



## MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

### KNOCK-OUT TERMS OF COMPETITION

May 2024

Change Descriptions			
Date	Item	Section	Description
May24	10	Extensions	Detail added re course condition.
Feb24	6,10,13	Various	Secretary mailbox changed to Competitions
	13	Result	Result must detail the actual score
	16	Disputes	First contact should be to competitions@mclga.com
Jan24	12	Handicaps	Clarification on calculation of Strokes Given or Received in Foursomes
Oct23	New	Eligibility	New paragraph added regarding accommodating players who require a buggy within knockout competitions. Numbering revised thereafter as a result of new paragraph
Feb22	2	Eligibility	WHI split changed for Silver and Bronze categories
	11	Handicaps	Silver/Bronze Division Course Handicaps changed as per point above
Mar21	2	Eligibility	New Item 2 to reflect Silver/Bronze Division split under WHS
	11	Handicaps	Previously Item 10. Handicap references changed to reflect WHS and clarification regarding Silver/Bronze Division Course Handicaps to calculate strokes

1. All competitors must be members of MCLGA.
2. Eligibility to play in the Silver and Bronze Divisions of the Summer Hole and Hole will be determined by Handicap Index at time of draw. Those players with a Handicap Index of 17.9 and below will play in the Silver Division. Those players with a Handicap Index of 18.0 and above will play in the Bronze Division.
3. Midlothian County is committed to making competitions accessible to all members and will make reasonable adjustments to accommodate those members who require a buggy, as a result of either disability or temporary injury, to enable them to play, wherever possible. Where a player requires the use of a buggy, as a result of either disability or temporary injury, is playing at a course that does not have buggies, the player must ask the Challenger if they would waive home advantage or play the course at a neutral venue, as the agreed reasonable adjustment. A request to use a neutral venue must be made to the Competition Committee to enable them to negotiate a reasonable rate for the players concerned. If the Challenger is not willing to waive home advantage or play the tie at a neutral venue, then the tie would be decided by a random method, such as tossing a coin.
4. The draw will be available on the [www.mclga.com](http://www.mclga.com) website. Should one of the players in a pairing in the Winter Foursomes become unavailable before their first round has been played, the player may be substituted for that round and subsequently the remainder of the competition.

5. The Challenger (name/s above) shall offer at least three dates, not in the same 7 day period, and including at least one date at a weekend. The dates should be offered within one week of the completion date of the previous round.
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  - i) If the Challenger(s) is a member of two Clubs in Midlothian County they must nominate which course they will play home ties on to [competitions@mclga.com](mailto:competitions@mclga.com) before playing round 1 for the relevant competition. Failure to do so would mean they default to their 'Home' course.
  - ii) If the Challenger(s) is a member of two clubs and one is in Midlothian County and one out with, then the tie must be played at their Club within Midlothian County.
  - iii) If a Challenger(s) is a member of only a Club out with Midlothian County, then she will need to give home advantage to her opponent and play the game at her opponent's course within Midlothian County.
7. If the Challenger(s) is a 5-day member of a club and cannot offer a weekend date, and the match cannot be played during the week, she will have to give home advantage to her opponent and play the match at her opponent's course.
8. Although the responsibility for offering dates remains with the Challenger(s), it is important that the opponent(s) contact the Challenger(s) to discuss dates, especially if there are restrictions on their availability.
9. Ties must be played before the given deadline. Matches should be arranged in advance of the deadline to enable an alternative arrangement to be made in the case of adverse weather.
10. Extensions will be given only in extenuating circumstances (e.g. course closure); requests should be made to [competitions@mclga.com](mailto:competitions@mclga.com). In addition, a course is playable for competition if all 18 holes are open, and green staff able to maintain greens, fairways and rough. The conditions may be preferred lies, mats on fairways and no more than 2 temporary greens. If the challenger's course fails on above the tie must be played on away course assuming it meets these criteria. If both courses are closed/fail above criteria, 3 options available - 1 week extension to allow courses to improve. If they are still not playable the committee will find a neutral course. Second option is that both players can elect to play on a neutral course once the challenger's course unavailable. Last resort is to toss a coin.
11. Ties will normally be played on the home course of the Challenger(s), but when prolonged adverse weather conditions result in the closure of the home course(s) or if a member's course is open but deemed unplayable/unsuitable for a tie due to protracted works then the tie must be played on the opponent(s) course.
12. Ties are to be played using Course Handicaps, and reflect the 100% Handicap Allowance for individual matchplay. In foursomes, 50% of combined Course Handicap should be used, which should then be rounded to the nearest whole number, with .5 rounded upwards, before using it to calculate the strokes given/received. Where a Silver Division player's Handicap Index results in a Course Handicap of 18.0 or above, this must be used to determine the number of strokes received or given. Similarly, where a Bronze Division player's Handicap Index results in a Course

Handicap of 17.9 or below, this must be used to determine the number of strokes received or given. In the event of a tie after 18 holes, under Course Handicap, sudden death will follow.

13. The winner(s) must notify the result to [competitions@mclga.com](mailto:competitions@mclga.com). This must detail the actual score ie. number of holes won by, or playoff hole won on.
14. If courtesy of the course is not granted, the cost of the visitor(s) green fee should be split between the player(s) and the visitor(s).
15. Players or couples who plan to be away or unavailable for prolonged periods of time at any stage in the competition, should give serious thought as to whether they should enter the competition.
16. Should a dispute arise, the MCLGA Captain will convene a Panel with two neutral Club Reps and their decision will be final. First contact should always be to [competitions@mclga.com](mailto:competitions@mclga.com).