



Rules Governing Play Inter Club Men's Foursomes



- 1: An Inter Club Men's Foursomes competition will be held annually for which each golf club affiliated to the Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs (the "NUGC") may enter one[1] team comprising two [2] pairs of players.
- 2: The entry fee for the tournament will be thirty pounds [£ 30.00] per golf club.
- 3: Opponents for each match will be determined for each round by a random draw. All matches will be played on a neutral venue, to be decided by the organisers. Every effort will be made to make the venue suitable for both teams, but only the courses of teams left in the draw will be used.
- 4: The competition will be played on, or around, dates selected by the Tournament Committee of the NUGC.
- 5: Matches will commence play at 4.00 p.m. on the day appointed for the match. The starting times for matches may be varied by the agreement of both team captains. With the agreement of the team captains and of the Tournament Committee of the NUGC, matches may be arranged to be played within three [3] days either side of the appointed date of the match, including weekends.
- 6: The competition will be decided by match play, over eighteen [18] holes, under handicap, in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Golf, as approved by R&A Rules Limited (the "Rules of Golf"), and the golf club having holes to its credit on the combined result of the two [2] matches will be the winner. Play will be from the competition teeing grounds in use at the course on the day of the match. Matches must be played to a finish.
- 7: The maximum Handicap Index of male competitors must not exceed 5.4.
- 8: The handicap allowance will be half [1/2] of the difference between the combined course handicaps, rounding up any fraction, taken from the players with the lowest combined course handicap.
- 9: In the event of a tie after eighteen [18] holes or, in the case of the final round, thirty-six [36] holes, three [3] extra holes will be played by each couple, and the golf club having won the greater number of holes will be the winner.
- 10: In the case of a round prior to the semi-finals, if a result is not forthcoming after exhausting the tie-breaking procedure in rule 9 above, then the tie must be replayed over eighteen [18] holes over a golf course of either of the opposing sides. The choice of course will be decided by the toss of a coin. The date should be arranged by mutual agreement, but at least 14 days ahead of the next round of the tournament.
- 11: In the case of the semi-final and final rounds, if a result is not forthcoming after exhausting the tie-breaking procedure in rule 9 above, then the tie must be replayed over

eighteen [18] holes over a neutral course arranged by the Tournament Committee of the NUGC. The date will be fixed by the NUGC.

12: If a match replayed under rule 10 or 11 above remains tied after eighteen [18] holes, each team captain must choose one of the pairs of players which has been competing, and the tie will be decided by a sudden death play-off between those pairs (playing the holes of the course in their normal order, unless otherwise agreed).

13: Team captains will exchange a written list of players, including accurate Handicap Indexes and Course handicaps, together with the order of play, prior to commencement of play.

14: A golf club may make changes to its team for any, or all, of the rounds of the competition providing the players substituted comply with the rules of the competition.

15: In order to be eligible to represent a golf club a player must have been a member of that golf club in the year of the competition, and must be of amateur status as defined by the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.

16: Competitors may only represent one [1] golf club during the calendar year of the competition.

17: In the event that a member of a team is not present to commence play at his/her appointed time he/she will be subject to a penalty in accordance with Rule 5 - 3 of the Rules of Golf

18: Players may be substituted by the team captain in any of the individual games (but not, during the final, between rounds), at any time up to fifteen [15] minutes prior to the commencement of play. The substituted player must play in the position vacated by the player being substituted. The opposing team captain must be made aware of any such substitution prior to the substitution taking place.

19: In the event of a match not commencing due to a team failing to report for play on the appointed day, then the offending team will be disqualified.

20: In the event of a match being postponed or interrupted due to inclement weather or bad light, the match must be replayed or finished as soon as practically possible.

The Tournament Committee of the Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs must be informed of any such decision as soon as practically possible.

21: All disputes, including the fitness of the course for play, will be settled, having proper regard to the Rules of Golf, by the team captains who should endeavour to reach agreement. In the event that agreement cannot be reached then play will be suspended and the matter referred to the Tournament Committee of the NUGC for a decision.

22: The semi-final rounds will be held over a neutral course arranged by the Tournament Committee of the NUGC.

23: The date for the final round will be fixed by the NUGC and it will be played over thirty six [36] holes over the golf course chosen for the County Championships of the year, unless the team over whose course such Championships are to be played is one of the finalists. In such cases the Tournament Committee of the NUGC will select a neutral golf course to be used for the final.

24: A Challenge Cup will be presented annually to the winning team, and individual prizes/vouchers will be presented to members of the winning team and the runners-up.

25: The use of motorised ride-on golf carts by competitors is strictly prohibited, unless they are required on medical grounds and are supported by a medical certificate, and only providing the host club allows the use of motorised ride-on golf carts.

26: All matches will be governed by (i) the Rules of Golf (ii) the local rules of the golf course over which the match is to be played, providing such local rules do not contradict the Rules and Conditions governing play as detailed above.

27: It is the duty of the captain of the winning team to notify the match result to:
Mr. Colin Bee, 112, Torvill Drive , Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2BR
Telephone: 0115 9284891, 01623 557359 or 0781 4433095
by 12.00 noon on the day following that upon which the match was held.

NB: Club's hosting matches have no responsibility for providing food. It is the responsibility of competing players to make their own arrangements for food and payment for it.

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