

Singles & Doubles Knockouts

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.

- **QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS** - Handicap Indexes will not be affected.
- **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.
- **HOW TO ENTER** – Organised and entered by the players themselves.
- **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.
- **TEE TIMES** – Tee times for these competitions must be booked through the Pro-Shop.
- **COMPETITION FORMAT** - Single elimination matches played over 18 holes (including sudden death) to determine the winners and losers of each match.
- **FORMAT OF PLAY** - A form of play (in either match play or stroke play) where players compete solely or as a team against each other on every hole playing their own ball. You or your side's score for a hole is the lower score.
- **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. Stroke given or received during sudden death will be relevant to the holes being played, as this is a continuation of the same round.
- **HANDICAP ALLOWANCES – 2024 RULE CHANGE – TEAM BETTERBALL (PAIRS)**
- The application of allowances in Better Ball team match play has been changed so that the % is applied to the difference, rather than to the individual.
- The full Course Handicap is calculated and then strokes received are calculated (using 90%) using the difference from the lowest to highest, which equates to Strokes Received (Playing Handicap) for each golfer.
- **STROKE ALLOWANCE** - All allowances are mandatory for equity purposes.
- **SINGLES (Matchplay)** = 100% difference of the player's Course Handicap
- **FOUR-BALL (Matchplay)** = 90% difference of the player's Course Handicap

- **NOTE** – The strokes received in Four-Ball match play remain the same even if the lowest handicap player is unavailable to play.
- **PLAYER & TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- It is the responsibility of the first-named player or team in each section of the draw to contact the opposing player or team and organise a date and time to play the match. The organising player or team must offer 3 practicable alternate dates within the time frame set out under the terms of the competition for each round (detailed on the draw sheet). If the opposing player or team cannot make any of the dates offered, then the organising player or team will claim the match.
- Once booked, a match cannot be cancelled within 24 hours of the tee time. If a match is cancelled within this period, then the player or team requesting the cancellation must concede the match to the opposition.
- **SUBSTITUTES - (FOUR-BALL MATCH-PLAY)**
- 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, as a “one-event” substitution is NOT permitted.
- **NOTE** – If a team member is unable to participate due to injury (must be long term) a substitute may be used for the remainder of the competition until they are eliminated.
- **NOTE** - The substitute cannot be a player previously eliminated from this competition.
- **NOTE – (FOUR-BALL MATCH-PLAY)** - A team can be represented by one team member.
- **CONCESSIONS/STROKES TAKEN** – Players’ attention is drawn to the Rules of Golf 3.2a (Match Play) which provides specific guidance, particularly about concessions and giving information about the number of strokes taken.
- **ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS/STOPPING PLAY, RESUMING PLAY**
- **BEFORE STARTING A MATCH** – Players may agree to reschedule the match due to adverse weather conditions.
- **DURING A MATCH** – Players may agree to suspend play due to adverse weather conditions.
- **NOTE** – Players’ 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.
- **RESCHEDULED/SUSPENDED MATCHES** – All rescheduled or suspended matches must be completed within the timeframes set out under the terms of the competition. If players or teams are unable to agree to play within the timeframes, 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.
- **TEES & STROKE INDEXES** – Players shall use the White tees unless the player’s Handicap Index has been allocated using the Red Course, so they 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 before the playing handicap calculation is applied.
- **ORDER OF PLAY** – All competitions will start from the 1st tee. Any Players or Teams found to be in breach of this term will be disqualified.

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