

NORFOLK COUNTY GOLF UNION

The Purpose and Aims of the County Union

The NCGU is a non-profit organisation which devotes its resources to the administration of amateur golf in Norfolk. Its work includes the assessment of courses for Slope & Course Ratings, handicapping, County Championships, Inter-county and Inter-club Match Play events, Junior Golf and Coaching opportunities, and provides advice and guidance on a wide range of golf related subjects.

It is a body dedicated to encouraging and promoting Male Amateur Golf throughout the County in a manner relevant to, and in the best interests of, its members whilst upholding the outstanding qualities of honesty, integrity and sportsmanship associated with the game of Golf.

The overall aim of the Norfolk County Golf Union is to promote, administer and encourage amateur golf throughout the County. This aim is fundamental to the health and future development of the sport at local level.

The Norfolk County Golf Union has the following individual aims;

To promote the game of golf and to increase people's awareness.

To encourage more people to play the game of golf regardless of age, gender or background.

To assist with the provision of opportunities for people to sustain their involvement and regularly participate in golf.

To help provide a safe and secure environment for junior and less able persons and to ensure that where-ever possible best practices are adopted at all affiliated clubs.

To provide education on the rules and etiquette of the game.

To help improve the accessibility and affordability making it easier to join a golf club.

To monitor golfing trends in order to assess where future resources should be focused.

To increase the playing standards of golfers particularly those at Elite level to produce Regional and National Champions.

Norfolk County Golf Union Regulations

1. REGULATIONS

1.1 The following County Golf Meetings shall be held each year: -

(A) **County Handicap Foursomes** for the Carrick and Thompson Bowls. 36 holes Handicap Stableford qualifying for the knockout section on the second day.

(B) **County Amateur Championship**. 54 holes stroke play. First day 36 holes stroke play, second day 36 holes stroke play limited to the top 20 players and ties after 36 holes. The Amateur Champion will qualify for the England Golf Champion of Champions Competition held annually. The Club Team Challenge Shield shall be played in conjunction with the first 36 holes of this Championship. Clubs may enter any number of teams, each team consisting of three players. The Club Team Champions will qualify for the England Golf Champion Club Competition held annually.

(C) **County Handicap** Competition for the Geoffrey Burroughs Salver. 18 holes Stroke Play under handicap. The Club Team Handicap Shield shall be played for in conjunction with this competition. Clubs may enter any number of teams, each team consisting of three players.

A player shall be allowed to compete in both the County Amateur Championship and the County Handicap Competition in the same year if he shall fail to make the cut for day two of the Amateur Championship.

(D) **County Boys Championship** for the **Frank Brett Trophy**. 18 holes Stroke Play open to boys who are under 18 years on the 1st day of January in the year of the competition. The Junior Champion will qualify for the England Golf Junior Champion of Champions Competition held annually.

The **Club Boys Scratch Challenge Shield** shall be played in conjunction with the Championship. Clubs may enter any number of teams, each team consisting of three players.

The Roper Cup, a 18 hole Stroke Play under handicap competition will be played in conjunction with the Championship. The winner will be the player with the lowest net score, other than the winner of the Championship.

The Derek Rains Trophy. Awarded to the Junior player of the year.

A Boys Handicap Team Trophy shall be played in conjunction with the Championship. Clubs may enter any number of teams, each team consisting of three players. The Club Team winning the Team Handicap Trophy with the lowest aggregate three net scores, will qualify for the England Golf Junior Champion Club Competition held annually.

(E) **County Seniors Championship** for the John McInnes Cup (scratch) and the Geoff Higgins Trophy (nett) shall be played over 18 holes Stroke Play. The Seniors' Champion will qualify for the England Golf Seniors Champion of Champions Competition held annually. Competitors to be 55 years of age or over on the day of the Championship. The Club Team Trophy (presented by Peter Clarke) and the Club Team Trophy nett (presented by Frank Boswall) shall be played for in conjunction with this competition. Clubs may enter any number of teams for either, each consisting of three players. The Super Seniors Championship for the Doug Gilchrist Trophy (scratch) and the Alan Winstanley Trophy (nett) shall be played in conjunction with this competition. Competitors to be 70 years of age, or over, on the day of the Championship.

(F) **Coronation Salvors**. 18 holes Stableford Handicap foursomes competition open to Ladies, Gentlemen, Professionals and Assistant Professionals who are members of or attached to any Club Affiliated to the Union. Amateur players to play under course handicaps - handicap index limit for Men 28.0 and Women 36.0. All Professionals & Assistant Professionals to play off a Handicap Index of +2.0. Two professionals playing together is prohibited. All players must play from the same gender neutral COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY or for those Courses without gender neutral tees played from the COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY for males and the COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY for females.

(G) **Henry Craske Memorial Salver**. To be held for one year by the player returning the lowest aggregate score in the County Amateur Championship and the Norfolk Open Championship in each year.

(H) **Clymer Bowl**. County Captain's invitation competition.

(I) **Elite Amateur Championship** 36 holes Stroke Play open to Open to players who are eligible to play in the Anglian League counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire & Rutland and Lincolnshire.

(J) **County Boys under 16 Championship**. 18 holes stroke play open to boys who are under 16 years on the 1st January in the year of the competition. This Championship to be run in conjunction with (D) above, the County Boys Championship. The winner of the Championship Trophy will be the player with the lowest gross score other than the winner of the County Boys Championship. A 18 hole stroke play under handicap competition will be played in conjunction with the Championship. The winner will be the player with the lowest net score, other than the winner of the County Boys Championship, the Roper Cup or the Under 16 Championship Trophy.

(K) **County Boys under 14 Championship**. 18 hole Stroke Play open to boys who are under 14 years on the 1st day of January in the year of the competition.

An 18 hole stroke play handicap competition will be played in conjunction with the Championship. The winner will be the player with the lowest net score, other than the winner of the Under 14 Championship Trophy.

(L) **County Boys under 12 Championship**. An 18 holes stroke play open to boys who are under 12 on the 1st day of January in the year of the competition.

A 9 hole stroke play under handicap competition will be run in conjunction with the

Championship. The winner will be the player with the lowest net score other than the winner of the Under 12 Championship Trophy.

(M) Norfolk Order of Merit Scratch and Handicap Tables for the Heacham Manor Hotel Trophies for (Scratch) and for (Handicap), a series of 18 hole and 36 hole scratch and handicap competitions for which points are awarded to those players finishing in the top ten positions and ties. The events comprising these Orders of Merit will be decided annually by the NCGU Executive Committee. The winners Heacham Manor Hotel Trophies will be the players with the highest number of points over the whole series of competitions either scratch or handicap. Where players have played in a minimum of three Order of Merit events, those players finishing in the top 12 positions of the Scratch Trophy are invited to take part in the Norfolk Amateur Scratch Match Play Championship for the Austin Brydon Trophy. Where players have played in a minimum of three Order of Merit events, those players finishing in the top 13 positions of the Handicap Trophy are invited to take part in the Norfolk Amateur Handicap Match Play Championship for the NCGU Match Play Salver.

(N) The Norfolk Amateur Scratch Match Play Championship for the Austin Brydon Trophy in which those players, having played a minimum of three Order of Merit events, finishing in the top 12 places in the Norfolk Order of Merit table (Scratch) plus the holder, the Norfolk Amateur Champion, the leading amateur in the Norfolk Open Championship and the Norfolk Boys' Champion are invited to participate. If a player qualifies in more than one category or is unable to participate due to unforeseen circumstances his place may be taken by the next player available from 13th place onwards in the Order of Merit (Scratch).

(O) The Norfolk Amateur Handicap Match Play Championship for the NCGU Match Play Salver in which those players having played a minimum of three Order of Merit events, finishing in the top 13 places in the Norfolk Order of Merit (Handicap), plus the holder, the Norfolk Handicap Champion and the Norfolk Boys' Handicap Champion are invited to participate. If a player qualifies in more than one category or is unable to participate due to unforeseen circumstances his place may be taken by the next player available from 14th place onwards in the Order of Merit (Handicap).

- 1.2 The Executive Committee shall have the power to fix the maximum handicaps that shall be allowed to competitors for all Competitions and to regulate the number of entries.
- 1.3 In the event of a tie in Championships to which Regulation 1.1 (B), (D), (E), (G) apply the Championships will be decided on a 'sudden death play off' all other places will be decided on the last 54, 36, 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 hole. In the event of a tie in Championships to which Regulation 1.1 (C), (F), (H), (K), (L), (M), (N), apply the Championship will be decided on the last 54, 36, 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 hole, except (J) where prizes will be shared equally.
- 1.4 All entrance fees shall go to the funds of the Union and shall be fixed by the Executive Committee from time to time.
- 1.5 Competition entries may be made through the County Website www.norfolkcountygolfunion.co.uk or through the Secretary of the Club of which the Competitor is a member, the Secretary in question shall certify that such entrant is qualified to compete, in accordance with the Regulations of the Union.
- 1.6 The course and dates on which any County Meetings are to be held shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting of the Union subject to the consent and approval of the Member Club on whose course the Union may decide.
- 1.7 Any expenses which any County Meeting may entail shall be borne by the Member Club on whose course the meeting is held. The Council be empowered to make 'ex gratia' payments to Clubs hosting County Union events, including County 1st and 2nd team matches. The rates of payments shall be fixed by the Executive Committee from time to time.
- 1.8 To be eligible to compete in the Meetings to which Regulations 1.1 (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (K), (L), (M), (N), (O) and (P) apply, and to represent the County at any level a player must: -
 - (i) be of Amateur Status as defined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

- (ii) be a playing member or Secretary of a Member Club, or an Associate Member Club.
- (iii) not have taken part in a Golf Championship of another County Union or have represented another County Union at Golf since the 1st January of the current year.

- 1.9 All County Competitions shall be played to the Rules of Golf subject to any Local Rules contained in the England Golf Hard Card – Latest Version and any additional local rules of the Club on whose course the meeting is being held.
- 1.10 The Secretary of the Union shall be empowered to make all necessary arrangements for the County Golf Meetings with the Committee of the Club on whose course the meetings are being held.
- 1.11 The Executive Committee shall consider and adjudicate upon any point arising at any County Meeting. Four shall form a quorum.

2. REGULATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF INTER-COUNTY MATCHES

- 2.1 The Committee shall arrange matches with other counties or other golfing organisations from time to time as at deems fit.

3. REGULATIONS FOR THE INTER-CLUB KNOCKOUT FOURSOMES COMPETITION FOR THE PETER MYHILL CHALLENGE TROPHY

- 3.1 Inter-Club Knockout Foursomes Competition open to Clubs affiliated to the Norfolk County Golf Union and to be competed for annually.
- 3.2 Clubs to be represented by eight players - four pairs.
- 3.3 Players to play off the course handicap, with a handicap index limit of 9.9 for players in their first match of any one year. It is permissible for players to hold a handicap index greater than 9.9 but they must play off the handicap index of 9.9. Handicap indexes are used rather than course handicaps as course handicaps can vary.
- 3.4 Matches to consist of 36 holes, unless previous to commencement, it is arranged to play 18 holes only. The final must be 36 holes.
- 3.5 Scoring will be by holes, not matches, the side winning the largest number of holes will be deemed the winner.
- 3.6 In a 36 hole match, after the first 18 holes played, the order of play and the composition of pairs may be altered as desired, but no new competitor be introduced. If for any reason a player cannot continue to play, the result of the match involved shall be as it stood at the last completed hole.
- 3.7 A Member of a Club is eligible to represent his Club in any of the matches played during the competition, provided the player has not represented another Club in this competition in the same year.
A member of a club may not represent his club in the Myhill Trophy and the Cullington Cup in the same year.
- 3.8 The draw for the first round of the competition shall be made by the Competition Committee. In each round the first Club of each pair named in the draw shall play at home, unless altered by mutual agreement. In subsequent rounds the draw sheet will show which Club has the option of playing at home. Where the host course is not playable on the last date of the round, the option to move the match to the 'away' club must be offered and agreed with the NCGU. It is the responsibility of the winning Team Captain or his nominee to notify the Secretary of the match result within 72 hours of the match being played. Failure to do so within the specified time may result in automatic elimination of that Club from the next round. The dates for playing each round of the competition will be confirmed at the preceding Annual General Meeting. Matches that reach the semi-finals will 'switch the home venues' to allow for matches to be played on a neutral course. The final will be played on a neutral course to be determined by the Executive Committee.
- 3.9 Each match must be played on the date notified in the draw sheet, unless both Clubs agree to an earlier date. If the match is not played by the prescribed date, either or both Clubs may be

scratched at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

- 3.10 In the event of a tie, there will be a 'sudden death' play off between a pair made up of any two players from each side.
- 3.11 The handicap allowance will be as prescribed from time to time by England Golf.
- 3.13 All matches must be played from the COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY.
- 3.14 If a 36 hole match cannot be completed but all individual matches have played 18 holes then the score at the 18 hole point will stand as the final score. If less than 18 holes has been played the match will be replayed. Any discontinuance of a match must be done in accordance with Rule 5.7 of The Rules of Golf and must recommence at the point where it was discontinued.
- 3.15 The winning Club will host the following years final of this competition and the Cullington competition unless they reach the final in which case the losing finalist will be the host club.

4. REGULATIONS FOR THE SCRATCH LEAGUE CUP PRESENTED BY EATON GOLF CLUB

- 4.1 The Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the Norfolk County Golf Union and shall be competed for annually.
- 4.2 A Club may enter a maximum of two teams in the Scratch Competition, but players may only represent one of those teams in each season. Teams from the same Club will not be drawn to play each other in the first round.
- 4.3 Teams shall consist of five players.
- 4.4 Matches to be played on a scratch match play singles basis over 18 holes.
- 4.5 Each Club must play its team in strict order of handicap index.
- 4.6 No player shall represent more than one club in any competition season, and must be a bona fide member of the club represented.
- 4.7 The fixture list will be prepared by the Scratch Competition Secretary from information provided to him by the participating clubs.
 - 4.7.1 The dates for the following year's round of matches shall be agreed at the Union's Competition Sub-Committee held in January annually and notified to all clubs with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting prior to the competition year and be confirmed at that Meeting.
 - 4.7.2 The fixture list will be prepared by the Scratch Competition Secretary in January each year, from the entries submitted by clubs at that time.
- 4.8 The draw, venue and date for the semi-finals and final will be arranged through the League Secretary. The winning team in the final will receive the Scratch League Cup, the runners up will receive the second place trophy.
- 4.9 Each Club shall play in accordance with the prescribed dates agreed at the previous year's Annual General Meeting and the fixture list notified and circulated at the start of each Scratch Knockout Season.
- 4.10 The Captain of the home team shall send a completed result card to the Scratch League Secretary within a week of the match being played.
- 4.11 Each match must be played on the date notified in the draw sheet, unless both Clubs agree to an earlier date. If the match is not played by the prescribed date, either or both Clubs may be scratched at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 4.12 As at Regulation 4.5 players must play in strict handicap index order. It is permissible, however,

to rotate the Order of Play provided this regulation is observed and play is continuous within the times of starting agreed by the clubs. Rule of Golf 5.3 shall apply.

- 4.13 Applications from Clubs to join the Scratch League and resignations from it are to be lodged with the Scratch Competition Secretary if they are to be effective the following year.
- 4.14 In the event of a tie and on completion of all games in any match, a nominated member of each team involved will play extra holes in a sudden death play-off until the winner is determined.
- 4.15 All matches must be played from the COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY.
- 4.16 In the case of genuine illness or injury during the course of any game, the game will be declared a half if less than 10 holes have been played. If 10 holes or more have been played, then the result standing at the last hole completed shall be declared the result.
- 4.17 Any arrangements for a meal or refreshments after a game shall be mutually agreed and each team will pay for its own players.
- 4.18 The winning Club will host the following years final of this competition unless they reach the final in which case the losing finalist will be the host club.

5. REGULATIONS FOR THE INTER-CLUB JUNIOR SINGLES KNOCKOUT COMPETITION FOR THE KENNETH SMITH TROPHY

- 5.1 Inter Club Junior singles knockout competition, open to all Clubs affiliated to the Norfolk County Golf Union and to be competed for annually.
- 5.2 Clubs to be represented by 4 players.
- 5.3 Players to play off the course handicap, with a handicap index limit of 28.0 for boys and 36.0 for girls in their first match of any one year. It is permissible for players to hold a handicap index greater than 28.0 for boys and 36.0 for girls but they must play off the handicap index of 28.0 for boys and 36.0 for girls. Handicap indexes are used rather than course handicaps as course handicaps can vary.
- 5.4 Matches to consist of 18 holes singles match play under course handicap.
- 5.5 Scoring will be by holes, not matches, the side winning the largest number of holes will be deemed the winner.
- 5.6 The handicap allowance will be full difference between handicaps.
- 5.7 A Junior Member of a Club is eligible to represent his or her Club in any of the matches played during the competition, provided the player has not represented another Club in the competition in the same year.
- 5.8 In the event of a tie there will be a 'sudden death' playoff between any player from each side.
- 5.9 The draw for the first round of the competition shall be made by the Competition Committee. In each round the first Club of each pair named in the draw shall play at home, unless altered by mutual agreement. In subsequent rounds the draw sheet will show which Club has the option of playing at home. Where the host course is not playable on the last date of the round, the option to move the match to the 'away' club must be offered and agreed with the NCGU. It is the responsibility of the winning Team Captain or his nominee to notify the Secretary of the match result within 72 hours of the match being played. Failure to do so within the specified time may result in automatic elimination of that Club from the next round. The dates for playing each round of the competition will be confirmed at the preceding Annual General Meeting as at present. Matches that reach the semi-finals will 'switch the home venues' to allow for matches to be played on a neutral course. The final will be played on a neutral course to be determined by the Executive Committee.
- 5.10 Each round must be played on the date notified on the draw sheet, unless both Clubs agree to an earlier date. If any match is not played by the prescribed date, either or both teams may be eliminated at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

- 5.11 To qualify all players must be under 18 years on the 1st day of January in the year of the competition.
- 5.12 All matches must be played from the same gender neutral COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY or for those Courses without gender neutral tees played from the COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY for males and the COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY for females.
- 5.13 If any 18 hole match cannot be completed but all individual matches have completed 9 holes then the score at the 9 hole point will stand as the final score. If less than 9 holes has been played the match will be replayed. Any discontinuance of a match must be done in accordance with Rule 5.7 of The Rules of Golf and must recommence at the point where it was discontinued.
- 5.14 At all matches there must be a supervising adult from each Club in attendance.
- 5.15 The winning Club will host the following years final unless they reach the final in which case the losing finalist will be the host club.
- 6. REGULATIONS FOR THE INTER-CLUB KNOCKOUT FOURSOMES COMPETITION FOR PLAYERS WITH HANDICAPS INDEXES OF 10.0 TO 18.0 INCLUSIVE FOR THE WILFRED CULLINGTON TROPHY PRESENTED BY GREAT YARMOUTH AND CAISTER GOLF CLUB**
- 6.1 Inter-Club Knockout Foursomes Competition open to Clubs affiliated to the Norfolk County Golf Union and to be competed for annually.
- 6.2 Clubs shall be represented by eight players - 4 pairs.
- 6.3 Players to play off the course handicap, with a handicap index limit of 10.0 to 18.0 inclusive for players in their first match of any one year. It is permissible for players to hold a handicap index greater than 18.0 but they must play off the handicap index of 18.0. Handicap indexes are used rather than course handicaps as course handicaps can vary. If thereafter a player's handicap index is adjusted so as to exceed these limits he would remain eligible to take part in the competition but would do so from his current handicap index.
- 6.4 Matches to consist of 36 holes, unless previous to commencement, it is arranged to play 18 holes only. The final must be over 36 holes.
- 6.5 Scoring will be by holes, not matches, the side winning the largest number of holes will be deemed the winner.
- 6.6 In a 36 hole match, after the first 18 holes played, the order of play and the composition of pairs may be altered as desired, but no new competitor be introduced. If for any reason a player cannot continue to play, the result of the match involved shall be as it stood at the last completed hole.
- 6.7 A Member of a Club is eligible to represent his Club in any of the matches played during the competition, provided the player has not represented another Club in this competition in the same year. A member of a club may not represent his club in the Myhill Trophy and the Cullington Cup in the same year.
- 6.8 The draw for the first round of the competition shall be made by the Competition Committee. In each round the first Club of each pair named in the draw shall play at home, unless altered by mutual agreement. In subsequent rounds the draw sheet will show which Club has the option of playing at home. Where the host course is not playable on the last date of the round, the option to move the match to the 'away' club must be offered and agreed with the NCGU. It is the responsibility of the winning Team Captain or his nominee to notify the Secretary of the match result within 72 hours of the match being played. Failure to do so within the specified time may result in automatic elimination of that Club from the next round. The dates for playing each round of the competition will be confirmed at the preceding Annual General Meeting as at present. Matches that reach the semi-finals will 'switch the home venues' to allow for matches to be played on a neutral course. The final will be played on a neutral course to be determined by the Executive Committee

- 6.9 Each match must be played on the date notified in the draw sheet, unless both Clubs agree to an earlier date. If the match is not played by the prescribed date, either or both Clubs may be scratched at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 6.10 In the event of a tie, there will be a 'sudden death' play off between a pair made up of any two players from each side.
- 6.11 The handicap allowance will be half of the combined difference.
- 6.12 All matches must be played from the COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY.
- 6.13 If all matches have played 18 holes then the score at the 18 hole point will stand as the final score. If less than 18 holes has been played the match will be replayed. Any discontinuance of a match must be done in accordance with Rule 5.7 of The Rules of Golf and must recommence at the point where it was discontinued.
- 6.14 The winning Club of the Myhill Trophy will host the following years final of this competition unless they reach the final in which case the losing finalist will be the host club.
- 7. REGULATIONS FOR THE JUNIOR BOYS' DEREK RAINS TROPHY**
- 7.1 The Junior Committee will convene at the end of each year to decide on the Junior of the Year
- 8. REGULATIONS FOR THE JUNIOR HANDICAP KNOCK OUT FOR THE BASS TROPHY**
- 8.1 The League will be open to all Clubs affiliated to the Norfolk County Golf Union, and to be entered for annually.
- 8.2 A maximum of two teams may be entered from each Club.
- 8.3 Teams shall consist of four players. Teams to play in strict handicap index order.
- 8.4 Scoring will be by games. Points will be awarded as follows: '1' Point for a win, '1/2' point for a half and '0' point for a loss.
- 8.5 The first round only will be played on a home and away basis and the team with the most aggregate points will progress to the second round.
- 8.6 Matches to be played on a handicap match play singles basis over 18 holes. Played off full handicap difference. Maximum handicap index for both boys and girls is 54.0. The handicap allowance will be the full difference. All matches must be played from the shortest gender neutral COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY or for those Courses without gender neutral tees played from the shortest COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY for males and the shortest COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY for females.
- 8.7 No player shall represent more than one Club in any league season, and must be a bona fide member of the club represented. Where a Club enters two teams a player may only play in one team.
- 8.8 In the event of a tie on completion of all games the lowest handicap player will play a sudden death play-off.
- 8.9 At all matches there must be a supervising adult from each Club in attendance.
- 8.10 The NCGU Junior Committee will consist of the President, the County Secretary and the Junior Secretary.
- 8.11 Clubs to make arrangements by mutual consent, for each fixture, the home Club offering three dates. All matches to be completed by the end of the School Summer Holidays. Extensions to this date can only be granted by the NCGU Junior Committee. Any Club not completing a fixture will be held in default and the opposing team given the points. Any Club which defaults more than once will be deleted from the league and all previous results made void.
- 8.12 The home team will be responsible for returning the results of all matches to the County Junior Secretary on the form provided. All results must be returned promptly.

- 8.13 All decisions as to the interpretation of the regulations will be made by the NCGU Junior Committee, and their decision shall be final.
- 8.14 The winning Club will host the following years final of this competition unless they reach the final in which case the losing finalist will be the host club.
- 9. REGULATIONS FOR THE INTER-CLUB SENIORS KNOCKOUT COMPETITION FOR THE CUP PRESENTED BY ALAN BARNARD**
- 9.1 Inter-Club knockout foursomes competition, open to Clubs affiliated to the Norfolk County Golf Union and to be competed for annually.
- 9.2 Clubs to be represented by eight players - 4 pairs.
- 9.3 Players to play off the course handicap, with a handicap index limit of 24.0 for players in their first match of any one year. It is permissible for players to hold a handicap index greater than 24.0 but they must play off the handicap index of 24.0. Handicap indexes are used rather than course handicaps as course handicaps can vary.
- 9.4 Matches to consist of 18 holes
- 9.5 Scoring will be by holes, not matches, the side winning the greater number of holes will be deemed the winner.
- 9.6 If for any reason, a player cannot continue to play, the result of the match involved shall be as it stood at the last completed hole.
- 9.7 A Member of a Club is eligible to represent his Club in any of the matches played during the competition, providing the player has not represented another Club in the Competition in the same year, and is over 55 years of age.
- 9.8 The draw for the first round of the competition shall be made by the Competition Committee. In each round the first Club of each pair named in the draw shall play at home, unless altered by mutual agreement. In subsequent rounds the draw sheet will show which Club has the option of playing at home. Where the host course is not playable on the last date of the round, the option to move the match to the 'away' club must be offered and agreed with the NCGU. It is the responsibility of the winning Team Captain or his nominee to notify the Secretary of the match result within 72 hours of the match being played. Failure to do so within the specified time may result in automatic elimination of that Club from the next round. The dates for playing each round of the competition will be confirmed at the preceding Annual General Meeting. Matches that reach the semi-finals will 'switch the home venues' to allow for matches to be played on a neutral course. The final will be played on a neutral course to be determined by the Executive Committee.
- 9.9 Each match must be played on the date notified in the draw sheet, unless both Clubs agree to an earlier date. If the match is not played by the prescribed date, either or both Clubs may be scratched at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 9.10 In the event of a tie, there will be a 'sudden death' playoff between a pair made up of any two players from each side.
- 9.11 The handicap allowance will be half of the combined difference in course handicaps.
- 9.12 All matches must be played from the COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY.
- 9.13 If all matches have played 9 holes then the score at the 9 hole point will stand as the final score. If less than 9 holes has been played the match will be replayed. Any discontinuance of a match must be done in accordance with Rule 5.7 of The Rules of Golf and must recommence at the point where it was discontinued.
- 9.14 The winning Club will host the following years final of this competition unless they reach the final in which case the losing finalist will be the host club.

10. REGULATIONS FOR THE AMATEUR SCRATCH MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE TROPHY PRESENTED BY AUSTIN BRYDON

- 10.1 The top 12 finishers in the season's Order of Merit competition, having played in a minimum of three Order of Merit events, will qualify for the Austin Brydon Scratch Singles' Match Play event plus the holder, the Norfolk Amateur Champion, the leading amateur in the Norfolk Open Championship and the Norfolk Boys' Champion.
- 10.2 An invitation to take part will be sent to all qualifiers in September with the Draw being made at the end of September. The Championship will be played over a weekend during October at a venue selected by the Executive Committee.
- 10.3 Should any of the qualifiers be unable to play in the competition then the player finishing in 13th place will be invited to play, and so on.
- 10.4 In the event of a tie for the last qualifying place, it will be decided on the Order of Merit points scored in the last three events, and if still equal the last two and the last one.
- 10.5 The Draw will be "seeded". The Holder, Amateur Champion, the leading Amateur in the Norfolk Open and the Boys Champion will be seeded 1 to 4 respectively. The remaining places will be "seeded" in the order of finishing on the Order of Merit Table, the finishing positions being decided as in 10.04 above. Thus 1 plays 16, 7 plays 10, 5 plays 12, 3 plays 14, 4 plays 13, 6 plays 11, 8 plays 9, 2 plays 15.
- 10.6 The qualifying player and their home clubs will be notified of the Draw by the Hon. Secretary, noted on the County Union website and whenever possible published in the EDP.
- 10.7 Any Entry Fee required will be decided, from time to time, by the Executive Committee.
- 10.8 In the event of a qualifying player having to withdraw after the Draw has been made, the player next in line will replace that player and fill the drawn position. There will not be another Draw.
- 10.9 The losing semi-finalists will play off for 3rd and 4th places.
- 10.10 The winner will receive the Austin Brydon Trophy and a County Union Voucher. The runner-up and the semi-finalists will each also receive County Union Vouchers. The values of the Vouchers will be as follows: the winner will receive 40%, the runner-up 30%, the 3rd placed player 20% and the 4th placed player 10% of the prize fund allocated.

11. REGULATIONS FOR THE AMATEUR HANDICAP MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE TROPHY PRESENTED BY THE NORFOLK COUNTY GOLF UNION

- 11.1 The top 13 finishers in the season's Order of Merit competition, having played in a minimum of three Order of Merit events, will qualify for the NCGU Match Play Salver Singles' Match Play event plus the holder, the Norfolk Handicap Champion and the Norfolk Boys' Handicap Champion.
- 11.2 An invitation to take part will be sent to all qualifiers in September with the Draw being made at the end of September. The Championship will be played over a weekend during October at a venue selected by the Executive Committee.
- 11.3 Should any of the qualifiers be unable to play in the competition then the player finishing in 14th place will be invited to play, and so on.
- 11.4 In the event of a tie for the last qualifying place, it will be decided on the Order of Merit points scored in the last three events, and if still equal the last two and the last one.
- 11.5 The Draw will be "seeded". The Holder, Handicap Champion and the Boys Handicap Champion will be "seeded" 1 to 3 respectively. The remaining places will be "seeded" in the order of finishing on the Order of Merit Table, the finishing positions being decided as in 10.04 above. Thus 1 plays 16, 7 plays 10, 5 plays 12, 3 plays 14, 4 plays 13, 6 plays 11, 8 plays 9, 2 plays 15.
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- 11.7 Any Entry Fee required will be decided, from time to time, by the Executive Committee.
- 11.8 In the event of a qualifying player having to withdraw after the Draw has been made, the player next in line will replace that player and fill the drawn position. There will not be another Draw.
- 11.9 The losing semi-finalists will play off for 3rd and 4th places.
- 11.10 The winner will receive the NCGU Salver and a County Union Voucher. The runner-up and the semi-finalists will each also receive County Union Vouchers. The values of the Vouchers will be as follows: the winner will receive 40%, the runner-up 30%, the 3rd placed player 20% and the 4th placed player 10% of the prize fund allocated.

12. REGULATIONS FOR THE ORDER OF MERIT SCRATCH TROPHY AND THE NCGU ORDER OF MERIT HANDICAP TROPHY

- 12.1 The Competitions are open to members of Golf Clubs affiliated to the Norfolk County Golf Union who comply with the handicap requirements.
- 12.2 The Competitions will be played in accordance with the Rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in conjunction with the Local Rules of the Club where the event is being played.
- 12.3 Entrants must hold a handicap index not exceeding 24.0 at the time of entry.
- 12.4 Entries may be limited at the discretion of the Organisers. If entries exceed the limit set, players with higher exact handicap indexes will be eliminated by ballot as necessary.
- 12.5 A list of Start Times will be posted to competitors’ Clubs shortly after each competition closing date.
- 12.6 The entrance fee will be determined by the Norfolk County Golf Union Council from time to time.
- 12.7 Order of Merit points will be awarded as follows for both 18 hole and 36 hole competitions and competitors will be eligible to score points in both the Scratch and Handicap sections.

Winner 100 pts	2 nd Place 85 pts	3 rd Place 70 pts	4 th Place 60 pts	5 th Place 50 pts
6 th Place 40 pts	7 th Place 30 pts	8 th Place 20 pts	9 th Place 10 pts	10 th Place 5 pts

Double Order of Merit points will be awarded for the **County Amateur Championship**, the **County Open Championship** and the **County Handicap Championship**.

- 12.8 Entry money in the 18 hole competitions will be split with approximately 15% being retained by the County Union and allocated to the costs of the Amateur Scratch Match Play Championship, 20% approximately will be retained and shared equally between the top four places in the **Final Order of Merit Tables for each Section** and the remaining 65% approximately divided between the Scratch and Handicap Sections for awarding on the day in the form of vouchers to the top four winning players therein.
- 12.9 Vouchers will be awarded to the players filling the first five places in each Section although players may only receive the highest value voucher in the case of being in winning positions in both Sections.

Winner	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place
30%	25%	20%	15%	10%

Where there are less than 30 entries the lower value vouchers may be omitted and their value added to the higher placed positions above.

- 12.10 In the event of ties:

For Voucher Prizes:	Vouchers will be awarded based on normally accepted
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	countback rules.
For Merit Points:	Points for all positions covered by the number of ties will be added together and divided equally amongst those players involved.

12.11 Competitors are expected to respect the Rules on Etiquette and Dress Standards of the Host Club.

12.12 In the case of any dispute, the decision of the Organisers shall be final.

12.13 The events comprising the Scratch Order of Merit Table are the 18 hole competitions administered by the Norfolk County Golf Union (venues to be arranged annually), the Norfolk Amateur Championship, and the Norfolk Open Championship. The events comprising the Handicap Order of Merit Table are as above with the exception of the Norfolk Amateur Championship and the Norfolk Open Championship but will include the Norfolk Handicap Championship.

13. REGULATIONS FOR THE INTER-CLUB HANDICAP LEAGUE SHIELD PRESENTED BY THE NORFOLK COUNTY GOLF UNION

13.1 The tournament is to be known as the NORFOLK COUNTY GOLF UNION HANDICAP LEAGUE and to be competed for annually.

13.2 Clubs shall be represented by eight players - 4 pairs.

13.3 The format shall be 18 holes, betterball, match-play.

13.4 Scoring will be by games. Points will be awarded as follows: '1' Point for a win, '1/2' point for a half and '0' point for a loss. At the end of all scheduled matches the winner of each division will receive medals. Following the completion of all scheduled matches in their bracket, in the event of a tie, the team with the most away points will be declared the winner. The team finishing 1st in leagues 2,3,4 & 5 will be promoted to the league above and the team finishing 4th in leagues 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be relegated to the league below.

13.5 The handicap index limit will be 18.0. Any player whose handicap index is between 18.1-28.0 may represent his club but must play off the maximum handicap index allowable of 18.0. The handicap allowance will be as defined by the R & A in appendix C2 (apply 90% to all players course handicap, then the strokes received are 100% of the difference of the course handicap taken from the lowest player).

13.6 Any new team entering the competition will be placed in the lowest division.

13.7 Pairs must have a minimum combined handicap index of 14.0. A member of a Club is eligible to represent his Club in any of the matches played during the competition provided the player has not represented another Club in Competition in the same year.

13.8 The draw for the allocation to a bracket shall be made by the Union Competitions Sub – Committee. Clubs to make arrangements by mutual consent, for each fixture, the home Club offering three dates. All matches to be completed by the end of the September. Extensions to this date can only be granted by the NCGU Committee. All matches to be completed within the fixture timescale. Matches not played for whatever reason, will be declared NULL and VOID and no points will be awarded to either side. Any Club which defaults more than once will be deleted from the league and all previous results made void.

13.9 Following the completion of all scheduled matches in their bracket, in the event of a tie, the team with the most away points will be declared the winner.

13.10 All matches must be played from the COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY.

13.11 In the case of genuine illness or injury during the course of any game, the game will be declared a half if less than 10 holes have been played. If 10 holes or more have been played then the

result standing at the last hole completed shall be declared the result. Any discontinuance of a match must be done in accordance with Rule 5.7 of The Rules of Golf and must recommence at the point where it was discontinued.

- 13.12 The home team will be responsible for returning the results of all matches to the County Secretary on the form provided. All results must be returned promptly.
- 13.13 Any arrangements for a meal or refreshments after a game shall be mutually agreed and each team will pay for its own players.
- 13.14 Applications from Clubs to join the Handicap League and resignations from it are to be lodged with the County Secretary.
- 13.15 All decisions as to the interpretation of the regulations will be made by the NCGU Committee, and their decision shall be final.

14. ENTRANCE FEES

- 14.1 Entrance fees for the Peter Myhill Challenge Trophy, the Barnard Trophy, the Scratch League, the Cullington Cup, the Kenneth Smith Trophy, The Handicap League and the Bass Trophy shall go to the funds of the Union and shall be fixed by the Executive Committee from time to time.
- 14.2 In all matches listed in regulation 1.1 and the Myhill Trophy, Cullington Cup, Barnard Trophy, Scratch League, the Kenneth Smith Trophy, the Handicap League and Bass Trophy - each Club will be responsible for its own expenses - meals etc, except at a final where the cost of each team's expenses for meals etc, plus two Club Officials from each Club will be met by the County Union.

15. CONDITIONS FOR ALL JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

- 15.1 Competitors are not permitted to smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or wear earrings or other visible pierced body jewellery. Any breach may result in disqualification.
- 15.2 Competitors are required to wear appropriate clothing at all times on the course, and not wear jeans, T-shirts, Trainers and reversed baseball type caps. Jackets/Blazers and ties will be required to be worn in the Clubhouse after play. No caddies are allowed.

16. CONDITIONS FOR ADULT COMPETITIONS

- 16.1 Competitors and Caddies are not permitted to consume alcoholic beverages during the course of play. Any breach will result in disqualification.
- 16.2 Competitors are required to wear appropriate clothing at all times on the course and in the Club House. Dress codes of host clubs are to be strictly observed.

17. COMMUNICATION AND ADVICE TO PLAYERS

It is a Condition of all County Team Competitions (Rule of Golf 24) that only the Captain of the Team or his nominee may communicate with his Team Members once the match has started and then only in accordance with the Section 8 of the Rules of Golf. The nominated person must not be a Professional golfer and is not permitted to walk on the putting greens. Failure to adhere to this Regulation could result in disqualification. In Men's Team Competitions where caddies are allowed a caddie is permitted to give advice only to the player for whom he is the caddie and no other person.

18. HANDICAPS

To be eligible to compete, all players who enter or represent their Club in any County organized competition will be required to have a WHS Handicap Index.

19. CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF COMPETITIONS

The County Executive Committee shall have the discretion to alter or change the regulations of competitions and agree a change of format subject to the circumstances prevailing at the time. All permanent changes to be subject to approval at the next General Meeting.

20. USE OF BUGGIES

- 20.1 It shall be a condition of any competition organised by NCGU that players must walk at all times during a stipulated round, unless permitted to use a golf buggy by a member of the Executive

Committee, in accordance with this regulation.

- 20.2 Definition: “Disability” shall have the same meaning as the Equality Act 2010. **A person has a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.**
- 20.3 A golf buggy may be used by a player or caddie who can provide a valid current medical certificate of disability in accordance with this regulation and has requested permission to use a golf buggy by the closing date for any competition they seek to enter or in which they seek to caddie. Where the disability prevents the player from driving the buggy, he/she may nominate a third party to drive the buggy for them who must be approved by the Executive Committee in the event that permission is granted.
- 20.4 “Valid medical confirmation of disability” shall mean a valid medical certificate from a registered general practitioner or consultant registered with the Health Professions Council that the player or caddie is suffering from a disability.
It should be noted that in a foursomes event a competitors’ partner will not be allowed to travel in the buggy unless he too has a valid medical certificate of disability but it is quite in order for his clubs to be transported.
- 21. CHAMPIONSHIP CHAIRMAN**
The Executive Committee will select a Championship Chairman for each event run by the County Union. The Chairman’s responsibilities will be the co-ordination of the event, both administratively and on course. The on course activities being course set up, course risk assessments and refereeing.
- 22. MOBILE TELEPHONES & DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**
In all events run by the County Union all Smart-phones or Distance Measuring Devices (DMD’s) may be used as long as they only measure distance. Smart-phones must not be used to send or receive calls or texts, except in the case of a medical emergency. Any player in breach of this rule will be disqualified.
- 23. CONFORMING BALL**
It is a Condition of the Competition that only those brands appearing on the current list of Conforming 1.68” Golf Balls may be used. Penalty for unlisted brands – Disqualification
- 24. HOST CLUBS**
Members of clubs scheduled to host a county championship should be offered courtesy rounds at any Norfolk course on the day the host course is closed. Maximum 2 Tee slots, subject to availability.
- 25. STATUS OF CADDY**
Professional Golfers are not permitted to act as a caddy during any County Organised Amateur event.