes on **neutral** courses. Tee times will be determined by the host club.
21. In all Semi-Finals and Finals of Inter-Club Foursome matches — if the course is closed then the two captains must accept the first date and time offered by the neutral host club.
22. A neutral representative of the Executive Committee will be present at the Finals.
23. R&A Rule 6-7. Undue delay; slow play. The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any Pace of Play guidelines that the Committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play.
24. Supporters are welcome at all rounds of the competition, but they must keep their distance and not interfere with play, distract players of either team or offer advice.

Silver Division

Handicap limit 20

Players with handicaps higher than 20 may compete but must play off a maximum handicap of 20.

Bronze Division

Handicaps 21–36

Inter-Club Foursomes match results should be reported by telephone to the Match Secretary: Olivia Dowling immediately the match is over. Results sheets should be sent as soon as possible to Olivia

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