



TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR NORTHERN COUNTIES' SENIORS' GROUP QUALIFYING

1. These Terms of Competition should be read in conjunction with the General Terms of Competition for NCGU events.
2. The English County Championship Rules and the England Golf General Conditions relating to all Championships and Tournaments shall apply where appropriate.
3. The venue shall be chosen annually by Counties in rotation: Yorkshire, Cumbria, Cheshire, Durham, Northumberland and Lancashire.
4. 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.
5. 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 the General Conditions rule 12 will apply.
6. 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.
7. 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 16:15hrs 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.
8. Play will be under the England Golf Hard Card available on the NCGU website (NCGU.co.uk), 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. The Group prizes will be: -
 - a. The Daily Telegraph Northern Counties' Seniors' Team Trophy to the winning County.
 - b. A Trophy to the County with the best nett score.
 - c. The best individual 36 hole score.
 - d. The best individual first round
 - e. The best individual second round
 - f. Note: The winner of (c) cannot win either (d) or (e)
12. The winning County will be responsible for the Seniors Team Trophy and the County with the best net score will be responsible for the Seniors Quaich until they are both relinquished. They shall also ensure that the Trophies are returned to the Northern Counties in readiness for the following year's event.

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