

Men's Club Championships

(Gross Championship, Hawkins Cup, Fisher Cup)

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 a member 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.
 - **AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION** - Players who have played in a minimum of FOUR qualifying competitions in the twelve-month period prior the Club Championships will automatically qualify for this competition.
 - **NOTE** – Players wishing to enter the Club Championships who have not completed the FOUR qualifying competitions needed for automatic qualification, may do so at an additional cost equivalent of 4 competition entry fees. Players entering under these circumstances are only eligible to win the Gross prize and not the Nett competition (Hawkins Cup)
 - **NIL RETURNS** – Nil returns in qualifying competitions are not eligible as one of the player's FOUR qualifying scores.
 - **NOTE** – Previous winners of the Gross Championship are exempt from the qualification criteria detailed above.
 - **NOTE** – The Fisher Cup is subject to a Course Handicap Limit of 18 (Handicap Index 17.8)
3. **HOW TO ENTER** - Player can enter by either using the terminal in the Pro Shop or via HDID App. This needs to be done no later than the 48 hours before the day of the competition to be included in their preferred tee time draw slot. Late entrants will be accepted but their preferred tee time cannot be guaranteed.
4. **ENTRANCE FEES** - Paid on the day in the Pro Shop. Players must also collect the specially prepared scorecard before proceeding to the first tee.
5. **FORMAT OF PLAY:**
 - **STROKE-PLAY** - Each player competes against all the other players in the competition. The player who completes the round/rounds in the fewest total strokes (including strokes made and penalty strokes) is the winner. In a handicap competition, this means the fewest total nett strokes.
 - **NOTE** – Players' attention is drawn to Rule 3.3 of the Rules of Golf which provide more specific guidance when competing in Stroke-Play competitions.

6. COMPETITION FORMAT (CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP)

- **NUMBER OF ROUNDS** - A multi-round stroke-play competition played over 36 holes on consecutive days to determine the Gross & Nett Champion (Hawkins Cup)
 - **1ST ROUND (GROSS CHAMPIONSHIP)** – On completion of the first round, the 12 players (and Ties) with the lowest gross scores will play their second rounds in the format set out under the terms of the competition.
 - **2ND ROUND (GROSS CHAMPIONSHIP)** – Each qualifying player will be contacted by the Pro-Shop and allocated a tee time relevant to their first-round gross score. Groups will be drawn in reverse order (Highest to Lowest) and must play in that order. All other competitors will be required to book their own tee times for the second round.
 - **NOTE** - Any player who has qualified in the last 12 (and Ties) that declines to play at the tee time allotted by the Pro Shop, will not be eligible to win the Club Championship Gross prize.
 - **PLAY-OFF** – In the event of a tie for the Gross Club Championship, a FOUR-HOLE play-off will take place. This will be played on the same day, immediately after the competition result has been verified to identify the players who will participate in the play-off.
 - **PLAY-OFF FORMAT** - Holes 1,2,17 & 18 will be used for the play-off and must be played in that order. After the four holes have been played, the player with lowest gross score will be declared the winner.
 - **SUDDEN DEATH** – In the event that the play-off remains tied, then sudden death will apply to determine the winner. Holes 1,2,17 & 18 will be used in that order until a winner emerges.
 - **HAWKINS CUP & FISHER CUP (NETT WINNERS)** – If players are tied after their respective round/rounds, then score card count-back will be used to determine the winners.
7. **COURSE TEES** – Players will play from the White Tees.
8. **HANDICAP ALLOWANCES** - 95% of the player's Course Handicap.
9. **SCORECARD RESPONSIBILITIES, PLAYERS & MARKERS** – Before submitting a scorecard, players attention is drawn to Rule 3.3b of the Rules of Golf which gives specific guidance on scorecard responsibilities in handicap stroke-play. Any breach of this rule is disqualification.
10. **ORDER OF PLAY** – All competitions will start from the 1st tee. Any players found to be in breach of this term will be disqualified.
11. **NOTE** - All competitions covered in these terms & conditions are played over 18 or 36 holes.
12. **Stopping play, Resuming Play** – Players' attention is drawn to rule 5.7a When Players May or Must Stop Play.
13. **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.