

**RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY GOVERNING ALL
COUNTY COMPETITIONS**
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GENERAL

1. Throughout these Rules and Conditions:
 - a. The Dorset Ladies County Golf Association (DLCGA) is referred to as the County;
 - b. The Executive Committee of the DLCGA is referred to as the Committee.
2. To qualify for entry to the County Championship players must be full members of the County. For all other County competitions players must be either full or affiliated members of the County.
3. Players must play for one club in any one competition during the year. For aggregate club trophies, the club who holds the handicap records (home club) will be used.
4. Competitors are required to use the entry forms provided in this folder when entering for events and to conform strictly to the required entry dates.
5. The requisite entry fee must accompany each entry. No entry fees can be refunded once the closing date for the competition is reached, unless a change of handicap eliminates the player from that competition.
6. All players participating in County competitions must hold a valid CONGU Competition 'c' Handicap. Players must produce a Current Year CONGU Handicap Certificate on the first day of a competition. If not produced, or not in date, players may only go out as markers.
7. Any changes of handicap after entering any competition should be notified to the County Secretary immediately. All players must play on the correct day for their handicap division.
8. Ties in 18 hole stroke play competitions will be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes. In the event of further ties, the competition will be decided on the front 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes. If there is still a tie, it will remain a tie.
9. Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, and named on the current list of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. (R&A Rule 4-1)
10. The ball the competitor plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A. (R&A Rule 5-1)
11. Starting times will be sent to all participating Clubs for all County events.
- 11a All competitions shall be played from the Ladies' Red Tees in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf - Definition of a '*teeing ground*'.
12. Time of Starting: If a player arrives at her starting point ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in match play, or two strokes in stroke play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.
[Decisions on The Rules of Golf 6-3a/1.5 - definition of exceptional circumstances]
13. A competitor is prohibited from having a Professional golfer to serve as her caddie during any stipulated round.
- 13a. In Junior Competitions, caddies are not permitted.

14. Competitors shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless prior permission has been granted from the Committee in accordance with the EG Transportation Policy. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to:

- a. Liaise with the club for permission.
- b. Have 3rd party and personal liability insurances.

The County shall in no way be liable for the use of motorised carts during County competitions.

15. From 1st January 2012 Global Positioning Systems and other Distance Measuring Devices, are allowed to be used during any County competition.

16. Adverse Weather Conditions

a. Strokeplay Competitions: The Committee reserves the right to alter the format of the competition in order to achieve a result.

b. Matchplay: Guidelines for the Humphreys Bowl, Parkin Cup and Interclub Cup competitions are as follows:

- i) If at all possible matches should be completed on the arranged date. See also para. 68 regarding Humphreys Bowl and Parkin Cup matches.
- ii) Results of individual matches finished – result stands.
- iii) Matches which have to be suspended. The position of the ball must be marked and play resumed from that spot. When play is resumed if the spot where the ball is to be placed is impossible to determine it must be estimated and the ball placed on the estimated spot. (R&A Rule 6-8d).
- iv) If resumption of play is not possible, for instance because the course is closed and is unlikely to be re-opened in time for the matches to be completed before dusk, then the whole match, including any individual matches which may have finished, is abandoned. The host captain should re-arrange the match for another day.

17. Any disputes or disciplinary issues arising shall be settled by the County Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

18. Competitors may take more than one trophy but only one prize at any one meeting, with the exception of aggregate prizes.
See also note 4, Appendix 1

19. Winners of all cups and trophies hold them for one year. The engraving of all trophies shall be undertaken by the winner's home club but will be paid for by the County as will the insurance.

20. Insurance Cover. Players and their caddies are reminded that it is their individual responsibility to insure their personal golfing equipment and belongings against loss or damage. Players should also ensure that they hold an insurance policy which covers them or another player in the eventuality that their struck balls injure somebody or property. The County does not undertake to cover loss or damage of personal items or injury of any individual whatsoever.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

21. The upper handicap is 12. If the entry is over subscribed, those with the highest handicaps will be balloted out.
22. 36 holes of stroke play qualifying for the Championship. The best gross 16 scores will qualify for a Knock-out Match Play Tournament over the next two days to decide the Championship. The Automatic Draw will operate. All players entering must be prepared to participate in the Championship Match Play stages which are played off scratch. **Entries for the Qualifying rounds only are not allowed.**
23. There will be a banded draw for partners in twos or threes depending on the number of competitors. If appropriate, there may be a two tee start.
24. In the event of ties, the competition will be decided on the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes. In the event of further ties, the competition will be decided on the back 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes, of the first 18 holes submitted. If there is still a tie, it will remain a tie and the Trophy will be shared.
25. Each match, including the final, will consist of 18 holes and, in the event of a match being all square after 18 holes, competitors will continue to play until one or other shall have gained a hole, when the match shall be considered over.
26. Gross and nett trophies and prizes will be awarded on 36 holes.
27. Gross and nett scores from the first round go forward to the Autumn Meeting for the Aggregate and Club Trophies.

JOHNSTONE CUP

28. The handicap range is 13 to 20. If the entry is over subscribed, those with the highest handicaps will be balloted out.
29. 18 holes of stroke play qualifying for the Johnstone Cup. The best gross 16 scores will qualify for a Knock-out Match Play Tournament by Automatic Draw. All players entering must be prepared to participate in the Johnstone Cup Match Play stages which are played off scratch. **Entries for the Qualifying round only are not allowed.**
30. There will be a banded draw for partners in twos or threes depending on the number of competitors. If appropriate, there may be a two tee start.
31. Each match, including the final, will consist of 18 holes and, in the event of a match being all square after 18 holes, competitors will continue to play until one or other shall have gained a hole, when the match shall be considered over.
32. Gross and nett trophies and prizes will be awarded.
33. Gross and nett scores go forward to the Autumn Meeting for the Aggregate and Club Trophies.

SILVER SPRING CHALLENGE

34. The upper handicap is 20. If the entry is over subscribed, those with the highest handicaps will be balloted out.

35. There will be an 18 hole stroke play round at the end of the Johnstone Cup qualifying round for members not playing in either the County Championship or the Johnstone Cup competition.
36. There will be a banded draw for partners in twos or threes depending on the number of competitors. If appropriate, there may be a two tee start.
37. Gross and nett prizes will be awarded.
38. Gross and nett scores go forward to the Autumn Meeting for the Aggregate and Club Trophies.

PRIZE GIVING – COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP, JOHNSTONE CUP, & SILVER SPRING CHALLENGE

39. The prize givings for the County Championship and Johnstone Cup meetings will be held after the relevant finals.
40. The prize giving for the Silver Spring Challenge will be on completion of play.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

41. There is no handicap limit; higher handicaps will be balloted out if over-subscribed.
42. The format will be an 18-hole Stroke-play competition.
43. All entrants must be aged 50 or over on the day of the competition.
44. There will be a banded draw for partners in twos or threes depending on the number of competitors. A two tee start may be used if appropriate.
45. Gross and Nett prizes will be awarded
46. Prize giving will take place at the Annual General Meeting.
47. Scores will not count towards any Aggregate Trophies.

BRONZE SPRING MEETING

48. If the entry is over subscribed, those with the highest handicaps will be balloted out.
49. There will be a banded draw for partners in twos or threes depending on the number of competitors. If appropriate, there may be a two tee start.
50. Gross and nett trophies and prizes will be awarded to players in the Low Bronze Division. Nett trophies and prizes will be awarded to High Bronze players.
51. All scores go forward to the Autumn Meeting for the Aggregate Trophies. Only the stroke play scores from players in the Low Bronze Section go towards the Club Trophies.
52. Prize giving will be held on each day.
53. Handicaps 21 – 28. One day, 18 holes stroke play.
54. Handicaps 29 - 36. One day, 18 holes stableford.

INTER-CLUB FOURSOMES.

55. Played in three divisions - Scratch, Silver Handicap and Bronze Handicap. Clubs may enter a pair in each Division. Entry forms for each Division will be sent to all affiliated Clubs.

Silver Handicap Division: If a Club has entered a Silver Handicap pairing and one of the players withdraws through an extenuating circumstance before the 18 holes of stroke play, the Club may, in the absence of another Silver player being available, play a Bronze Division player off the handicap limit of 20.

56. Day 1. 18 holes of foursomes stroke play.

- a. Scratch. The 4 best gross scores qualify for the Knock-out Match Play Tournament on Day 2. The automatic draw will operate.
- b. Silver and Bronze Handicap Divisions. Handicap allowance will be $\frac{1}{2}$ combined. The 4 best nett scores qualify for the Knock-out Match Play Tournament on Day 2. The automatic draw will operate.

57. Day 2. Each match, including the final, will consist of 18 holes and, in the event of a match being all square after 18 holes, competitors will continue to play until one or other shall have gained a hole, when the match shall be considered over.

- a. Scratch. No handicap allowance.
- b. Silver and Bronze Handicap Divisions. Handicap allowance will be $\frac{1}{2}$ the difference of combined handicaps.

58. Prize giving will be held on completion of the finals with trophies and prizes being presented to each Division.

AUTUMN MEETING

59. Silver Division - one day 18 holes stroke play.

Low Bronze Division - 21 to 28 Handicaps - one day 18 holes stroke play.

High Bronze Division – 29 to 36 Handicaps - one day 18 holes stableford.

60. There will be a draw for partners in twos or threes depending on the number of competitors. If appropriate, there may be a two tee start.

61. If the entry in any Division is over subscribed, those with the highest handicaps will be balloted out, provided they are not in contention for the Aggregate Trophies.

62. Players moving between handicap divisions (silver, low bronze and high bronze) will play on the day of their revised handicap provided they originally showed intent to play.

63. All trophies and prizes won at the Autumn Meeting will be presented at the County Annual General Meeting.

SCRATCH KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

64. The competition will be run in two divisions, the silver and the bronze and will be known as the Humphreys Bowl and the Parkin Cup respectively. The competition in each division will be run off scratch.

65. All team members playing in the Humphreys Bowl must hold a silver division handicap.
66. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. An entry charge per team will be made.
67. Clubs must be affiliated members of the County.
68. A player who has played for one team may not play in any other for that year. All finalists must have played in a previous round.
69. The knockout draw for the first two rounds will be done at the beginning and redrawn thereafter up to and including the quarter final round. There will be no seeding. If byes are necessary they will be included in the format of the knockout. They will be split as near as possible between the top and bottom of the draw. The club drawn on top of each match is the home team.
70. Each round comprises 3 singles matches played to a win or loss conclusion with no draws.
71. The date by which rounds have to be completed will be set by the County. No extensions will be given. The teams will fix a mutually acceptable date to play within the pre-set dates.
72. Both teams are responsible for making initial contact. The home team initially offering 4 dates (of which one must be a weekend) and not including the last day of the round. This must be kept free in case of course closures. Proposed dates should not include the opposition's Ladies' day.
73. Players must be prepared to play at weekends to accommodate a team that includes working ladies. Such that in discussion teams must consider a weekend date. Conversely a team with all working ladies cannot expect to play all games at the weekend.
74. If teams are unable to arrange a date of play the County will impose a date.
75. If a course is unavailable or unplayable on the day in question for a home draw then the match reverts to the opposition's course. If both courses are unplayable then the host Captain should rearrange match for another day.
76. The results are to be notified to the Interclub & Knockout Secretary within 2 days of the completion of the match. The Home Team Captain is responsible for sending the match sheet signed by both Team Captains to the Interclub & Knockout Secretary.
77. The host clubs for the semi finals will be:
 - a. Top Half of Draw. The club that is top of the bottom half of the draw.
 - b. Bottom Half of Draw. The club that is top of the top half of the draw.
78. The Final will be held during the first week of September subject to course availability
79. A neutral venue for the finals will be determined by rota, drawn annually. All clubs that enter the scratch knockout competitions will be entered in the draw, with the following excluded in any one year:
 - a. Host clubs for Inter Club semi finals and final.

- b. Venues for National, SW Regional and County Meetings (County Championships, Bronze Spring, Interclub Foursomes, Autumn Meeting).
- c. Not due by rota.

INTER-CLUB CUP

80. Definitions: Whenever one of the following definitions is used within the inter club section of the rules, the word is printed in italics.
- a. *Match*. A *match* consists of 7 singles, each over the same 18 holes to be played on the same day.
 - b. *Game*. A singles match played over 18 holes.
 - c. *Playing Handicap*. A player's *playing handicap* is her exact handicap rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 is rounded upwards)¹.
81. The Inter-Club Cup is an annual competition between affiliated Clubs in the County and is played on a round robin format in 4 divisions. *Matches* will be played on 18 hole courses only.
82. A team consists of seven players. The maximum *playing handicap* is 20. Any Bronze Division players selected for a team must play off the maximum permitted handicap 20. *Matches* will be played under handicap, full difference, and in order of *playing handicap* in the form of a tournament under the Rules of Golf.
- ¹ CONGU 2012-2015 Definition p.10 – Handicaps (2)
83. If a Club withdraws from the competition before the 1st April of the playing year, which results in an imbalance in the four divisions, the Executive Committee shall have authority to make an adjustment to the draw sheet as to be fair to all participating Clubs.
84. *Matches* will be played between 1 April and 15 August. The dates of the *matches*, once fixed, should be adhered to and any club defaulting (unless the two Captains agree to a postponement within the allotted time) will concede 1 point.
With regard to arranging matches; Rules 72 and 73 apply
85. No extensions will be allowed beyond the closing date for each round.
86. The host clubs for the semi finals and final are determined by rote. The semi finals and final will be played between the 4 divisional winners at neutral courses determined by the annual draw.
87. Time of Starting: If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in match play.
Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.
[Decisions on The Rules of Golf 6-3a/1.5 - definition of exceptional circumstances]

88. Scoring. One point shall be scored for each individual win or walkover. Individual *games* all square after 18 holes shall score half a point, except in the semi finals and final when all *games* must be played to a conclusion.
89. Points. Each Club shall score one point for a win and half a point for a *match* halved with another Club. The Club which has scored the most points in each division is the winner.
90. Ties. In the event of two or more Clubs scoring an equal number of points the tie shall be decided on the individual games won. A further tie will be decided on the number of holes up.
91. Committee Decisions:
- a. If a team plays in the wrong handicap order all the affected individual *games* are forfeited.
 - b. If a team member plays off a higher handicap her individual *game* is forfeited. If the order of play is affected, then 'a' above also applies.
 - c. If any members of a team fail to appear on the day of a *match*, the opposing team will be awarded a walkover for any individual *game* not played. Captains are therefore advised to take reserves. If a reserve has to be substituted for an absent player, it must be done before lists have been exchanged as failure to do this may incur the penalty at 'a' above.
 - d. Individual *games* which are forfeited or awarded a walkover should be recorded on the score sheet as 10 holes up i.e.10/8.
92. Provided both Team Captains agree, once team sheets have been exchanged the playing order of *games* may be changed.
93. The 'Home' Club is to send the *match* result sheet, clearly indicating handicaps and individual *game* results, duly agreed and signed by both Team Captains to the Interclub & Knockout Secretary on the day of the *match*. Any query concerning any aspect of the *match* must be referred to the Interclub & Knockout Secretary before the *match* sheet is signed.

OVER 70'S 9-HOLE NON-QUALIFYING STABLEFORD

94. All entrants must be aged 70 or over on the day of the competition. If the entry is over subscribed, those with the highest handicaps will be balloted out.
95. There will be a banded draw for partners in twos or threes depending on the number of competitors.
96. Prizes awarded for best Stableford points depending on number of entries.
97. Prize giving will be held on the day.
98. No handicap limit, but players must hold a CONGU 'c' competition handicap.

Appendix 1 to Rules & Conditions Governing all County Competitions

COUNTY TROPHIES

TROPHY	MEETING/ EVENT	AWARDED TO	PRESENTED AT
Huleatt Cup	County Championship	The Winner of the Match Play event (County Champion)	County Championship
Eleanor Morris Dish	County Championship	The Runner Up of the Match Play event	County Championship
Ivy Carrol Cup	County Championship	The best 36 hole gross score	County Championship
Carter Bowl	County Championship	The best 36 hole nett score	County Championship
Johnstone Cup	Johnstone Cup	The Winner of the Match Play event	Johnstone Cup
Dees Salver	Johnstone Cup	The Runner Up of the Match Play event	Johnstone Cup
Threlfall Cup	Johnstone Cup	The best 18 hole gross score	Johnstone Cup
Sugden Salver	Johnstone Cup	The best 18 hole nett score	Johnstone Cup
Centenary Bowl (EWGA)	Senior Championship	The best 18 hole nett score	AGM
Holmes Cup	Senior Championship	The best 18 hole gross score	AGM
Banister Cup	Low Bronze Spring Meeting	The best gross score	Low Bronze Spring Meeting
Banister Runners Up Cup	Low Bronze Spring Meeting	The best gross score runner up	Low Bronze Spring Meeting
Cox Cup	Low Bronze Spring Meeting	The best nett score	Low Bronze Spring Meeting
Sime Salver	Low Bronze Spring Meeting	The best nett score runner up	Low Bronze Spring Meeting
Craig Trophy	High Bronze Spring Meeting	The best nett Stableford score	High Bronze Spring Meeting
De Gruchy Salver	High Bronze Spring Meeting	The best nett Stableford score Runner up	High Bronze Spring Meeting
Scratch Foursomes	Inter Club Foursomes	The winning pair of the match play event.	Inter Club Foursomes

Scratch 4/s Runners Up Salver	Inter Club Foursomes	The losing Scratch finalists	Inter Club Foursomes
Silver Foursomes	Inter Club Foursomes	The winning pair of the match play event.	Inter Club Foursomes
Silver 4/s Runners Up Salver	Inter Club Foursomes	The losing Silver finalists	Inter Club Foursomes
Bronze Foursomes	Inter Club Foursomes	The winning pair of the match play event.	Inter Club Foursomes
Bronze 4/s Runners Up Salver	Inter Club Foursomes	The losing Bronze finalists	Inter Club Foursomes
Humphreys Bowl	Silver Team Scratch Knockout	The Winning Team	At Final
Humphreys Runners Up Trophy	Silver Team Scratch Knockout	The Runners Up	At Final
Parkin Cup	Bronze Team Scratch Knockout	The Winning Team	At Final
Parkin Runners Up Trophy	Bronze Team Scratch Knockout	The Runners Up	At Final
Inter Club Cup	Silver Team Handicap Round Robin	The Winning Team	At Final
Inter Club Runners Up Trophy	Silver Team Handicap Round Robin	The Runners Up	At Final
Felicity Eden Bowl	Autumn Meeting	The best gross score in the Silver Division	AGM
Janet Holmes Salver	Autumn Meeting	The best gross score in the Low Bronze Division	AGM
Olive James Salver	Autumn Meeting	The best stableford score in the High Bronze Division	AGM
Dorset Sword	Aggregate	The two best nett Silver and two best nett Low Bronze stroke play Scores at the Spring Meetings	AGM
Graham-Jones Salver	Aggregate	The three best gross Silver and Low Bronze Division stroke play scores of any individual club at the Autumn Meeting	AGM
Arkell Shield	Aggregate	The three best nett Silver and Low Bronze Division stroke play scores of any individual club at the Autumn Meeting	AGM
Edward Arkell	Aggregate	The Silver Division player with the	AGM

Cup		best gross aggregate stroke play scores from the Spring and Autumn Meetings	
Bertram Bisgood Cup	Aggregate	The Silver Division player with the best nett aggregate stroke play scores from the Spring and Autumn Meetings	AGM
Elliot Cup	Aggregate	The Low Bronze player with the best gross aggregate stroke play scores from the Spring and Autumn Meetings	AGM
Dixon Cup	Aggregate	The Low Bronze player with the best nett aggregate stroke play score from the Spring and Autumn Meetings	AGM
Russell Salver	Aggregate	The High Bronze player with the best aggregate stableford score from the Spring and Autumn Meetings	AGM
Beard Salver	Autumn	The Veteran returning the best gross stroke play score at the Autumn Meeting	AGM
Blythe Trophy	Autumn	The Veteran returning the best nett stableford score at the Autumn Meeting	AGM
Over 70's Salver	Over 70's 9-hole Non-Qualifying Stableford	Winner with the best Stableford Score over 9-holes	Over 70's Competition
Over 75's Challenge Trophy	Spring and Autumn	The lady aged 75 or over returning the best nett aggregate stableford scores at the Spring and Autumn Meetings. If there are no entrants from both events, it will be awarded to the best nett score returned from either the Spring or Autumn Meeting.	AGM
Lloyd Wilson Cup	All County Competitions	Order of Merit trophy awarded to the most successful club returning the best results across all divisions in both Strokeplay and Matchplay Competitions during the year. This is achieved by a points system for actual winners and Runners-Up	AGM

Notes

1. For the purpose of the Blythe Trophy. Stroke play scores will be converted to stableford points.
2. Where there is a tie for an Aggregate Trophy the trophy will be shared.
3. Bronze and Silver players must be in the same Division for both rounds to qualify for aggregate cups.
4. A Veteran, may in addition to any Autumn Meeting or aggregate trophies/prizes awarded, win more than one Veteran Trophy but not more than one Veteran Prize.