



TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR NORTHERN COUNTIES' DAILY TELEGRAPH LEAGUE

1. These Terms of Competition should be read in conjunction with the General Terms of Competition for NCGU events.
2. Each County will play a MATCH against each other county. The county team will consist of 12 players and the MATCH will consist of 6 foursomes GAMES and 12 singles GAMES.
MATCH POINTS: Win 2 points : Tie 1 point
GAME POINTS: Win 1 point : Tie ½ point
3. The County winning the most MATCH POINTS at the end of the year will hold the Daily Telegraph Salver for the following year, and the Salver will be presented on a date and occasion to be chosen by the winning County.
4. If two counties have equal MATCH POINTS at the end of the year, the winning county will be the one which has the most GAME POINTS from all of its MATCHES.
 - a. If a tie still arises the winning county shall be decided by the result of the MATCH between the two counties.
 - b. If this MATCH was tied the title shall be shared between the two counties.
5. If there are more than two counties with equal MATCH POINTS at the end of the year, the winning county shall be the one which has:
 - a. The greatest number of GAME POINTS in all its MATCHES.
 - b. If there is still a tie between two or more of the counties, 4a and 4b apply.
 - c. If after applying 4a there is still a tie between three or more counties, the title shall be shared by the counties involved.
6. To be eligible to play in a County team, a player must be qualified in accordance with the Conditions for the English Men's County Championship (see EG Website)
7. Exchange of teams, in playing order, shall be made by the County Secretaries or their representative, by 15:00 hrs. on the Thursday prior to the League Match taking place. After the exchange, including on the day of the League match, and only until the final game of the morning foursomes having started, in the case of sudden illness, injury, accident or other emergency, a reserve may be substituted into the original team selection in a position agreed by the Team Captains as allowed by 13 below. Where this agreement cannot be reasonably reached the substitute must play in the same position in the playing order, in foursomes and singles, as the withdrawn player. Re-instatement of the original player is not permitted.
8. In the event of a MATCH being cancelled for any reason it shall be considered as a TIED MATCH.
MATCH POINTS: Each county: 1 point
GAME POINTS: Each county: 9 points (6 tied foursomes & 12 tied singles)

9. In the event of a MATCH being suspended for any reason, the MATCH result shall be decided by the foursomes and singles GAMES which have been concluded. All GAMES unfinished or not played shall be deemed to be tied so long as all the foursomes or all the singles have been finished. If this is not possible Rule 8 above applies.
10. In the event of play being suspended for any reason, it shall only be restarted if :
 - a. during the foursomes, there is sufficient time for all games to be concluded by 14.30 hours, on the basis of a game taking 12 minutes per hole, or part of a hole.
 - b. during the singles, there is sufficient time for all games to be concluded by 19.30 hours, on the basis of a game taking 12 minutes per hole, or part of a hole.
11. Play will be under the NCGU Hard Card available on the NCGU website (NCGU.co.uk), and additional Local Rules as necessary which will be issued to all players.
12. All games shall be played over 18 holes match play from scratch, and may end in a tie and not be extended (Rules of Golf 3.2a), but in the event of adverse weather conditions or state of the course, and if no play has commenced in either the foursomes or singles, a stipulated round of not less than 12 holes may be agreed by Captains of the County teams for either the foursomes or the singles GAMES, and shall count for a MATCH result.
13. The Captains of County teams decide;
 - a. any point that may arise regarding a MATCH
 - b. any point which may arise during any GAME where the players fail to reach agreement.
 - c. when and if play should be suspended, abandoned or restarted, Rules of Golf 5.7a.,5.7b and 5.7c apply.

The host county will appoint a Referee who may be called upon to make a decision if all the above has failed to reach an agreement, and this decision will be final.

NOTE. The Captains shall not overrule any decision by officials of the host club who may suspend or abandon play in the event of weather affecting the condition of their course.

14. Advice Allowed (Rules of Golf 24.4)
 - a. Each county may appoint one non-playing advice giver who may give advice to members of that team. Such person must be identified to the opposing county before the first GAME tees off.
 - b. That person may 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.