



## COMPETITION RULES – SUMMER/WINTER KNOCKOUTS

The progress of all knock-outs will be available to view online ON Clubv1.

All Summer knockouts are restricted to full or full seasonal members except for the midweek singles which are open to 5-day members and open to both gent's & ladies. Winter knockouts, non-seasonal cannot enter.

The Finals must be played before or on Finals Day , Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Page 2 - Mixed Foursomes

Page 3 - Gents Fourball Betterball

Page 4 - Gents Singles Matchplay Handicap

Page 5 - Gents Singles Matchplay Scratch

Page 6 – Junior Singles Matchplay Handicap

Page 7 - Seniors Singles Matchplay 50+

Page 8 - Super Seniors Singles Matchplay 60+

Page 9 - Ladies Singles Matchplay

Page 10 - Ladies Fourball Betterball

Page 11 – Midweek Singles Matchplay

Page 12 – Winter Foursomes

Page 13 - Playing Handicap Allowance Table

Page 14/15 - Major Trophy Rules

Please note:-

Use your course playing handicap, not your handicap index, prior to agreeing your knockout handicap and playing differences.

All entries must be paid prior to any draws.

### Competition Rules - Mixed Foursomes

- Ladies – Red Tees Gents – Blue Tees
- 50% difference between combined handicaps of each side
- Any pairing failing to pay their entry fee before the closing date will not be entered into the draw.
- The matches must be completed on or before finals day.
- It is the responsibility of the top pairing to offer their opponent(s) 2 dates, one of which must be a weekend.
- Top pairing has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on dates provided.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which team progresses.
- All players will be invited to enter into Greensomes Plate competition.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final.

## Competition Rules - Gents Fourball Betterball

- Gents – Blue Tees
- Back Marker (lowest handicap) to concede strokes to other 3 players based on 90% difference between full handicaps.
- Any pairing failing to pay their entry fee before the closing date will not be entered into the draw.
- The matches must be completed on or before finals day.
- It is the responsibility of the top pairing to offer their opponents 2 dates, one of which must be a weekend.
- Top pairing has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on dates provided.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which team progresses.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final.

## Competition Rules - Gents Singles Handicap Matchplay

- Gents – Blue Tees
- Full difference in playing handicaps
- Any pairing failing to pay their entry fee before the closing date will not be entered into the draw.
- The matches must be completed on or before finals day.
- It is the responsibility of the top player to offer their opponent 2 dates, one of which must be a weekend.
- Top player has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on dates provided.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which player progresses.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final.

## Competition Rules - Gents Singles Matchplay Scratch

- Gents – Blue Tees
- Played off scratch – no handicaps
- Handicap limit 9.9
- Any pairing failing to pay their entry fee before the closing date will not be entered into the draw.
- The matches must be completed on or before finals day.
- It is the responsibility of the top player to offer their opponent 2 dates, one of which must be a weekend.
- Top player has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on dates provided.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which player progresses.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final.

## Competition Rules – Junior Singles Matchplay

- Boys – White Tees Girls – Red Tees
- Full difference in playing handicaps
- No entry fee
- The matches must be completed on or before finals day.
- It is the responsibility of the top player to offer their opponent 2 dates, one of which must be a weekend.
- Top player has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on dates provided.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which player progresses.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final.
- The Club operates competitions in the same manner as Sussex County Golf Junior Guidelines ( [https://www.sussexgolf.org/guidelines\\_for\\_parents](https://www.sussexgolf.org/guidelines_for_parents) )

## Competition Rules - Seniors Singles Matchplay

- Open to members 50+
- Seniors – Blue Tees
- Full difference in handicaps
- Any pairing failing to pay their entry fee before the closing date will not be entered into the draw.
- The matches must be completed on or before finals day.
- It is the responsibility of the top player to offer their opponent 2 dates, one of which must be a weekend.
- Top player has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact
- [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on dates provided.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which player progresses.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final.

## Competition Rules - Super Seniors Singles Matchplay

- Open to members 60+
- White Tees or Red Tees if aged 80 years + can play off red tees adjusting their handicaps against the slope rating.
- Any pairing failing to pay their entry fee before the closing date will not be entered into the draw.
- The matches must be completed on or before finals day.
- Full difference in handicaps
- It is the responsibility of the top player to offer their opponent 2 dates, one of which must be a weekend.
- Top player has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on dates provided.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which player progresses.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final.

## Competition Rules - Ladies Singles Matchplay

- Red Tees
- Full difference in handicaps
- Any pairing failing to pay their entry fee before the closing date will not be entered into the draw.
- The matches must be completed on or before finals day.
- It is the responsibility of the top player to offer their opponent 2 dates, one of which must be a weekend.
- Top player has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on dates provided.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which player progresses.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final.

## Competition Rules - Ladies Fourball Betterball

- Red Tees
- Back Marker (lowest handicap) to concede strokes to other 3 players based on 90% difference between full handicaps.
- Any pairing failing to pay their entry fee before the closing date will not be entered into the draw.
- The matches must be completed on or before finals day.
- It is the responsibility of the top pairing to offer their opponents 2 dates, one of which must be a weekend.
- Top pairing has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on dates provided.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which team progresses.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final

## Competition Rules – Midweek Singles KO

Open to Gents & Ladies with Full or 5-day memberships.

### **All matches to be played midweek except the final.**

- Ladies – Red Tees Gents – Blue Tees
- Full difference in handicaps
- Any pairing failing to pay their entry fee before the closing date will not be entered into the draw.
- The matches must be completed on or before finals day.
- It is the responsibility of the top player to offer their opponent 2 dates.
- Top player has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on dates provided.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which player progresses.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final.

## Competition Rules – Winter Foursomes Ladies & Gents

- Ladies – Red Tees Gents – Blue Tees
- 50% difference between combined playing handicaps of each side
- Any pairing failing to pay their entry fee before the closing date will not be entered into the draw.
- Final to be played before March 31<sup>st</sup> of following year.
- It is the responsibility of the top pairing to offer their opponent(s) 2 dates, one of which must be a weekend.
- Top pairing has choice of courses as they are arranging tee times.
- Winners to update result sheet after play.
- If you are having any difficulty in arranging matches, please contact [golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk](mailto:golf@eastsussexnational.co.uk) with any relevant information.
- There will be No extensions, if no result has been posted by completion date, the bottom player/pair will progress, unless they have failed to play on agreed dates.
- If a match cannot be played because of course conditions, with no further dates available, the shop will toss a coin to decide which team progresses.
- In the event of any disputes, the decision of the Golf Operations Manager will be final.

## PLAYING HANDICAP: ALLOWANCES TABLE

FORMAT OF PLAY	TYPE OF ROUND	RECOMMENDED HANDICAP ALLOWANCE
<b>STROKEPLAY</b>	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Fourball	85%
	Fourball Stableford	85%
	Fourball Par/Bogey	90%
<b>MATCHPLAY</b>	Individual	100%
	Fourball	90%
<b>STROKEPLAY</b>	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 Stroke Play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Stroke Play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 Stroke Play	100%
	All 4 of 4 Stroke Play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	*25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap*
	Scramble (2 players)	25% low/15% high
	Total score of 2 match play	100%
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
	4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%

## QUALIFICATION FOR MAJOR TROPHIES

The events below have been identified as major events and the 4-card qualifying rule is active.

- Robert E Cupp
- Gold Cup
- Betterball Cup
- Club Championship
- Little Horsted Cup
- Tom Appleby Salver
- Carruthers Challenge Cup
- Tombstone Classic
- Anniversary Jug
- Breakfast League ( from 2027 )
- All Summer & Winter Ko's

These competitions will be prefixed with ( Q ) on booking title.

Please see below a new rule introduced for ESN Major Trophy Competitions to ensure that players handicaps are reflective of their current ability and low handicap index.

Players must be able to demonstrate that their handicaps are current as a condition of entry to all Major board competitions and Knockouts, players must have completed and submitted a minimum of 4 x 18 holes competition scores for handicap purposes (formerly known as qualifying) in the preceding year on a rolling 12-month period, these do not need to be counting cards.

"Whilst eligibility is based on completed rounds, the player's official handicap will still be your WHS handicap—not one calculated from the 4-card requirement."

The balance of the handicap calculation may be general play rounds and any combination of 9 and 18 hole scores is acceptable.

\*\* Midweek Show & Go's rounds are classed as competition rounds and will qualify towards the 4 qualifying rounds.

- The Trophy / Board events will be identified with a prefix (Q) on club v1
- Maximum Handicap Index is 24 Men - 36 Ladies ( players may enter , but playing handicap allowance will be restricted in relation to the maximum handicap index). Strokes received will be shown on the scorecard and your handicap will be calculated against your normal whs index.
- For all other competitions there is no minimum number of acceptable scores required to enter or handicap restrictions.
- It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that he meets the qualifying criteria, and it will be indicated on the Event title (Q) to indicate a board event. Penalty : disqualification.
- If an event is oversubscribed , there may be a ballot amongst the higher handicap entries.
- New members will be exempt from qualifying status in their first year of Membership.