



# General Terms of Competition for NCGU Leagues and Championships

## 1. Rules of Golf

All Northern Counties Golf Union (NCGU) events shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd (R&A) and such Local Rules and Terms of Competition as may be approved by the NCGU Championship Committee for each event. All players are required to play with golf balls and use equipment which conform to R&A specifications.

## 2. Amateur Status

All players must be male and have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of R&A Rules Limited.

## 3. Entry: Method and Fees

All entries must be made on the Official Entry Form, which must be received, together with the stipulated Entry Fee, on or before the stipulated closing date for entries. No entry fee will be refunded unless advice of withdrawal is received before the closing date for entries, except to any entrant who may be balloted out and who does not subsequently compete, or at the discretion of the Championship Committee. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to accept, refuse, or cancel an entry without giving reason for its decision. The Committee's decision shall be final. In such cases, any entry fee will be refunded. All entries must conform to the age and handicap limits and other Terms of Competition of each event.

## 4. Eligibility

Each player must meet the eligibility criteria of the county he is to represent. Entrants may not be able to play if their county union has not paid all due Subscription Fees to NCGU. No player may represent more than one County in the calendar year. There are differing eligibility requirements for entry to the North of England Open Amateur Championship.

## 5. Withdrawals

Teams or players who withdraw after the publication of the draw, fail to register at the event, fail to appear on the tee at the due start time, or withdraw during the event without good cause, may be disciplined by the Committee.

## 6. Starting

Competitors shall start at the time, and tee, as set by the Committee.

## 7. Transportation/Disability

It is a requirement that players (and caddies) shall walk when playing in NCGU competitions and they must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by NCGU. Those players or caddies requiring a buggy should consult the NCGU Transportation Policy. Competitors with a disability as defined in the R&A Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities, should contact the Secretary of NCGU. (EM-Secretary@ncgu.co.uk)

## 8. Code of Conduct

Players and caddies are expected to abide by the basic rules of behaviour as described in the NCGU Code of Conduct.

## 9. Prohibited Substances

Any player who is found guilty of possessing, administering or using any substance or method on the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) Prohibited List, will be subjected to Disciplinary Procedures in line with EG Anti-Doping Policy. The full list of prohibited drugs is available from UK Sport (<http://www.ukssport.gov.uk/>)

## **10. Verifying and Returning Scores**

NCGU events use the Golf Genius management product. This is the official scoring system for these events (except league matches) and players are required to enter their scores onto the computerised scoring system using the relevant App. Players failing to ensure that their scores are entered onto the scoring system without good cause will be deemed to have returned a No Score.

The Player and his fellow competitors are required, as a group, to return to the recorder's desk to confirm their scores immediately after completing their round. A player's score is deemed officially returned to NCGU when the player has verified his score and left the recording office/area.

## **11. Result of a Match and when Competition Closed**

### **a) League Matches:**

The result of each game becomes final when the captains agree the result of the match, Rules of Golf 3.2a (5) and 20.1b (2) and (3).

### **b) Stroke play:**

The result of these championships becomes final when the winners have been announced at the prize giving.

## **12. Decision of Ties**

Unless varied by the individual Terms of Competition when scores are tied the result will be decided by the 18 hole totals of the rounds played taking each round in reverse order of playing, i.e. 4th round, 3rd round, 2nd round then 1st round. Should this fail to produce a result, then the result will be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes of the last round played. If a tie still arises it shall be decided over the last 6, 3 or 1 holes of the first nine holes of that round. If a tie still arises each preceding round shall be treated in the same way, taking each round in reverse order of playing, until a decision is reached. If a tie still arises the decision will be by lot.

## **13. Bad Weather**

If, in the opinion of NCGU, it becomes impossible to complete a Competition in accordance with that Event's Terms because of adverse weather or other circumstances, NUGC may vary the Terms to the extent necessary to achieve an equitable result within the time available.

## **14. Liability**

Neither the Host Club nor NCGU can be held responsible for the loss of or damage to, equipment or personal possessions.

## **15. Photography Consent**

By entering a NCGU event all players are consenting to being filmed or recorded (images and sound) by or on behalf of NCGU, or another authorised third party, and consent to these images (or likenesses) being used in any film, recording, photograph or other footage ("recording") in the promotion of NCGU activities. Players acknowledge that no payment or compensation for use of their image or likeness shall be payable to them. If a player objects to any photography being taken of that player, the player should contact the Secretary of NCGU.(EM-Secretary@ncgu.co.uk)