



WELSH NORTHERN COUNTIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Rules for Ladies Bowl Foursomes and Mixed Foursomes Competitions

1. Each Lady member must be a full member of her Club, County Association and the Welsh Northern Counties Golf Association. Partners in both competitions must belong to the same club.
2. Handicap Index Limit for Ladies is 30.3 and for Men 22.3. At the discretion of the committee, players with higher handicap index can enter but anyone entering the Mixed Purves Foursomes or Ladies Bowl Foursomes must play off a handicap index no higher than 30.3 for ladies and 22.3 for men .
3. To be eligible to enter every player must have played 5 qualifying rounds of golf in the preceding rolling 12 months at time of entry.
4. Entries and Fees must reach the WNCGA by the required date.
5. Reserves: A reserve from the same club may go into a partnership at any time but must then continue playing for the rest of the competition. **A reserve cannot be brought in for the Semi-Final or Final.**
6. **Players playing in the Semi Finals must be available for the Final**, but there may be special circumstances where a degree of flexibility on the date of the Final may be considered. Each circumstance will be considered on its own merit and the Committee's decision is final.
7. The Competition **starts on April 1st** and not before
8. The organiser will determine the Venue of the Matches.
9. In the event of two teams from the same club playing against each other both teams will be deemed to have played at home.
10. Players are responsible for arranging their own matches. The home pair must contact the away pair within the first 7 days after receiving notification of match details from the organiser and offer 3 dates minimum. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the away pair being able to claim home advantage should they so wish. One of the days offered should be a Saturday or Sunday. A weekday must be offered. The organiser must be informed immediately by the away players if home advantage has been claimed.

11. Players who claim 'home advantage' for the first two matches must play their next match 'away'.
12. Ladies must play from the RED tees or equivalent tee used by the home club and the Men from the White Competition Tees or equivalent tee used by the home club. Stroke index allowance will be $\frac{1}{2}$ the difference of the combined COURSE handicaps. Order of play is optional. In the mixed competition strokes will be taken in accordance with the ladies' stroke index as recommended by Wales Golf. All players should be able to produce proof of their handicap index for their opponents if asked.
13. Matches should be played to their conclusion. If a match is continued beyond the 18th hole then the stroke allowance will be claimed again.
14. Failure to play the match by the required date will result in disqualification for both pairings.
15. Couples must settle their own disputes and agreement reached in the spirit of the game.
16. The winners in any match must notify the organiser as soon as possible. Failure to report by the last day of the play will result in disqualification.
17. A player reaching the final of BOTH Ladies Foursomes and Mixed KO must be prepared to play both matches on Finals date.
18. The Finals of the Ladies Bowl Foursomes and the Mixed Foursomes will be played on a neutral course to be arranged by the organiser of the WNCGA. Referees will be appointed for these matches by the committee. **The Finals matches will be played on the first Sunday in October.**
19. All prize vouchers and trophies will be presented at the WNCGA AGM.
20. The use of buggies in all matches will be allowed for medical reasons only and only the player eligible to use one. His/Her partner must walk if not needing a buggy on the grounds given above.
21. Caddies will not be allowed to accompany players during these competitions.
22. Failure to comply with these rules could result in disqualification.