

**REGULATIONS FOR THE 2025 INTER-CLUB SENIORS KNOCKOUT COMPETITION FOR THE CUP
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1. Inter-Club knockout foursomes competition, open to Clubs affiliated to the Norfolk County Golf Union and to be competed for annually.
2. Clubs to be represented by ten players - 5 pairs.
3. Players to play off the course handicap, with a handicap index limit of 24.0 for players in their first match of any one year. It is permissible for players to hold a handicap index greater than 24.0 but they must play off the handicap index of 24.0. Handicap indexes are used rather than course handicaps as course handicaps can vary.
4. Matches to consist of 18 holes
5. Scoring will be by matches, not holes, the side winning the greater number of points will be deemed the winner. Points will be awarded as follows; 1 Point for a win, ½ point for a half and 0 point for a loss.
6. If for any reason, a player cannot continue to play, the result of the match involved shall be as it stood at the last completed hole.
7. A Member of a Club is eligible to represent his Club in any of the matches played during the competition, providing the player has not represented another Club in the Competition in the same year, and is over 55 years of age.
8. The draw for the first round of the competition shall be made by the Competition Committee. In each round the first Club of each pair named in the draw shall play at home, unless altered by mutual agreement. In subsequent rounds the draw sheet will show which Club has the option of playing at home. Where the host course is not playable on the last date of the round, the option to move the match to the 'away' club must be offered and agreed with the Competition Committee. It is the responsibility of the winning Team Captain or his nominee to notify the Secretary of the match result within 72 hours of the match being played. Failure to do so within the specified time may result in automatic elimination of that Club from the next round. The dates for playing each round of the competition will be confirmed at the preceding Annual General Meeting. Matches that reach the semi-finals will 'switch the home venues' to allow for matches to be played on a neutral course.
9. Each match must be played on the date notified in the draw sheet, unless both Clubs agree to an earlier date. If the match is not played by the prescribed date, either or both Clubs may be scratched at the discretion of the Board.
10. In the event of a tie, there will be a 'sudden death' playoff between a pair made up of any two players from each side.
11. The handicap allowance will be as prescribed from time to time by England Golf.
12. All matches must be played from the COMPETITION MEDAL TEES OF THE DAY.
13. If all matches have played 9 holes then the score at the 9 hole point will stand as the final score. If less than 9 holes has been played the match will be replayed. Any discontinuance of a match must be done in accordance with Rule 5.7 of The Rules of Golf and must recommence at the point where it was discontinued.
14. Any arrangements for a meal or refreshments after a game shall be mutually agreed and each team will pay for its own players.
15. The winning Club will host the following years final of this competition unless they reach the final in which case the losing finalist will be the host club. In the event of both teams reaching the final the losing semi finalist in the top half of the draw will be the host Club.