



NORFOLK COUNTY GOLF UNION

COUNTY FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP - 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 Foursomes Championship** shall be played annually on a date or dates 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 completely, 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(s) of the Championship and will be played from the competition medal tees of the day(s).
6. Day One of the Championship will take the form of 36 holes foursomes stableford under handicap.

The leading eight pairs from Day One, being those returning the highest 36-hole net stableford scores, will qualify for the Handicap Match Play competition to be played on Day Two.

In the event of a tie, the qualifiers will be determined by the highest net stableford 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.

7. On Day Two of the Championship, the leading four pairs from Day One will compete in the semi-finals of the first flight Handicap Match Play and the next four pairs will compete in the semi-finals of the second flight Handicap Match Play.

The winners of the semi-finals will compete in the respective finals, whilst the losing semi-finalists will compete in the respective third and fourth place play-offs.

8. Players may only enter the Championship online through Golf Genius and only before the advertised closing date. Any entries received after the closing date will only be considered if the maximum number of entrants has not been achieved.
9. The entry fee, as decided and specified by the NCGU Board, must be paid online at the time of entering the Championship.

Any refunds in respect of withdrawals will only be granted subject to notice of such withdrawals being received up to, and not beyond, the closing date. Any refunds in respect of withdrawals after the closing date will only be considered by the NCGU Board if there is a reserve entry available.

10. Entries for the Championship will be in the form of pairs and shall be limited to players with an individual WHS Handicap Index of no greater than **14.0** on the entry closing date.

Entries may be limited at the discretion of the NCGU and, if entries exceed the limit, pairs with higher combined WHS Handicap Indexes shall be eliminated by ballot.

11. Pairs 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 50% of their combined Course Handicap on the day of the Championship.

12. Play in the Championship shall be in groups of 2 or 3 pairs.
13. On Day One, and where players are unsure how to proceed under the rules of the Championship, a pair 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 players should advise the Competition Administrator of any such situation and ask for a ruling before signing and submitting their scorecard.

On Day Two, any such situation should be resolved between the players and/or the match referee before continuing the match.

14. Scorecards must be returned to the Competition Administrator immediately at the end of each round.
15. The winners of the first flight Match Play on Day Two shall be awarded the Carrick and Thompson Bowls, whilst the winners of the second flight Match Play on Day Two shall be awarded the NCGU Foursomes Challenge Salvers.

Prize vouchers shall be awarded to the pairs finishing in first, second, third and fourth place in the Match Play competition in both flights.

The pair with the highest 36-hole scratch stableford score on Day One shall also be presented with the NCGU Scratch Trophy.