

MATCHPLAY KNOCKOUT

Specific Local Rules for Matchplay Knockout Competitions

Men's, Ladies and Mixed Pairs Matchplay

1 Rules

- 1.1 All matches will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as published by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and any local or specific rules drawn up by the Committee or Burhill.

2 Qualifying to Play

- 2.1 Players must have completed in **FOUR qualifying competitions** in the proceeding **THREE months BEFORE** playing the FIRST ROUND. (5-Day members are required to have played in TWO qualifying competitions in the proceeding THREE months)

3 Qualifying to Win

- 3.1 The Matchplay Knockout competitions are Honour Board competitions – see rules regarding the qualification to win an Honour Board competition.

4 Handicaps

- 4.1 The stroke allowance will be $\frac{3}{4}$ the difference in handicaps with the lowest handicap player playing off scratch. In Mixed Pairs competitions, players will play off the stroke index of the lowest handicapped player.
- 4.2 Any player having different handicaps for more than one Club must always play off their lowest handicap at the time of the match.

5 Pairs Matchplay

- 5.1 If a partner in a Pairs Team is unable to play through a long term injury or illness, or ceases to be a member of Birchwood Park G.C. the pair must withdraw from the competition. Substitute partners will not be accepted after the first round.
- 5.2 In Pairs competitions, each side must play as a full 'pair's team' in the semi-finals and finals.

6 Contacting Players

- 6.1 **ALL PLAYERS** are responsible for contacting their opponent(s) to arrange matches by the due date. Players shown on top do not have priority over times or dates.
- 6.2 All entries MUST include an up to date phone number for each player. If your opponent can not get in contact with you because your number is not in the 'Members Book' held at reception, you could be disqualified.
- 6.3 If any player has difficulties in contacting their opponent to arrange a match they should contact the organiser during the week preceding the next play by date.

7 Notification of Result

- 7.1 The Organiser will resolve matches not completed by the 'play by date' in one of the following ways (this includes the Finals if not played on 'Finals weekend'):-
- 7.1a If neither player has notified the organiser **both will be disqualified.**
- 7.1b If one player has notified the organiser **he will go through to the next round.**
- 7.1c If both players have notified the organiser **the match will be decided on the toss of a coin.**

8 Finals

- 8.1 A weekend has been set aside to play the knockout finals, which **WILL HAVE A REFEREE** where possible. All players should endeavour to keep this weekend free. If it is not possible to this weekend, the Organiser must be notified of the alternative date so that a referee can be arranged. 'Play-by' dates and the 'Finals Weekend' date are published in the Competition Calendar.

9 Drawn Matches

- 9.1 The outcome of 'Drawn matches' will be decided by the players **EXCEPT** in the semi-finals and finals when a 'sudden-death' play-off will decide the winner(s), commencing on the 1st (19th) and continuing until one side wins. A player entitled to received strokes will receive them at the appropriate holes playing off $\frac{3}{4}$ of handicap allowance.

**THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS OR EXTENSIONS
UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES
The organiser's decision is final**