

# Pairs Betterball

## Formats of Play & Terms of the Competitions

*"It is the responsibility of each player to know and follow the Terms of the Competition".*

*The competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and Local Rules approved by the Committee.*

1. **QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS** - Handicap Indexes may be affected
2. **ELIGIBILITY:**
  - **PLAYERS** – Players must be Members of Thorney Lakes Golf Club.
  - **HANDICAP INDEX** – Players must have a Handicap Index.
  - **NOTE** – Members who have not completed the 54 holes required for their initial Handicap Index allocation are NOT eligible to enter these competitions.
3. **HOW TO ENTER** - Teams are organised and entered by the players themselves.
4. **TEE TIMES** – Tee times for these competitions must be booked through the Pro-Shop.
5. **ENTRANCE FEES** – Paid on the day in the Pro Shop. Players must collect the specially prepared scorecard before proceeding to the first tee.
6. **FORMATS OF PLAY:**
  - **PAIRS BETTER-BALL (Four-Ball)** - A form of play (in either match play or stroke play) involving partners where you and your partner/partners compete together as a side, with each of you playing your own ball and your side's score for a hole is the lower score of the two of you on that hole.
7. **HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:**
  - **TEAM STABLEFORD & PAIRS BETTERBALL** = 85% of the players' Course Handicap.
8. **STROKE INDEXES** – Players will use the stroke indexes relative to the tees being used.
9. **SCORECARD RESPONSIBILITIES, PLAYERS & MARKERS** – Before submitting a scorecard, players' attention is drawn to Rule 23.2b of the Rules of Golf which gives specific guidance on scorecard responsibilities in Betterball stroke-play. Any breach of this rule is disqualification.
10. **COURSE TEES** – Men will play from the White Tees. Any player who has been assigned a Handicap Index using the Red Course, will play from the Red Tees.

- **NOTE** – Players using the Red Tees will receive an additional 0.3 strokes to their course handicap to reflect difference in course ratings between the White & Red courses before the playing handicap calculation is applied.

11. **ORDER OF PLAY** – All Competitions will start from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. Any teams found to be in breach of this term will be disqualified.

**NOTE** - All competitions covered in these terms and conditions are played over 18 holes.

12. **When the Result of the Competition is Final** – The result of the competition is FINAL when the competition has been closed by either the Competition Secretary or the Pro-Shop.