

# Team Competitions (Men Only)

## Formats of Play & Terms of the Competitions

### Texas Scramble – 3 Man Stableford – Pairs Betterball

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

1. **NON-QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS** - Handicap Indexes will not 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.
  - **QUALIFICATION** – Players must have a minimum of 8 entries on their WHS playing record in the 12 months prior to the competition to be eligible to win. The entries can be a combination of Competition Qualification Rounds or General Play Scores.
3. **HOW TO ENTER** - Teams are organised and entered by the players themselves.
4. **TEE TIMES – (Team Stableford & Pairs Betterball)** Tee times for these competitions must be booked through the Pro-Shop.
5. **TEE SELECTION – (Texas Scramble)** Team tee selections can be booked via the HDiD app or through the Pro Shop. This will be done on a "first come first serve" basis.
6. **ENTRANCE FEES** – Paid on the day in the Pro Shop. Players must collect the specially prepared scorecard before proceeding to the first tee.
7. **FORMATS OF PLAY:**
  - **FOUR-BALL (Team Stableford)** – A form of Strokeplay. Points are awarded for each hole by comparing the number of strokes you have taken (including strokes made and penalty strokes) to the fixed target score for the hole which is Par.
  - **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.
  - **TEXAS SCRAMBLE** - A variation of Strokeplay played in a team format to achieve the lowest gross score on each hole. The team with the lowest nett score on the day will be declared the competition winners.

- **TEXAS SCRAMBLE – TEE SHOT ALLOCATION**

- **(Teams of Four)** - Each member of the team must have their tee shot selected a minimum of four times during the round. The two remaining tee shots (spares) can be selected from any of the team members.
- **(Teams of Three)** - Each member of the team must have their tee shot selected a minimum of five times during the round. The three remaining tee shots (spares) can be selected from any of the team members.

- **ORDER OF PLAY**

- The team selects its tee shot. The ball must be marked using a suitable marker i.e., tee peg within six inches of where the ball lies, but no nearer the hole. The team members tee shot that has been selected must be recorded against that player on the team's scorecard.
- The team members tee shot that has been selected, must make the next stroke, and play the ball "as it lies" unless preferred lies are in place. The remaining team members (in any order) then play their next strokes. The team continues to play the hole in this format until they reach the green of the hole being played.
- **NOTE** - The remaining team members may place their ball within six inches of the marker, no nearer the hole providing the ball lies on a closely mown area.
- **DEFINITION OF A CLOSELY MOWN AREA** – An area of the course that is cut to fairway height or less and includes paths cut through the rough and the fringe/apron around the green.
- **NOTE** - Selected shots that lie in either the rough, penalty areas or bunkers, must be dropped in accordance with Rule 14.3b "ball must be dropped in the right way". The ball must come to rest within 18 inches of the marker and no nearer the hole.

8. **ON THE GREEN:**

- The selected ball must be marked. Players may move the marker either left or right, but no nearer the hole by a putter head length, so each team player is able to putt from the same spot. The team continue in any order until the ball is holed.
- **NOTE** - If a player putts and misses, but then inadvertently putts the ball in the hole, then that score will count regardless of any other team members who have not yet made their strokes.
- **NOTE** – Players' attention is drawn to Rule 10.2b (4) of the Rules of Golf. Players must not deliberately stand in a location on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball for any reason. Players are also reminded that the line of play does not extend beyond the hole.

9. **HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:**

- **TEAM STABLEFORD & PAIRS BETTERBALL** = 85% of the players' Course Handicap.
- **(TEXAS SCRAMBLE)** – Each team member will be allocated 25%, 20%, 15%, 10% (lowest to highest) of their course handicap. If a team member is unable to play on the day of the competition, their handicap allowance remains in place as part of the team's overall stroke allowance.

10. **STROKE INDEXES** – Players will use the stroke indexes relative to the tees being used.

11. **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.

12. **COURSE TEES** – Men will play from the White Tees. Any player whose Handicap Index was allocated using the Red Course, will play from the Red Tees.

- **NOTE** - Players shall use the White tees unless the player's Handicap Index has been allocated using the Red Course, so must play from the Red Tees. 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. (Equalisation Shots)

13. **ORDER OF PLAY** – Team Stablefords & Pairs Betterball competitions will start from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. Any teams found to be in breach of this term will be disqualified.

- **NOTE** – Texas Scrambles will be a multi tee Shotgun Start at a time designated by the Committee.

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