

Knockout Competition Rules

Introduction

This document serves to define the rules of eligibility to enter and proceed, win or be placed in all knockout competitions organised by the Men's committee. All matches will be played in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf, Evesham Golf Club Local Rules and the following specific rules drawn up by the Committee.

Eligibility for Knockout Competitions

To be "Eligible" to play in a knockout competition, entrants must, a) have an official WHS handicap, b) be a member of the club, c) to the best of their knowledge at the time of entering be available to play in ALL rounds, including the final, d) meet any specific requirements of the competition they enter, and e) have paid the entrance fee.

Round Completion Dates

The Play by dates that are set for all rounds are determined and published by the Committee and are FIXED. Failure to meet Eligibility at the first dates of the competitions will result in disqualification.

It is the responsibility of BOTH competitors to contact their opponent(s) to arrange each match. Each competitor, or pair, should contact their opponents not less than 14 days before the completion date for the round and offer their opponent(s) three dates and times, at least two of which should be on a weekend. If a competitor, or pair, is unable to play by the final date of the round they must give a bye to their opponents.

If the competitor(s) have been unable to agree a match date by the completion date, the competitor(s) presenting themselves on the 1st tee at 1pm on the stipulated completion date, prepared to play, will be awarded the match, failing which both sides will be disqualified.

There will be NO extensions given, other than EXTEREME COMPASSIONATE grounds, subject to consideration and approval by the Men's Committee.

When arranging to play any stage of a knockout competition, please take care to ensure that the date and time you wish to play does not clash with other competitions, events or activities of the club.

Partner Substitution

In pairs competitions, a partner may be substituted after the completion of the draw and prior to playing the first match of the competition. Once the first match has been played, a partner CANNOT be substituted and the remaining partner will either concede or continue in the competition as a single player.

Handicap Changes

The handicap of a competitor on the commencement date of a competition is subject to amendment as subsequent matches or rounds are achieved. If a handicap is altered through play in another competition, the revised handicap must be used in any and all future competitions, even if the competition is in progress.

Suspension of Play

If a match, having commenced, cannot be completed because of circumstances beyond the control of the competitors, it will be resumed and continued from the point at which it was abandoned, at a time acceptable to both sides. The same handicaps will be used when the match is resumed as they stood at the outset of the game even if in the interim there has been a revision to a player's handicap.

Stroke Allowance

Unless otherwise stated, the stroke allowance will be the full difference in handicap in all singles matches and 90% handicap difference in pairs competition with the lowest handicapper playing off scratch.

Tied Matches

In the event of a tie, the match must continue and be decided on a sudden death basis, commencing with the hole first played.

Byes

If a team, or player, is no longer eligible or able to compete, or is disqualified from the competition, the team or player that was to be played next receives a bye.

Rule Changes

The Men's committee reserves the right to amend and update these rules at any time.