HAMPSHIRE GOLF (2019) LIMITED

Rules & Conditions of play for all County Competitions

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Part I - General Rules Applying to All Competitions

Section 1 - General

These general rules apply to the following Hampshire Golf Competitions:

MEN	TROPHIES
County Championship	*Sloane Stanley Shield, Pechell Salver, Hunt Salver & Green Cup*
Courage Trophy	*Courage Trophy & Cole Scuttle*
Hampshire Open	*Parkersell Trophy & County Union Salver*
Mid-Amateur Championship	*Centenary Salver*
County Foursomes Championship	*Championship Silver Tankards*
Mid-Amateur Foursomes Championship	*Dumbleton Memorial Bowl*
Hampshire Bowl	*Hampshire Bowl*
Francis Holmes and Diamond Jubilee Bowl	*Francis Holmes Shield & Diamond Jubilee Bowl*
Hampshire Golf Order of Merit (Gross & Nett)	*Cullen Quaich & Hampshire Golf Bowl*
County Disabled Championship	*TBC*
JUNIOR	
Junior County Championship	*Pechell Trophy, Willard Trophy, John Hardy Bowl, John Rush Trophy, Weddell Trophy & Royal Guernsey Cup*
Junior Tour Order of Merit	*Gross & Nett Trophies*
Best Golfer of the Year	*Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 and Vardon Trophy*
SENIOR	
Senior County Championship	*Holmes Trophy & Pechell Trophy*
Senior Foursomes Championship	*Colin Haworth Trophies*
TEAM*	
Junior Inter-Club Knockout (Green Jackets)	*Green Jackets Cup*
Inter-Club Knockout (County Sevens)	*Trophy*
Champion Club	*Challenge Shield*
MIXED	
Hampshire Golf/HLCGA	*18 hole mixed greensome stableford*

Event	Format/Entry Criteria
County Championship	*36 hole individual medal, sixteen to qualify for match-play, 6.4 Handicap Index limit*
Courage Trophy	*36 hole individual medal, scratch/handicap prizes, 6.4 Handicap Index limit*
Hampshire Open	*36 hole medal, open to Professionals and Amateurs, 4.4 Handicap Index limit*
Mid-Amateur	*36 hole individual medal, scratch/handicap prizes, 10.4 Handicap Index limit for those over 35 years of age on the day of the event*
County Foursomes	*36 hole foursomes medal, scratch/handicap prizes, 26.8 limit combined*
Mid-Amateur Foursomes	*36 hole foursomes stableford, 35 years and over on the day of the event, scratch/handicap prize combined*
Hampshire Bowl	*18 hole individual stableford, handicap prizes, 18.4 Handicap Index limit*
Francis Holmes &	*18 hole individual medal, scratch/handicap prizes, 18.4 Handicap limit*
Diamond Jubilee	
Junior Championship	*36 hole individual medal, U18/U16 scratch/handicap prizes.*
Junior Championship	*18 hole individual stableford, U14/U13/U12, scratch/handicap prizes.*
	Please note: Junior age limits are the age on 1st January that year

Senior Championship	*27 holes individual medal, 55+ years on the day of the event, scratch/handicap/age prizes, 14.4 limit*
Senior Foursomes	*27 holes foursomes stableford, 55+ years on the day of the event, scratch/handicap/age prizes, 36 Handicap Index limit combined*
Hampshire Golf/HLCGA	*18 holes mixed greensome stableford. See HLGCA website for conditions and entry*
Disabled Championship	*36 Hole Stableford open to men and women. Full T&C's on entry*

2.1 The Rules referenced in these rules and terms are those to be found in the current Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited.

2.2 All competitions shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Golf and of Amateur Status as laid down by R&A Rules Limited, the England Golf hardcard and such Local Rules as shall be agreed by the Hampshire Golf Championship Committee. In the event that the England Golf hardcard is in conflict with the Terms of Competition (ToC) for an event then the ToC shall take precedence. The England Golf hardcard can be viewed here: EG hardcard.

2.3 Unless otherwise indicated all competitions are scratch competitions and the winners of Stroke play 18 events are those with the lowest gross scores. Handicap allowances in accordance with WHS shall apply to any competition or prizes based on net scores.

2.4 All stroke-play competitions played under medal play conditions will be qualifying competitions for handicap purposes and the terms and conditions of WHS shall apply.

2.5 All competitors must have a current handicap index and be listed on the WHS.

Section 3 - Entry Qualifications

Entrants must:

3.1 Be of male gender (except where otherwise stated in the Rules and Conditions applying to specific competitions).

3.2 Have a 'Home Club' that is affiliated to the Hampshire Golf (2019) Limited. List of Clubs appears on the website.

3.3 Hold a current handicap index, as defined by WHS.

3.4 From the date of applying to enter until the closure of the competition be of Amateur Status as defined by R&A Rules Limited.

3.5 Meet such other requirements as may be stipulated in the conditions for the applicable competition in Part II - Rules and Conditions applying to specific competitions.

3.6 The entrant's home club should have signed up to WHS.

3.7 In the case of entry by a golfer with disability, he can apply to the County Secretary for adoption of the Modification of Rules for Golfers with Disabilities.

Entrants must not:

3.8 Have represented any other County or have taken part in any County level competition organised by another County in the current year.

Section 4 - Entry Requirements

4.1 Applications can be made on-line at the Hampshire Golf website or in writing and all the information requested must be given. Applications must be accompanied by the specified entry fee.

4.2 Late entries will be allowed into the draw under the following conditions:

i) If there is a free space in the draw.

ii) If all reserves have been used up.

iii) If the player has filled-in an entry form and paid the entry fee.

Section 5 - Competitor Information

A Competitor shall be required to provide the County Secretary with:

i) His full name and England Golf Membership Number (CDH).

ii) Exact Handicap Index at time of entry.

iii) Such other information as the Championship Committee may require.

Hampshire Golf reserves the right to hold information supplied by a player or by his club on his behalf on any media it shall decide for the purpose of assisting in the administration of the competition.

Section 6 - Ballots

6.1 Unless the rules of a competition state otherwise the following procedure shall be adopted if the number of approved entries for a competition exceeds the number of places available:
Balloting out those entrants with the highest exact Handicap Index on the day of the draw, shall fill all remaining places. Drawing of lots will decide where more than one entrant has the same exact handicap index.
An appropriate number of those entrants balloted out shall be placed on a reserve list to fill any vacancies that may occur.

Section 7 - Withdrawn Entries

7.1 An entrant who has made an application to enter a competition and wishes to withdraw must inform the County Secretary (Mobile: 07876 556601)

7.2 Entry fees will be refunded if notification is received before the closing date for entries.
After the closing date for entries, entry fees will be refunded to those entrants balloted out of the competitions, who do not subsequently fill a vacancy.

7.3 A competitor who has been allotted a place in a competition and subsequently withdraws must inform the County Secretary as soon as possible. After the draw, and up to 7 days in advance, entry fees will be refunded only if the spot has been filled by a paying reserve. There will be no refunds if players withdraw within 7 days of the event.

7.4 If a competitor who has been allotted a place in a competition either:
i) fails to meet the requirements of 7.3 above, or
ii) withdraws less than seven working days before the start of the said competition, or
iii) withdraws at any time during a stroke play competition, or
iv) fails to show at the tee for his scheduled start for any round of a stroke play competition,
the Championship Committee may bar him from entry to such future competitions, as it deems appropriate.
A player who withdraws during a competition will be classed as a No Return.
A player who withdraws in the first round of a 36-hole competition will be classed as a 'No Return' in Round 1, and withdrawn from Round 2.
Sympathetic consideration may, in extreme circumstances, be given to players who have had to discontinue play for any cause considered to be exceptional by the Championship Committee.
Those reasons must be conveyed to the County Secretary immediately during an event.

Section 8 - Presentations

8.1 The Championship Committee will endeavour to announce the results as soon as possible after all the scores are reported and to present awards and prizes as soon as is practical thereafter.

8.2 All Competitors are asked to attend the presentation. The County Secretary will endeavour to inform all prize-winners in advance of the presentation to ensure their attendance. Any prize-winner who is unable to attend the presentation should apologise in person to a member of the Championship Committee.

8.3 The Championship Committee reserves the right to withhold a prize if a competitor does not attend the presentation or is inappropriately dressed.

Section 9 - Start Sheets

9.1 The Start Sheet and a sheet of Competitors Instructions will be published on the Hampshire Golf website within seven days of the competition closing date. A copy will also be emailed to all competitors. Competitors should check the website in case of any subsequent changes to their start time.

Section 10 – Health & Safety

10.1 Hampshire Golf operates a Health & Safety Policy for the benefit of competitors and spectators and, as such, there will be first aid trained personnel available throughout practice and the Championship. Should there be any need to contact them competitors should contact the Hampshire Golf Championship Office, which will be "control" for any such situation.
Under the Health & Safety Policy, if competitors or spectators require any assistance or witness

any incident, they should report to the radio control operator in the Hampshire Golf Championship Office. All Hampshire Golf referees, when on duty, have a radio through which such contact can be made. Details of the nearest A&E can be obtained from the Championship Office. Players should familiarise themselves with emergency procedures and fire exits in the Clubhouse. In the event of thunder and lightning, Hampshire Golf will signal a suspension of play for a dangerous situation with one long note of the klaxons. This is the signal for everyone to evacuate the course. People on the course are responsible for their own actions in such a dangerous situation.

Section 11 - Liability

11.1 Neither the Golf Club or Hampshire Golf can be held responsible for the loss of or damage to, equipment or personal possessions.

Part II - Conditions of Play Applying to All Competitions

Section 1 - The Committee

1.1 The Chairman of the Championship Committee will be in charge of the competition or such other person as he shall authorise to deputise for him in his absence. A quorum shall be three.
The decision of the Championship Committee shall be final.

Section 2 - The Stipulated Round

2.1 The Championship Committee shall decide the course at which a competition shall be played.

2.2 Play shall, where possible, be from the Championship or Medal tees unless the Championship Committee shall decide otherwise.

2.3 A stipulated round may start at such hole or holes as the Championship Committee shall decide.

2.4 The Championship Committee will decide the format of any play-off, if required.

Section 3 - Starting Times (Rule 5-3a)

3.1 The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and where necessary alter starting times. Players are required to be at their starting point five (5) minutes before their start time to allow for briefing from the referee in match play or starter in stroke play. The penalties set out in Rule 5.3a shall apply to players who are not ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by the Championship Committee. For a player who arrives at his starting point ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play; general penalty at the first hole in stroke play, or in stableford play the deduction of two points from the total points scored. Beyond 5 minutes the penalty is disqualification.

Section 4 - Practice

4.1 As a courtesy to green-keeping staff preparing the course, practice on the competition course before or between rounds, is prohibited except in areas designated for practice by the Local Rules. Rule 5.2a is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for first breach: General Penalty (applied to the player's first hole, or in stableford play the deduction of two points from the total points scored). Penalty for second breach: Disqualification. Players should take special note that areas which might normally be made available for practice by the club, may not be similarly available under the Local Rules for the competition.

4.2 In County Sevens and Green Jackets Inter-Club Knockouts the home Clubs are requested to give their opponents a Courtesy practice round, although with tee times at a premium, it may not be possible to offer a courtesy round, especially at peak times. In stroke-play competitions, except the County Championship Qualifier, practice rounds are normally charged at the Members Guest rate.

Section 5 - Performance Enhancing Drugs

5.1 A player shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. Attention is drawn to the list of prohibited drugs issued by UK Sport. A player infringing this condition or, if asked to do so, refusing to take a test, may be disqualified. For a list of banned drugs see http://www.uksport.gov.uk/pages/drug-free-sport

Section 6 - Equipment

6.1 For all Hampshire Golf Championships and Tournaments the Rules covering the use of Clubs, Balls and Tees and other equipment are those described in the current Rules of Golf.

Section 7 - Caddies

7.1 There are no restrictions on the use of caddies, except in junior championships/competitions when a player is prohibited from using a caddie. This includes the Junior Championship and the Green Jackets inter-club knockout.

Penalty for breach of Condition: See Rules of Golf (10.2).

Section 8 - Markers

8.1 A competitor's scores shall be recorded by a fellow-competitor in the same playing group. Caddies may not act as markers. A competitor may not act as marker to more than one fellow-competitor.

8.2 A marker should record the scores of only one fellow-competitor or side on a scorecard and his own check scores.

Section 9 - Regulations

The following regulations, together with any additions or amendments published at the course, will apply to all Hampshire Golf events (including practice days).

9.1 **Dress Code**

Players and caddies may wear tailored shorts and white sports socks, unless otherwise specified in the Players Information for a particular championship or tournament.

9.2 **Code of Conduct**

The current England Golf Code of Conduct Policy will apply during the course of all Hampshire Golf Championships (including practice days). Any references to England Golf Championships and matches within the policy are to be read as Hampshire Golf Championships and matches.".

9.3 **Practice Rounds**

One ball only may be played during practice rounds, with the following exceptions:

i) If a player misses the green with their shot to the green, they may play one additional shot.

ii) Where the Rules of Golf apply (e.g. provisional ball)

iii) A player may practise putting (but not chipping or bunker play) provided play is not unduly delayed.

9.4 **Mobile Phones**

Mobile Phones (including pagers or similar devices) may not be used on the course (including practice days) by players or caddies for making/sending or receiving calls or texts except in cases of emergency. The host club emergency number will be shown on the score card. If a serious breach of the above Condition occurs, or where there are repeated breaches, a player may be disqualified under Rule 33-7 for a serious breach of etiquette and/or may be banned from entering or playing in Hampshire Golf Championships for such period as Hampshire Golf may decide.

9.5 **Advice**

Players must act in accordance with Rule 10.2 and 10.3 in matters dealing with Advice and Indicating Line of Play. They must actively discourage parents, friends and where possible spectators from giving advice.

See Parents and Spectators – Code of Conduct at Part IV.

Section 10 - Pace of Play Conditions

10.1 Out of consideration for opponents and fellow-competitors, players should always be ready to play when it is their turn and endeavour to keep pace with the group ahead. Detailed rules covering the control of pace of play can be found in Part III - Pace of Play.

Section 11 - Transportation

11.1 Players and their caddies shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permission to ride had been granted by the Championship Committee prior to the start of the competition. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Rule as per the transportation policy listed on the Hampshire Golf website. For full information and requests to use buggys during competitions please refer to the transportation policy.

Section 12 - Distance Measuring Devices and other Equipment(Rule 4-3)

12.1 The provisions of Rule 4.3 regarding the use of distance measuring devices and other equipment apply in all Hampshire Golf Championships.

Note: The provisions of Rule 4.3 apply to team captains in both stroke play and match play championships. If a team captain uses a device in breach of 4.3 (for example to obtain elevation change information, measure wind speed changes or club selection recommendations), such information sought and received by a player from that team captain or given by that team captain and willingly received by a player, will result in a penalty to the player as per Rule 4.3.

Section 13 - Local Rules

13.1 Local Rules Supplements will be as detailed by the Chief Referee, a copy of which will be available from the County Secretary on the day of the competition. These Local Rules Supplements replace any Local Rules published by the host club (e.g. on a club's scorecard or notice board). Team knockouts held over a variety of courses will follow host club rules.

13.2 Where trolleys are used or golf carts authorised, they must not be taken onto tees or between a greenside bunker and the green and/or onto fringes of greens. All course directional signage must be followed and local restrictions (such as prohibiting the taking of trolleys into heather or rough areas) must be strictly followed. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

Section 14 - Referees

14.1 Where appropriate, the Championship Committee will deploy EG trained referees to officiate at competitions. Amongst other tasks, they will be responsible for giving on course decisions on the implementation of the Rules of Golf, monitoring pace of play and reporting to the Championship Committee the facts of any unresolved disputes that may arise. On the course, they are the only people authorised to give rulings.

Section 15 – Stopping play, Resuming play (Rule 5.7)

15.1 In the event of adverse weather conditions or a dangerous situation arising during a stroke play competition, the Championship Committee shall be responsible for any suspension and resumption of play.

15.2 If in the opinion of the Championship Committee it becomes impossible to complete an event in accordance with the conditions thereof, due to adverse weather or playing conditions, the Championship Committee shall be empowered to vary such conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result.

Section 16 - Returning Score Card

16.1 A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when they have left the recording office/area.
Note: Players must promptly return their score cards to the Championship Office.

Section 17 - Resolution of Ties

Unless the conditions of a particular competition state otherwise ties shall be resolved in the following manner:

17.1 In match play if a match is all square after eighteen holes, additional holes shall be played until one side wins a hole. The play of additional holes shall be as decided by the Championship Committee.

17.2 Ties for first place in all scratch stroke play championships shall be decided by sudden death playoff over holes to be determined by the Championship Committee.

17.3 The Championship Committee shall determine the holes to be played in a stroke play play-off before commencement of play of the final round.

17.4 The groupings for a play-off and the order of play shall be decided by lot by the Championship Committee.

17.5 If there is a tie for a place (second, third, etc) of a scratch stroke play event for which an award is to be made, the tie shall be resolved by the matching of score cards as described in Condition 17.7 below.

17.6 If there is a tie for the winner or places of a handicap stroke play event or award, the winner and places shall be determined by the matching of score cards as described in Condition 17.7 below.

17.7 In the matching of scorecards, where a competition is over more than one round, the competitor with the lowest score for the last round shall be the winner. If the tying competitors have the same scores for the last or only round, the winner shall be determined on the basis of the last 9 holes, then the last 6 then the last 3 and finally on the last hole. For a scratch event the gross scores shall be matched: for a handicap event the net scores shall be matched by deducting the appropriate portion of the competitor's playing

handicap, without rounding, from his total gross score for the holes being matched. For example, when matching the last nine holes, half of the competitor's handicap is deducted, if matching the last six holes, one-third of the competitor's handicap is deducted, and so on. In a multiple tee start, the last nine holes shall be deemed to be holes 10-18 and the last six holes, holes 13-18 irrespective of the hole at which a competitor started.

17.8 If the method described in Condition 17.7 above does not decide a winner or a place then the result will be decided on the last 6, 3 or 1 holes of the first 9 holes of the last or only round.

17.9 If the method described in Condition 17.8 above does not decide a winner or a place then joint winners or places shall be announced and each competitor rewarded in equal measure.

Section 18 – Disputes and Decisions

18.1 Disputes and Decisions in both match play and stroke play competitions will be dealt with by the Championship Committee in accordance with Rule 20.

Section 19 - The Closure of Competition

19.1 For the purposes of Rule 20 a match is deemed to have been officially announced once the result of the match has been recorded on an open results sheet and that sheet has been publicly displayed, or the winner has teed off at the start of the next round, or at the commencement of a presentation ceremony, whichever occurs first. Where matches are played individually at various courses, a match is deemed to have been officially announced once the result of the match has been communicated or despatched to the County Secretary.

19.2 For the purposes of Rule 20 a stroke play competition is deemed to be closed at the commencement of a presentation ceremony or, for a stroke play qualifying round followed by match play, when the player has teed off in his first match.

Section 20 - Prizes

20-1 The Championship Committee and the Secretary will decide the distribution and values of prizes.

Part III - Pace of Play (Local Rule 5-6b)

Section 1 - Time allowed for the Round

1.1 Each hole is given a maximum completion time, primarily based upon its length and difficulty. The maximum time allowed for the completion of 18 holes will be indicated in Competitors Instructions, on the Local Rules Supplement and on the scorecard.

Section 2 - 'Out of Position'

2.1 The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "Out of Position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "Out of Position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

Section 3 - Procedure when Group is 'Out of Position'

3.1 A group 'Out of Position' and more than their cumulative round time shall be asked by the referee to get back into position within a specified time. Failure to do so may lead to players being individually timed.

3.2 A group 'Out of Position' but within their cumulative round time shall either:

* If their pace of play is not affecting following groups no action shall be taken.
* If following groups are being held up the group shall be asked to improve their pace of play.

3.3 If a decision is taken to time a group, each player in the group will be informed the group is 'Out of Position'. At the referee's discretion, each or any of the players will be subject to individual timings.

Section 4 - Time allowed for a Stroke

4.1 The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

* On a par three hole
* An approach shot
* A Chip or putt

4.2 The time will start when the player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

4.3 The time allowed includes any yardage assessment, any walking forwards or backwards and any pre-shot routine, including practice swings.

4.4 On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair pitch marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and / or behind the ball is included in the time allowed for the stroke.

4.5 Timing ceases when a group is back in position. Players will be advised accordingly.

Section 5 - Penalty for breach of Condition (Rules of Golf - Model Local Rule 8K)

5.1 Stroke Play/Match Play
One 'Bad Time' - 1 stroke penalty/Loss of hole
Stableford: 1 point from total
Two 'Bad Times' - Further 2 stroke penalty/ Further loss of hole
Stableford: 2 further points from total
Three 'Bad Times' - Disqualification/Disqualification
Stableford: Disqualification

Section 6 - Procedure when again 'Out of Position' during same round

6.1 If a group is subsequently 'Out of Position' during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Previous bad times and penalties applied in the round will be carried forward until the round is completed.

Section 7 - Random timings without warning when Group not 'Out of Position'

7.1 In addition to the above a player without notice may be individually timed (whether 'In Position' or not). If their time exceeds 60 seconds the player will incur a warning. Any future bad times will result in penalties being imposed as highlighted in Section 5 above.

Part IV - Parents and Spectators - Code of Conduct

Section 1 - Code of Conduct

1.1 During competitions parents should not get at all involved with their son or with his game or his playing partner(s) or their game(s) including giving any rulings.
(If they wish to spectate then it is recommended that they walk ahead of the game and act as "ball spotters" for all players.)

1.2 Stay at least 25 metres from players at all times during play, and do not encroach onto tees or greens. This guideline may be dispensed with when helping to search for a ball or handing over refreshments but they must be mindful of any discussions with players.

1.3 Do not converse with players at any time whilst the play is in progress - applause and gentle encouragement are fine though.

1.4 Show equal respect and appreciation for good shots to all players.

1.5 Do not make any contact (other than the usual pleasantries) with any of your son's playing partners either before or during the game.

1.6 Ensure all players including your child are given some 'space' before tee-off to compose their thoughts.