



NORFOLK COUNTY GOLF UNION

COUNTY HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP & TEAM HANDICAP SHIELD

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. These Terms of Competition are to be read in conjunction with the Norfolk County Golf Union (NCGU) Rules and Regulations, as they currently appear on the NCGU website.
2. The **County Handicap Championship** shall be played annually on a date and at a venue to be determined by the NCGU.
3. If the Championship must be cancelled or abandoned due to weather conditions, it shall be rearranged or cancelled as decided by the NCGU Board.
4. The Rules of Golf, plus the England Golf Hard Card and any Local Rules of the host venue on the day of the Championship, shall apply.
5. The Championship shall be open to all male members of any Golf Club affiliated to the NCGU on the day of the Championship.
6. The Championship will take the form of 36 holes stroke play under handicap, played from the competition medal tees of the day.
7. Players may only enter the Championship online through Golf Genius, via the NCGU website, and only between the opening and closing dates advertised. Any entries received after the closing date will only be considered if the maximum number of entrants has not been achieved
8. The entry fee, as decided and specified by the NCGU, must be paid online at the time of entering the Championship. Any refunds in respect of withdrawals will only be granted subject to such notice being received and only up to, and not beyond, the closing date. Any refunds in respect of withdrawals after the closing date will only be considered if there is a reserve entry available.
9. Entries for the Championship shall be limited to players with a WHS Handicap Index of no greater than **18.0** on the date of entry. Entries may be limited at the discretion of the NCGU and, if entries exceed the limit, players with higher WHS Handicap Indexes shall be eliminated by ballot.
10. Players shall be advised of their starting tee-times no later than seven days in advance of the Championship and will be allocated a Playing Handicap based on 95% of their exact Course Handicap on the day of the Championship.
11. Play in the Championship shall be in groups of 2 or 3-balls.
12. Players may use a buggy during the Championship, in accordance with the NCGU's Buggy Policy.
13. Caddies are allowed during the Championship, in accordance with the NCGU's Caddy Policy.
14. Scorecards must be returned to the Championship Administrator immediately of each round.
15. Where a player is unsure how to proceed under the rules of the Championship, he may choose to complete a hole under the two-ball rule without penalty, in accordance with the Rules of Golf. At the end of the round, the player should advise the Competition Administrator and ask for a ruling before signing and submitting his scorecard.
16. The winner of the Championship shall be the player returning the lowest net handicap score over 36 holes. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the lowest net handicap score on count-back, being the best 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes on the back nine of the second round and, if still tied, the best 6, 3 and 1 holes on the front nine of the second round.

17. The winner of the Championship shall be awarded the Geoffrey Burroughs Salver. Prize vouchers shall be awarded to the winner, runner-up and other places as determined by the NCGU.
18. The Club Team Handicap Shield shall be played for in conjunction with this Championship.
19. Clubs may enter any number of teams, each consisting of three players, for an entry fee decided and specified by the NCGU.
20. Details of the team entries, including payment of the entry fee, must be made to the Competition Administrator in advance of the commencement of the Championship.
21. The lowest aggregate of all three net handicap scores shall be used to determine the winning team, who shall receive prize vouchers as determined by the NCGU. In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined by the lowest net handicap score of all three players combined on countback, being the best 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes on the back nine of the second round and, if still tied, the best 6, 3 and 1 holes on the front nine of the second round.