

Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs

Inter Club Scratch League Rules

Revised February 2019

01: An Inter Club Scratch League shall be held annually for which each golf club affiliated to the Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs may enter one [1] team comprising five [5] players.

02: The entry fee for the tournament shall be thirty pounds [£30.00] per golf club.

03: The inter Club Scratch League will comprise five [5] divisions, i.e. First [1st], Second [2nd], Third [3rd], Fourth [4th] and Fifth [5th].

04: Opponents for each match will be determined by a random draw.

05: The competition shall be played on, or around, dates selected by the Tournament Committee of the Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs

06: Matches, will commence by 4.30pm 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 Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs, matches may be arranged to be played within three [3] days either side of the appointed date of the match, including weekends.

07: The competition will be decided by singles match play, played off scratch, over eighteen [18] holes, and the winner of each match shall be determined in accordance with Rule 3.2 of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2019.

0B: Points shall be awarded to each team in accordance with the following:

Win: Three [3] points

Halved match: One [1] Point

Loss: Zero [0] points.

Bye: Zero [0] Points

09: If at the end of the series of matches two [2], or more teams are tied on points, there will be a countback with the difference between games won and lost used to determine the final positions. If a result which affects promotion or relegation cannot be determined by this method, then the teams involved will play-off over a neutral course arranged by the Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs.

10: The top team in each of the second [2nd], third [3rd], fourth [4th] and fifth [5th] divisions will be promoted to the first [1st], second [2nd], third [2rd] and fourth [4th] divisions respectively. The bottom team in each of the first [1st], second [2nd], third [3rd] and fourth [4th] divisions will be relegated to the second [2nd], third [3rd], fourth [4th] and fifth [5th] divisions respectively.

11: Team captains shall exchange a written list of players, and order of play, prior to commencement of play.

12: Players may be substituted by the team captain in any of the individual games, 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.

13: 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.

14: 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 the Royal and Ancient Rules Limited,

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

16: If a member of a team is not present to commence play at his appointed time, he shall be subject to a penalty in accordance with Rule 5.3a of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2019.

17: In the event of a match not commencing due to a team failing to report for play on the appointed day, then the non-offending team shall be awarded maximum points.

18: In the event of a match being postponed due to inclement weather or bad light, the match shall be replayed 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.

19: All disputes, including the fitness of the course for play, shall be settled by the team captains who should endeavour to reach agreement. If agreement cannot be reached, then play shall be suspended and the matter referred to the Tournament Committee for a decision.

20: A trophy will be presented annually to the winning club in each of the five [5] divisions at the Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs Annual Dinner.

21: 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 Club allows the use of motorised ride-on golf carts.

22: Conforming golf balls: in accordance with rule 4.2a of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2019, the ball the player plays must be on the current list of Conforming Golf Balls. This list is found on www.RandA.org . Penalty for breach: Disqualification.

23: Conforming golf clubs: In accordance with rule 4.1a of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2019, a player must use a club that conforms to the requirements in the Equipment Rules found on www.RandA.org . Penalty for breach: Disqualification

24: All matches shall be governed in accordance with the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2019 and 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.

26: 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 or 01623 557359 or 07814433095

by 12.00 noon on the day following that upon which the match was held.

NB: A light meal [e.g. lasagne, jacket potato and filling, sandwiches and chips, [etc.] for up to twelve [12] persons, will be provided at the expense of the host golf club following the conclusion of each match.

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