



KNOCK OUT COMPETITION AND EVENT STATUS AT 1 MARCH 2021

Following our Executive meeting on 1st March 2021, we have made the following decisions regarding our knockouts and events:

If your club or individual members are hoping to enter any of these competitions, please make sure that the club is happy for you to have the time on the course needed and will be open to match play opponents.

Winter Knock Outs 2020/21 - Rothschild, Monk Plate and Autumn matchplay:

- These have been suspended but will resume once clubs reopen.
- The 'play by' date for the current round will be extended to at least the end of May, by which time most clubs expect to be accepting guests and visitors.
- The following rounds will be scheduled in order to finish the competitions before the start of the 2021/22 competitions.
- Competition organisers for these will be in touch with all competitors.

Inter-Club team competitions: Centenary Bowl, Wallis Trophy, Hicks Trophy

We will be running these but under restricted terms as follows:

- There will be no plate competitions for first round losers.
- The entry field will be restricted to 32 clubs. If more than this number enter, there will be a ballot. The winners and runners up from 2019 (if entered) will be guaranteed entry.
- Team numbers will be cut from 5 players per team to 3 players, so fewer tee times are required.
- The 'play by' date for the first rounds will be in the early part of June. With the restriction to the field size, this will enable us to run finals in October as planned.

Inter-Club individual competitions: IC Champion of Champions, IC Scratch Foursomes, IC Handicap Foursomes

- Sadly we have decided that these will not go ahead this year.

If, due to these restrictions, you or your club doesn't get into a particular event, all fees for club entry events will be rolled over or refunded if requested. Cheques paid for individual events will be destroyed.

Closing dates for entry are extended until 12th March in order to allow discussions to take place.

Individual Knockouts: Centenary foursomes, 4BBB, Spring Match Play, Burditt Salver, Stirling Salver

- Again these will be restricted to 32 entries, again by ballot and again with the winners/runners up from 2019 having a guaranteed spot if they enter.
- If there are less than 12 entrants, the competition will not run.
- First round 'play by dates' will not be before the beginning of June.

Junior Knock-Outs: Birley, Rigg Quaich

- First round 'play by dates' will not be before the beginning of June.
- If there are fewer than 12 entrants the competitions may be cancelled.

The Thornhill mixed 4BBB

- The Thornhill trophy will not be run for 2021. The 2020 event is on-going – this competition is run by the SGU office so any queries on it should be directed to them.

Events

Junior Spring Meeting: This has been postponed. Another date later in the year will be found if possible.

Spring Meeting, Bramley: We have just heard that this has been cancelled. It will not be rearranged for this year, but we will hope to go there next year.

The County Championship: is postponed from 16th-18th April to 28th-30th May.

- The field size is restricted to 30 players.
- If the event is over-subscribed entries will be accepted in handicap order.
- 12 qualifiers will go through to the match play stages on Saturday and Sunday.

Given that the government's road map comes to pass, we expect all other events to go ahead as planned.