



## **KNOCK-OUT CUP RULES (TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH LEAGUE RULES)**

Any junior with maximum **active** playing handicaps, 36 (boys) 45 (girls) may play in the league, and any of its competitions, as long as they are members of one of the participating clubs. (In order to help support clubs with smaller junior numbers, or less experienced junior sections, to participate in the league matches and competitions, it has been agreed that juniors with handicaps higher than those specified may play in events, but **MUST** play off the 36 (boys) and 45 (girls) maximum) on the match days.

All matches will be played as foursomes match play.

Teams **SHOULD** consist of 3 players 18 handicap or less and 3 players 19 handicap and higher. Pairings are to be one player from each handicap category, as decided by the team manager. The handicap allowance shall be half of the full difference between the aggregate handicaps of either side. E.g. pair A, combined handicaps of 40, and pair B, combined handicaps of 33, difference is 7 shots, divided by two is 3.5, so 4 shots given to pair A.

Girls shall play from the ladies tee and receive/give courtesy strokes (the difference between the course SSS for men and ladies) Any strokes received will be taken against the men's stroke index for each hole, even if there are no courtesy shots to be received/given. **The courtesy shots are to be taken/given, prior to combining handicaps for any calculations. E.g. pair A, combined handicaps of 48, plus 2 courtesy shots given, thus 50, and pair B, combined handicaps of 24, difference is 26, divided by two is 13 shots given to pair A.**

In the event of tied matches in any round of the Knock-out Cup, then a sudden-death play-off will take place, as follows:

- 1) Where a match ends with each team having a win and a halved match, it is the players in that halved match who play off
- 2) Where a match has three halved matches, then the players from the last halved match will play-off
- 3)

Each round of the Knockout Cup **MUST** be played by the specified dates on the Knockout schedule, as shown on the web site. No club is allowed to play their round beyond the dates specified, unless a request is made in writing to the League Secretary, giving a reason for the delay.

Clubs who fail to field a complete team shall lose the games where the opposing team have a qualifying player/players ready to play on the day. A team failing to attend the agreed match shall forfeit all games and lose the match.

**Postponed or Cancelled Matches** - If severe weather conditions exist on the day of a knockout match the following rules should be applied:

It is the responsibility of the home team official to decide if a match should start.

It is the responsibility for both team officials to agree for a match already started to be cancelled if they think weather conditions will cause any health and safety issues for the players, or if the course, itself, is in an unplayable condition. The safety and welfare of the players is paramount.

In the event of a match being postponed, because of unplayable conditions, a new date **MUST** be agreed and the match played **as soon as possible, and in enough time to allow the next round to be played by the deadline**. If for any reason the match cannot be played prior to the dead line, then permission to extend must be granted by the League Secretary.

If a match is called off and **ALL** matches have completed at least 9 holes then the positions of the games in play at the last completed hole will determine the result, i.e. holes up

If the match is halted before everyone has completed 9 holes, it must be re-arranged and replayed **as soon as possible, and in enough time to allow the next round to be played by the deadline**. If for any reason the match cannot be played prior to the dead line, then permission to extend must be granted by the League Secretary.

**Both teams must notify their match results to League Secretary - Gary Ward within 7 days, by email. Results sheets will be checked, including players' handicaps, via CDH. Any disputes will be notified to team managers and if any handicap is incorrect, a player may be subject to disqualification causing loss of their pairing's match.**

The Knock-out Cup final is to be played at a neutral venue, to be agreed, once the semi-finalists are determined.