

REGULATIONS FOR THE INTER-CLUB HANDICAP LEAGUE SHIELD PRESENTED BY THE NORFOLK COUNTY GOLF UNION

1. The tournament is to be known as the NORFOLK COUNTY GOLF UNION HANDICAP LEAGUE and to be competed for annually.
2. Clubs participating play each other home and away in leagues with promotion and relegation annually.
3. Clubs shall be represented by eight players - 4 pairs.
4. The format shall be 18 holes, betterball, match-play.
5. Scoring will be by games. Points will be awarded as follows: '1' Point for a win, '1/2' point for a half and '0' point for a loss. At the end of all scheduled matches the winner of each division will receive medals. Following the completion of all scheduled matches in their bracket, in the event of a tie, the team with the most away points will be declared the winner. The team finishing 1st in leagues 2,3,4 5, 6, 7 & 8 will be promoted to the league above and the team finishing 4th in leagues 1, 2, 3 4, 5 & 6 and 3rd in league 7 will be relegated to the league below.
6. Any new team entering the competition will be placed in the lowest division.
7. The handicap index limit will be 18.0 for players in their first match of any one year. If thereafter a player's handicap index is adjusted so as to exceed this limit he would remain eligible to take part in the competition but would do so from his current handicap index. Any player whose handicap index is 18.1 and above may represent his club but must play off the maximum handicap index allowable of 18.0. The handicap allowance will be 90% of the course handicap rounded to a whole number taken from the lowest player.
8. Pairs must have a minimum combined handicap index of 14.0. A member of a Club is eligible to represent his Club in any of the matches played during the competition provided the player has not represented another Club in Competition in the same year.
9. Clubs to make arrangements by mutual consent, for each fixture, the home Club offering three dates. All matches to be completed by the end of October. Extensions to this date can only be granted by the NCGU Committee. All matches to be completed within the fixture timescale. The team in default in matches not played, will be receive no points with the other team being awarded 2 points. Any Club which defaults more than once will be deleted from the league and all previous results made void.
10. All matches must be played from the Competition Medal Tees of the Day.
11. In the case of genuine illness or injury during the course of any game, the game will be declared a half if less than 10 holes have been played. If 10 holes or more have been played then the result standing at the last hole completed shall be declared the result. Any discontinuance of a match must be done in accordance with Rule 6.8 of The Rules of Golf and must recommence at the point where it was discontinued.
12. The home team will be responsible for returning the results of all matches to the County Secretary on the form provided. All results must be returned promptly.
13. Any arrangements for a meal or refreshments after a game shall be mutually agreed and each team will pay for its own players.

14. Applications from Clubs to join the Handicap League and resignations from it are to be lodged with the County Secretary by the 31st December, if they are to be effective the following year.
15. All decisions as to the interpretation of the regulations will be made by the NCGU Committee, and their decision shall be final.