



TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR NORTHERN COUNTIES' BOYS' GROUP QUALIFYING

1. The English County Championship Rules and the England Golf General Conditions relating to all Championships and Tournaments shall apply where appropriate.
2. The venue shall be chosen annually by Counties in rotation: Yorkshire, Cumbria, Cheshire, Durham, Northumberland, and Lancashire.
3. The Championship Committee shall consist of the Chairman and Hon. Secretary, one nominee from England Golf and any other persons nominated at a meeting of the Group, three of whom shall form a quorum and whose decision shall be final.
4. Each County shall enter a team of six players. The **best five scores of stroke play** from scratch from each round will be taken over the 36 holes and the County returning the lowest aggregate score from these scores will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the County returning the lowest aggregate score of all 6 players. If a tie still arises:
 - a. Ties shall be decided on the 2nd round and then the 1st round.
 - b. Should that fail to produce a result, ties shall be decided on the team score for the last 9, 6, 3, or 1 holes of the last completed round. If a tie still arises it shall be decided on the last 6, 3 or 1 holes of the first nine holes of the last completed round. If a tie still arises, each of the preceding rounds played shall be treated in the same way (taking each round in the reverse order to that in which they were played) until a decision is reached.
5. If play has to be suspended because of adverse weather conditions, and it is impractical to continue on the following day, the winner shall be decided over 18 holes. If 18 holes have not been completed, then play shall be abandoned, and another date arranged when play may be over 18 or 36 holes at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
6. Each County Union shall nominate their team of six players plus one reserve and present their team of six players in playing order to the Group Secretary no later than 12:00hrs on the day prior to the Qualifying Rounds. Should the need arise for a County Union to replace one of their nominated team for any reason prior to the first round, up to and including the start time for their sixth man, the County Union may do so provided the replacement plays in the team position in the draw sheet of the player he is replacing. Prior to the first round only, should any sudden illness, injury, accident or other emergency reduce the team to less than six players (including the reserve) the Committee (at its total discretion) shall allow substitutes. No replacement, for any reason, may be made to a team once the sixth man has teed off in the first round.
7. Caddies under the age of 18 on the 1st January in the year of this championship are allowed.
8. Play will be under the EnglandGolf Hard Card and additional Local Rules as necessary which will be issued to all players.
9. Each team may name one advice giver whom players on the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify the advice giver to the Committee before any player on the team begins his round.

The team may change its advice giver during the round, but must tell the Committee when it is doing so. The advice giver must not:

- i. Walk on the putting green
 - ii. Give advice to a player on or around the putting green when the player's ball lies on or has been lifted from the putting green.
10. On practice days, players must use the tees indicated by the Club's tee markers for that day. One ball only may be played during the practice rounds with the following exceptions: If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional shot or where the rules of golf apply a player may practice putting or chipping on or near the putting green of the hole last played provided a practice stroke is not made from a hazard and does not unduly delay play.
11. Prizes will be for: -
- a. Each member of the winning team, (the travelling reserve and its Captain/Manager).
 - b. The best individual 36 hole score. The winner will also receive the John V. Todd Trophy.
 - c. The best first round
 - d. The best second round.
 - e. Note: the winner of (b) cannot win either (c) or (d).
12. Winner's responsibilities. The winning County will be responsible for the John Todd Trophy from the time it is presented until it is relinquished. They shall also ensure that the Trophy is returned to the Northern Counties in readiness for the following year's event.

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