



## **SURREY LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS RULES AND CONDITIONS**

**The following General Rules and Conditions apply to all the SLCGA knock-out competitions. (G= General)**

### **Inter-Club Competitions**

1. Hicks Trophy
2. Hicks Plate
3. Centenary Bowl
4. Centenary Plate
5. Derry Cup
6. Helme Shield
7. Inter-Club Scratch Foursomes
8. Inter-Club Handicap Foursomes
9. (Wallis Trophy) Bronze Team Trophy

### **Individual Competitions**

1. Autumn Match Play
2. Burditt Salver 60+ Match Play
3. Centenary Foursomes
4. Inter-Club Champion of Champions
5. Monk Plate
6. Rothschild Trophy
7. Spring Match Play
8. Stirling Salvors
9. Weekend Match Play
10. Winter Scratch League
11. 4BBB Knockout
12. Birley Trophy (Juniors)
13. Rigg Quaich (Juniors)

### **G1. Rules of Golf:**

- a) All competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, and such Rules and Conditions as shall be approved by the SLCGA Committee.
- b) When Local Rules are in force, the match shall be played in accordance with these Local Rules, provided they do not contravene the Rules of Golf. In particular, please reference rule G23 below.
- c) A golfer with disability may apply to SLCGA for adoption of the Modification of the Rules for Golfers with Disability. The opposition player(s)/team captain should be informed in advance.

### **G2. Amateur Status:**

All players must be of Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of the R&A Rules Limited.

### **G3. Entry- Method and Fees:**

- a) A PDF entry form may be downloaded from the SLCGA website.
- b) An entry form may be requested from the SLCGA office (Tel 01483 751622, email secretary@slcga.org)
- c) Entries by telephone are not accepted.
- d) No entry fee will be refunded unless notice of withdrawal is received before the closing date for entries.
- e) Clubs/Player(s) should send entries on the official form, together with the entry fee, to the Competition Organiser.
- f) It is the responsibility of the Clubs/Player(s) to ensure that the entry has been received.
- g) The SLCGA Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason for its decision which shall be final.

### **G4. Entry - Handicaps:**

All players who wish to enter a SLCGA competition must be in possession of a registered WHS handicap. If asked they must be able to provide evidence of having played three qualifying rounds in the current or previous year.

In all handicap match play events, handicap differences will be calculated on course handicaps.

### **G5. The Draw:**

- a) The previous year's winner and runner-up will be seeded.
- b) The player(s) at the top of their draw will play their first round match at 'Home'. In all future rounds the Competition Organiser will inform the player(s) who has 'Home 'advantage'. This does not apply when a round has to be played both 'home' and 'away'.

### **G6. Tees:**

All matches should start from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and be played from the Red tees of the day. In exceptional circumstances, if matches cannot start from the 1st tee, the opposing Team Captain/Player(s) should be informed in advance of the match. With the agreement of both Team Captains/Player(s), play may then start from an alternative tee.

### **G7. Distance Measuring Devices:**

- a) The use of Distance Measuring Devices will be permitted. Players must abide by Rule 4.3 in the R&A Rules of Golf 2019 when using Distance measuring devices. A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of rule 4-3.
- b) Trolleys with a distance-measuring capability may be used provided any other features, which are non-conforming, are disabled (e.g. 'taped over' or switched off).
- c) A multi-functional device such as a mobile phone may be used as a distance-measuring device, but it must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions where doing so would be a breach of Rule 4-3.  
Penalty for breach of G7: disqualification.

## **G8: Mobile Phones:**

A phone may be used as a Distance Measuring device as per G7. In addition, it may be carried, switched off or on silent, for use in an emergency, to check a rule or to contact a referee. Any other use of the phone may result in disqualification.

## **G9. Buggies:**

- a) A buggy or golf cart may be used by a registered disabled player provided the club at which the match is played allows their use.
- b) A player who is recovering from illness/injury or who has a medical condition may also use a buggy or golf cart provided she produces a Doctor's letter supporting why she requires its use. This letter must be sent to the Competition Organiser prior to the date of play and the information will be held in strict confidence.
- c) The Team Captain/Player should notify the opposing Team Captain/Player in advance of the intention to use a buggy or golf cart.
- d) If a player is allowed the use of a buggy or golf cart, it is recommended that she contacts the club where the match will be played to check that club's buggy or golf cart policy and, if required, availability.

## **G10. Guidance and Assistance Dogs:**

- a) Guidance and Assistance dogs will be permitted in competitions provided the player has notified their opponents in advance and can produce a current AD(UK) identification book.
- b) A copy of the book/card must be sent to the Competition Organiser prior to the date of play.
- c) The player/ Team Captain must contact the club where the match will be played.
- d) Players will not be allowed any other dog/s in competitions.

## **G11. Juniors:**

Juniors are eligible to play in all SLCGA competitions. They should read the [guidelines for Juniors](#) before submitting an entry. In particular, both Juniors and adults are entitled to a chaperone to accompany them during a match if they wish. The chaperone must be a member of their club and cannot be a family member. S/he is not allowed to caddy or act as a referee although they could be asked for an opinion in the event of a dispute. When a junior is selected to play in a team match, the opposing captain should be informed in advance and this clause applies.

## **G12. More than One Course:**

Where a club has more than 18 holes, the Team Captain/Player must notify the opposing Team Captain/Player in advance on which holes the match will be played.

## **G13. Courtesy Practice Rounds:**

Clubs are not expected to give courtesy practice rounds for SLCGA Competitions. Courtesy of the course must not be requested by Team Captains/Player(s) in any circumstances.

## **G14. Caddies:**

- a) Caddies will not be allowed except in finals. R&A Rule 10.3. will apply.
- b) Players may not engage a professional, assistant professional or coach as a caddie
- c) Caddies will be allowed onto the greens but must not delay the pace of play.
- d) Please check the competition regulations for full details.

## **G15. Dates Offered:**

- a) Where a round is to be played both 'home' and 'away', both sides should offer dates as soon as possible after the draw is made.
- b) The 'Home' Team Captain/Player(s) must offer at least three dates and no more than two dates in a seven day period. This must be done prior to the contact date on the draw sheet, otherwise the opponent(s) may claim 'Home' advantage. Where a pair are from different clubs (in the Stirling Salver or 4BBB), they may offer dates at either club. However, in a given round all dates must be at the same club.
- c) If player(s) are going to be unavailable for an extended period they should consider whether it is appropriate to enter the competition.
- d) Please give seven clear days' notice for the first date offered, and likewise three clear days' notice must be given when accepting dates.
- e) The opponent(s) must pick their chosen date within seven days of being offered the three dates.
- f) Please try to be flexible when offering dates. At least one must be a weekday and one a weekend. Bank Holidays count as weekends. Rothschild, Monk Plate and Weekend Match Play exception - for these competitions, it is expected the match will be played at the weekend. (Weekday dates are permissible by mutual consent)  
Note: c) and d) do not apply to junior knock-outs.
- g) If a mutually convenient date cannot be found then the players must try and agree between them who should be entitled to a walkover. If this still cannot be agreed, they should contact the Organiser and the Committee will determine which player should progress. The Committee's decision will be final.
- h) The Committee will not give extensions for matches delayed by injury or illness. Competitors must try to rearrange their match within the given dates. If this is not possible, the injured player will forfeit the match.
- i) During BST (British summer time) times offered should be at least 5 hours before sunset. During the rest of the year, the tee time for the last match should be at least 4 hours before sunset.
- j) For semi-finals please refer to additional information under G18.

## **G16. Honour:**

The visitor(s) has/have the honour of driving first.

## **G17. Illness/Injury:**

- a) During a match if a player is unable to continue playing due to illness or injury, the opponent will be deemed to have won the match by the score at the time, or one hole, whichever is greater.
- b) If a player leaves the course permanently for any other reason the match will be awarded her opponent by a margin of 10/8.

## **G18. Semi-Final and Final:**

- a) The semi-finals and finals of all individual competitions, the inter-club scratch foursomes and the inter-club handicap foursomes will be played on a neutral course.
- b) The organiser of the competitions or the Secretary will be responsible for contacting the clubs of the semi-finalists to determine which will be the venue for the match.
- c) For the semi-finals both parties are responsible for making contact before the contact date and for finding a mutually agreeable date.
- d) Both parties should offer a minimum of three dates. At least one date must be a weekday and at least one date must be a weekend. Bank holidays count as weekends. Please try to be flexible when offering dates.

- e) If the two parties are unable to establish a mutually agreeable date the semi-final will be played on the last designated date of the round.
- f) If the agreed neutral venue is not available on this day another course will be found from those clubs who had reached the quarter-final stages.
- g) The date of the final will be published when the first round draw is made, and this date should be kept free. The organiser will check the availability of all semi-finalists for the final. If they are not available, they will have to concede a walk-over.

## **G19. Weather:**

### **(a) Postponements**

- i. In the event of adverse weather or course conditions a match may be postponed if both Team Captains/Players are in agreement, provided a suitable replay date is available and can be arranged immediately.
- ii. If play is suspended the Team Captains/Players must agree a waiting time limit for commencing or recommencing play.

### **(b) Team Competitions Only**

- i. If it has not been possible to complete all individual matches on the day, the following procedures will apply:
- ii. The results of completed matches stand and the incomplete matches are declared null and void. The Team Captains must agree on a day on which the outstanding matches can be replayed, with each team free to alter the original team. No player who took part in a completed individual match may take part in any of the matches to be replayed. Where matches at the top of the order have been completed, no player with a lower handicap than those whose matches have been completed may be selected for the rearranged match. The competition organiser should be consulted for clarification.
- iii. If no individual matches have been completed, the match is declared null and void. It must be replayed at the earliest opportunity, with each team free to alter its original team.

### **(c) Individual Competitions Only**

If it has not been possible to complete the match on the day, the players must agree on a day to complete the match.

### **(d) Extensions**

- i. If the 'Home' course only is closed on the last day of the round, the match must be played on the 'Away' course if it can accommodate the players. If not both courses are deemed to be closed.
- ii. Extensions will not be given unless both courses are closed on the last day of the round in which case the Competition Organiser must be contacted. Should an extension be granted, the match must be played on the first available day that either course is open.

## **G20. Home Advantage**

- a) Players who have Home advantage but are unable to offer courtesy to their opponents must either pay the relevant green fee or else will be liable to forfeit 'Home' advantage. Where a pair are from different clubs (in the Stirling Salver or 4BBB), the opponents must be offered courtesy but whether it is offered to the 'non-home' player is up to the club concerned.
- b) Players who are unable to offer the facility to play the match in a two ball format will be liable to forfeit 'Home' advantage.

## **G21. Trolley Ban:**

- a) Should a club have or be likely to have a trolley ban in place, the visiting Team Captain/Player(s) must be informed as soon as possible.
- b) A trolley ban is no excuse for cancelling a match unless both Team Captains/Players are in agreement and a suitable replay date is available and can be arranged immediately. This will also apply if there is a partial ban in place (eg no electric). Under these circumstances, no caddie or 'bag carriers' are allowed.

- c) **Winter Wheels:** If a club has a policy that only trolleys with winter wheels are allowed, then the visiting opponents must be informed in advance and every effort made by the home club made to provide these if necessary.

## **G22. Course Alterations and Issues:**

- a) If a course is undergoing or about to undergo alterations (new bunkers, tees, layout) or in the event of issues caused by inclement weather, the opposing Team Captain/Player(s) must be informed in advance.
- b) Matches cannot be played on a course with more than four temporary greens in winter and two in summer. Winter and summer are defined by the date of the change between BST and GMT. In summer, the course must satisfy the WHS rules for qualifying competitions.
- c) A match should not be played over a course that is not fully open with regard to its normal number of holes. However in winter, team captains/players are asked to be flexible, always bearing in mind clause G22a.
- d) Holes must be of regulation size.
- e) Local rules of the day apply to all matches.

## **G23: Ball lost or out of bounds:**

The alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball out of bounds permitted as a local rule by the R&A from January 2019 is not to be used in any SLCGA competition. This applies even if the club at which the match is being played permits it under their local rules.

## **G24. Results:**

- a) All matches to be played to a conclusion. If continuing past the 18th hole any extra holes played must continue in the same order they were played from the start of the match with strokes being taken according to the stroke index.
- b) The Team Captain of the 'Home' Team must send the full result on the official form, with all sections completed and signed by both Team Captains, to the Competition Organiser within three working days. It may be sent by e mail, fax or post.
- c) Please remember to include the name of the Club, the venue and date the match was played on the form.
- d) In individual knock-outs and Inter Club Foursomes, the winning Player(s) must send the result to the Competition Organiser within three working days.
- e) Results will be posted on the SLCGA website.

## **G25. Disputes:**

- a) In the event of a dispute in a match, over a rule of golf, a procedure or a wrong score, R&A Rule 20.1b(2). applies regarding making a claim.
- b) In matters of dispute, the decision of the County Captain or her representative shall be final.
- c) Please remember that the game of golf should be played in the correct spirit.

## **G26. Trophy:**

- a) The trophy shall be held by the winning Team/Player(s) for one year
- b) The winning Team Captain/Player(s) is responsible for its engraving. Engraving costs will be reimbursed by SLCGA. If possible, please use Adams Engraving, Mayford, Woking where SLCGA has an account. The Team Captain/Player(s) shall ensure it is returned to SLCGA before next year's final.
- c) SLCGA has a special insurance policy to cover the cups whilst with the winners.

## **The following General Rules and Conditions apply only to SLCGA Inter-Club Team Competitions below. (T = Team)**

1. Hicks Trophy
2. Hicks Plate
3. Centenary Bowl
4. Centenary Plate
5. Derry Cup
6. Helme Shield
7. Bronze Team Trophy (Wallis Trophy)

### **T1. Club Representation:**

A playing member of more than one Surrey club may represent one club only in each competition during the current year. The Hicks Trophy and Hicks Plate count as one competition, the Centenary Bowl and Plate count as one competition and the Derry Cup and Helme Shield count as one competition.

### **T2. Playing Order:**

- a) Teams must play in handicap order and if players are of equal playing handicaps, the Team Captain may place them in her preferred playing order
- b) Each player must be able to produce an up-to-date WHS Handicap Certificate, handicap record or her 'CDH ID Number', if requested.
- c) If any player plays from the wrong playing handicap, her match and any other match affected through incorrect placing shall be conceded, giving a walkover to the opposing players and a result of 10/8.
- d) It is strongly recommended that Team Captains check their players' exact handicaps the day before and on the day of the match.
- e) In the Centenary Bowl and Wallis Trophy, a player who plays in a semi-final but then reduces their handicap below the limit before the final may play in the final.

### **T3. Team Sheets:**

- a) Team Captains must exchange Team Sheets simultaneously, in playing order, no later than 15 minutes before the agreed starting time for the match.
- b) The Team Sheet may not be altered once this information has been exchanged.
- c) If both Team Captains agree, the games can be played in a different order from that on the Team Sheet.

### **T4. Player Late on Tee:**

Should any player fail to be on the 1st tee within 30 minutes from the time fixed for the first pair to start, her opponent may claim the match at her Captain's discretion. This will count as a win by a score of 10/8.

### **T5. Results:**

All matches must be played to a conclusion except in the second leg of a knock-out stage ONCE an overall team result has been decided.

### **T6. Advice:**

The designated team captain (and only she) may give advice to members of her team but is prohibited from pointing out a line for putting. The nominated person is required to keep off the putting greens.

## APPENDIX

CODE	RULES
G	General
T	Team

CODE	COMPETITION NAME
A	Autumn Match Play
BT	Bronze Team Trophy (Wallis)
B	Burditt Salver 60+ Match Play
CB	Centenary Bowl and Plate
CC	Inter-Club Champions Knock-Out
CF	Centenary Foursomes
D	Derry Cup and Helme Shield
H	Hicks Trophy and Plate
HF	Handicap Foursomes
R	Rothschild Trophy and Monk Plate
S	Spring Match Play
SF	Scratch Foursomes
SS	Stirling Salvors
WE	Weekend Match play
BB	4BBB Knockout

### Playing Seasons

#### February - October

##### Inter-Club Competitions

- 1) Hicks Trophy
- 2) Hicks Plate
- 3) Centenary Bowl
- 4) Centenary Plate
- 5) Inter-Club Scratch Foursomes
- 6) Inter-Club Handicap Foursomes
- 7) Bronze Team event (Wallis Trophy)

##### Individual Competitions

- 1) Burditt Salver 60+ Match Play
- 2) Centenary Foursomes
- 3) Inter-Club Champions Gold Medal
- 4) Spring Match Play
- 5) Stirling Salvors
- 6) Weekend Match Play
- 7) 4BBB Knockout
- 8) Rigg Quaich (Juniors)
- 9) Birley Trophy (Juniors)

#### September - March

##### Inter-Club Competitions

- 1) Derry Cup
- 2) Helme Shield

##### Individual Competitions

- 1) Autumn Match Play
- 2) Monk Plate
- 3) Rothschild Trophy
- 4) Winter Scratch League