

INTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- i) ALL ASSOCIATED CLUBS of the YLCGA may compete in any of the Inter Club leagues, provided they were affiliated to the YLCGA in the England Golf 2022 subscription year.
- ii) PLAYERS MUST BE members of the YLCGA. A player may play for only one Yorkshire Club in any one year.
- iii) Clubs may enter two teams in any League, but players cannot be interchanged between the teams in the same league or divisions of the same league. However, players can be interchanged between teams in different leagues, Handicap Index (HI) permitting. Any player contravening these Terms of Competition will be disqualified and all players below the said player in team order will concede walkovers to their opponents in the match or matches in which she has played.

2. THERE ARE FIVE LEAGUES:

- i) SCRATCH - a team of 7 players. Maximum HI 36.4. All players will play from scratch, irrelevant of HI. The leading qualifying team will be eligible for the England Women's Champion Club Tournament, with the second qualifying team as reserves. (Full details in the Inter Club section of the website)
- ii) A - a team of 7 players. The A Team League is divided into two Divisions. The bottom six teams in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 and the top six teams from Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1. Maximum HI 25.4
- iii) B - a team of 7 players. The B Team League is divided into two Divisions. The bottom six teams in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 and the top six teams from Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1. Any player whose HI reduces below 18.5 having played in a B team match in this year can continue to play in the B team matches using their new Handicap Index. HI 18.5 – Maximum 36.4.
- iv) WHITE ROSE - a team of 5 players. Maximum HI 36.4.
- v) WEEKEND LEAGUE - a team of 3 players. The Weekend League is divided into two Divisions. The bottom three teams in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 and the top three teams from Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1. Maximum HI 36.4.

Members with an Handicap Index above the maximum allowed for that league can compete but must play using the maximum HI limit.

Players must play in HI order, even if their HI must be reduced to the maximum HI for that league.

Note: The YLCGA reserves the right to review and alter the make-up of leagues, including the numbers relegated/promoted and/or, subject to entry numbers, take the option of combining Divisions within a League if entries fall below a workable number.

- ## **3. CLUBS MUST COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM** and forward it to the Inter Club Match Secretary by August 15 if they wish to compete in the following year. The Executive will refuse entry to any club who returns a late entry. Clubs will be advised of the draw by October 30.

4. FIXTURES

- i) All matches are drawn by the Executive. When there is an imbalance in the number of teams in a league, byes will be awarded. If a team withdraws after the draw has been made their opponents will receive byes. In such cases scoring will be in line with conceded matches.
The team withdrawing will be considered to have conceded all matches, and therefore will be refused entry for that team in that league the following year. V) below

- ii) All matches must be played between April 1 and July 28. Dates of fixtures must be sent to the appropriate Inter Club Secretary on the official fixture form no later than March 15.
- iii) All Clubs must play home and away matches with three other Clubs, except where a bye is awarded. If a club has two teams in the same Division and are drawn to play each other it is recommended that they play early in the season, to avoid any accusation of bias.
- iv) Matches in all leagues, except Weekend League, may be played on any weekday or if mutually agreed by BOTH CAPTAINS, any weekend day. Matches in the Weekend League may be played on either weekend day or, if mutually agreed by BOTH CAPTAINS, on any weekday evening.
- v) Any Club unable to play an arranged fixture for ANY reason MUST inform the opposing team Captain and relevant Inter Club Match Secretary as soon as is practicable. If no new date can be agreed the Club cancelling MUST concede the match. If a team concedes a match more than once in the year the Executive will refuse entry for the following year for that team in that league.

5. PLAYING REGULATIONS

- i) Matches must be played over 18 holes (unless concluded earlier); and in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf, Rules of Handicapping (WHS CONGU) and any Modified Local Rules adopted by the Club (excepting MLR E-5). Matches must start at the 1st tee and must not be played when more than two temporary greens are in use, or the overall measurement of the course is reduced or increased by more than 100 yards and the tees are no more than 10 yards from the permanent marker (without prior approval from the YLCGA). In special circumstances, the Inter Club Match Secretary may use her discretion to allow matches to be concluded when the above criteria (5i) cannot be met, and her decision shall be final.
- ii) Provided the player is present on the first tee at the correct time, Rule 3.2b Conceding the Match may apply.
- iii) Players can only call their match a half after playing 18 holes; and matches that are all square after 18 holes shall be tied.
- iv) The Team Captains may arrange to postpone a match owing to weather conditions, before the first game tees off. Once the first game has teed off, if a match has to be suspended under the Rules of Golf (Rule 5.7) and it is not possible to recommence and complete play on that day, then the match will be declared null, and void and a day appointed for it to be replayed with each team free to alter its original team.
- v) Reject balls and non-conforming drivers are not allowed. Penalty- DISQUALIFICATION.
- vi) Caddies will only be allowed in the semi-finals and finals of each league. In matches prior to the finals, permission may be granted in accordance with the YLCGA statement on Disability.
- vii) Motorised buggies may be used in accordance with the YLCGA Transportation Policy and at the discretion of the host club.

6. ORDER OF PLAY - SCRATCH TEAMS

- i) The Team Captains will, on the day of the match, before play, exchange lists of their teams in order of merit. Only in extreme cases can the team be changed after this exchange has taken place. The reserve must take the position in the team of the player who has been withdrawn.
- ii) If any player, knowingly or unknowingly, a) is not a County Member or, b) infringes the rule of interchange when a club runs two teams in the same league or, c) infringes the rule of a player playing for only one club she will be disqualified and all players below the said player in team order will concede walkovers to their opponents in the match or matches in which she has played.

7. ORDER OF PLAY - HANDICAP TEAMS

- i) Teams must be arranged in order of exact HI, even if the player is above the HI limit for that league. Team Captains will allocate the Course Handicap (CH) for each player. Prior to play, it is the player's responsibility to ensure their HI is correct and that they play from the correct CH. Rule of Golf 3.2c applies.
- ii) The Team Captains will, on the day of the match before play, exchange lists of their teams with their HI and CH. Full difference between CHs will be given. Only in extreme cases can the team be changed after this exchange has taken place. Any reserve must play in the correct HI order.
- iii) If any player, knowingly or unknowingly, a) plays from an incorrect HI or CH or b) plays in the wrong order of HI or, c) is not a County Member or, d) infringes the rule of interchange when a Club runs two teams in the same league or, e) infringes the rule of a player playing for only one club she will be disqualified and all players below the said player in team order shall concede walkovers to their opponents in the match or matches in which she has played.

8. RESULTS SCORING

- i) Each Club winning a match scores two points, in a halved match each team will score one point.
- ii) In a conceded match in the Scratch, A and B leagues the club obtaining the walkover scores 2 points and 5 wins for a home match and 2 points and 4 wins for an away match.
- iii) In a conceded match in the White Rose League the club obtaining the walkover scores 2 points and 3 wins for both home and away,
- iv) In a conceded Weekend league match the club obtaining the walkover scores 2 points and 2 wins for both home and away.
- v) If an individual match is conceded, in any league, a 3 & 2 win will be awarded.
- vi) If a player is absent on the tee when the last member of the team has teed off, the other team score 1 win (3 & 2).
- vii) Any requests for a Ruling made under R&A Rule 20.1b should, where possible, be decided by the Team Captains on the day. Any other matters or disputes should be brought to the attention of the Inter Club Match Secretary or Assistant Inter Club Match Secretary whose decision will be final.
- viii) The qualifying match results will be complete when the result sheet is signed by BOTH Captains. The sheet should then be sent immediately by the HOME team to the appropriate Inter Club Match Secretary.

9. SEMI-FINALS & FINALS

- i) The four teams in Division 1 of A, B and Weekend Leagues scoring the most points will qualify for the semi-finals/finals. The four teams in the Scratch and White Rose Leagues scoring the most points will qualify for the semi-finals/ finals.
- ii) In deciding the order in which teams qualify, the following rules apply:
In the case of two or more tying, the team with the most individual wins will take precedence.
If there is still a tie, the team with the least number of holes played will take precedence.
- iii) Qualifying Clubs will be notified verbally as soon as all results have been processed.
- iv) Once Clubs have been notified that they have qualified for the semi-finals/finals they will have 48 hours from notification in which to confirm, verbally and in writing, attendance with a full team. Clubs confirming within 48 hours that they are unable to play or field a full team will scratch (without penalty) and the next team will be invited to go forward. If any team that has confirmed attendance at a semi-final/final and is unable to field a FULL team at that semi-final/final the Executive reserves the right to refuse entry for that team in that league the following year.

- v) The Executive shall select neutral courses and the dates for the semi-finals/finals will not be altered, (except in extreme circumstance). Venues for the semi-finals/finals are interchangeable when a host club has qualified to play.
- vi) The semi-finals/finals for the Scratch, A and B team Championships shall be played by September 30th and for the Weekend League team Championship by mid-October.
- vii) In order to play in the semi-finals/finals, a player must have played in at least ONE match in the current year for that team.
- viii) Squad lists must be emailed to the Inter Club secretary one week before the final. Team lists in playing order, with reserves, must be submitted to the Inter Club Secretary 45 minutes before start of play. The Team Captain must also be named.
- ix) Competitors should notify the Competition organisers of any allergy or medication which may be relevant in the event of an accident or emergency. Forms will be available at the registration desk.
- x) In the semi-finals and finals, if at the 18th hole, a match is all square it shall continue with handicap allowance until one player wins a hole. The Team Captain of the winning side must invoke R&A Rule 3.2b when a team result is achieved.
- xi) The qualifying match result will be complete when the result sheet is signed by BOTH Team Captains.
- xii) If, in the opinion of the YLCGA, it becomes impossible to complete a final in accordance with the finals Terms of Competition because of adverse weather or other circumstances, the YLCGA may rearrange the final where necessary to achieve a result within the time available, see Rule 9 vi)

IN ANY EVENT THE DECISION OF THE INTER CLUB SECRETARY IS FINAL

The YLCGA would like to remind all winners of trophies and/or returnable mementos, that they are responsible for their safe keeping. We would recommend that trophies/returnable mementos be stored at their own club and that the club's insurance company is notified.

**WILL CAPTAINS PLEASE INFORM
ALL TEAM MEMBERS OF THESE REGULATIONS**