

Winter League - Board Competitions (Mixed)

Formats of Play & Terms of the Competition

1. **NON-QUALIFYING COMPETITION** - Handicap Indexes are not affected.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:**
 - **PLAYERS** - Each team player must be members of Thorney Lakes Golf Club.
 - **HANDICAP INDEX** - Players must have a Handicap Index.
 - **HANDICAP INDEX LIMIT** – Handicap Index Limit for this competition will be 24. Players with a Handicap Index above 24 may enter but must play to the Handicap Index Limit set out under the terms of the competition.
 - **WHS PLAYING RECORD** – To be eligible to win, on the day of entry, players must have a minimum of 8 entries on their WHS playing record in the 12 months prior the competition. 4 of these entries must be qualifying rounds (Competition Scores)..
3. **HOW TO ENTER** – Teams are organised and entered by the players themselves.
 - **TEE TIMES** - Tee times for all these matches must be booked through the Pro-Shop.
 - **ENTRANCE FEES** - Entrance fees must be paid at the time of entry. The entry form and entrance fees must be placed in the specially prepared envelopes provided in the Pro-Shop before the advertised closing date.
4. **COMPETITION FORMAT** - This competition is staged over two formats. First stage will be a League format followed by a Knockout format.
5. **FORMAT OF PLAY:**
 - **MATCH-PLAY (Four-Ball)** A form of play (in either match play or stroke play) involving partners where you and your partner compete together as a side, with each of you playing your own ball. Your side's score for a hole is the lower score of the two of you on that hole.
 - **ORDER OF PLAY** - – All matches will start from the 1st tee. Any matches found to be in breach of this term will be disqualified.
 - **HANDICAP ALLOWANCES:** 90% of the players' Course Handicap
 - **NOTE** – Players will use their current Course Handicap at the time of entry for the duration of this competition until they are eliminated.
6. **STROKE ALLOWANCES:**
 - 100% difference between the lowest handicap player in the group.
 - **NOTE** – The strokes received in Four-Ball match play remain the same even if the lowest handicap player is unavailable to play.
 - **STROKE INDEXES** - Players will use the stroke indexes relevant to the tees being used by the player.

- **NOTE** – Stroke given or received may differ on some holes due to the difference in the stroke indexes between the Yellow & Red courses.
- **COURSE TEES** - Men will play from the Yellow Tees. Ladies will play from the Red Tees. Players with Handicap Indexes allocated using the Red Course, will also play from the Red Tees.
- **TEMPORARY TEES** – If/when the yellow tees are relocated to their temporary/shortened winter positions. If they are in front of the Red Tees on any hole, players with handicaps that have been allocated from the Red Tees, must play from the yellow teeing area to ensure equity during the match.

7. **LEAGUE FORMAT:**

- **TEAMS** - Teams will be randomly drawn and organised into leagues. The number of teams per league will be based on the total number of team entries.
- **Note** - A team can be represented by one team member.
- **TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES** - Teams must arrange their own league matches. All matches must be completed by the stipulated date that has been set under the terms of the competition.
- **SCORING FORMAT (Points)** – Points will be awarded for match results. Win = 3 points, Half = 1 point, loss = 0 points.
- **NOTE** -Match scores will also be used to separate teams, with teams placed in highest score sequence. If still level the head-to-head between the two teams will be used. All matches will record the score at the end of game (example A beats B 2&1, A scores +2, B scores – 2, all square both teams score 0).
- **NOTE** - Teams that do not complete their league matches by the date set under the terms of the competition, will be awarded 0 points.
- **NOTE** - If a team withdraws at any time during the league stage, all points and scores from the games previously played will null and void.
- **NOTE** – Results for conceded matches will be +2 & -2

8. **KNOCKOUT FORMAT:**

- **MATCHES** - Single elimination matches played over 18 holes (including sudden death if needed) to determine the winners and losers of each match.
- **TIED MATCHES/SUDDEN DEATH (Match-Play)** - If the match remains tied after 18 holes, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner.
- **NOTE** – Strokes given or received during sudden death will be relevant to the holes being played, as this is a continuation of the same round.
- **TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES. (Knockout Stage)** - it is the responsibility of the first named team in each section of the draw to contact the opposing team and organise the match date and time. The organising team are to offer 2 practicable alternate dates, preferably at weekends due to restricted daylight hours. If the opposing team cannot make any of the dates offered, then the organising team will claim the match.
- **Note** – one team member can represent a team.

9. **SUBSTITUTES:**

- Before the first match of the competition, teams may use a substitute. The substitute must then continue to play in all subsequent matches thereafter until they are eliminated from the competition, a “one-event” substitution is NOT permitted.

10. **CONCESSIONS/STROKES TAKEN (MATCH-PLAY)**

- Player’s attention is drawn the Rules of Golf 3.2a (Match-Play) which provides specific guidance, particularly about concessions and giving information about the number of strokes taken.

11. **ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS/STOPPING PLAY, RESUMING PLAY**

- **BEFORE STARTING A MATCH** - Teams may agree to reschedule the match due to adverse weather conditions.
- **DURING A MATCH** - Teams may agree to suspend play due to adverse weather conditions.
- **NOTE** – Team’s attention is drawn to The Rules of Golf – Rule 5.7 which provides further specific guidance on when players may or must stop play before or during a round.

12. **RESCHEDULED & SUSPENDED MATCHES:**

- All rescheduled or suspended matches must be completed within the timeframes set out under the terms of the competition. If teams are unable to agree to play within this timeframe, based on evidence presented, the Committee will decide which team progresses to the next round to maintain the draw progress. The Committee’s decision is final.
- **TIMEFRAME EXTENSIONS TO LEAGUE & KNOCKOUT PHASES:**
- Timeframe extensions will only be implemented if the course has been closed for an extended period (more than 1 week). The terms of the competition allow teams to be represented by one player, therefore teams entering this competition do so on the understanding that extensions will NOT be implemented due to a team member being unable to play for any reason other than compassionate grounds.

13. **NOTE** – This competition is played over 18 holes.