

Knockout Competition Rules

1. Every entrant, including new members, must have a *Competition* handicap.
2. Matches must be played by the date set for the competition. Extensions will only be given in the exceptional circumstance of the course being closed for more than 7 consecutive days.
3. All games must be played to finish. Shots can be claimed on extra holes.
4. The first named players in each round have primary responsibility for arranging the match. They should offer the opponents a minimum of 3 match dates and times. If these are unsuitable the opponents should offer a minimum of 2 reasonable alternatives to ensure the match can be completed. Both parties are responsible for making sure the match is played by the fixed date.
5. All entrants must be available to play at weekends, or evenings (in the summer), if required. 5 day members are allowed to pay and play their match at the weekend if necessary. Seniors matches should be played Monday to Friday.
6. If your opponent/s cannot play it is up to you to obtain their agreement to a concession, which must not be unreasonably withheld. Otherwise Rule 7 below applies. It is in the spirit of the game that every effort must be made by both parties to co-operate in getting the match played by the fixed date.
7. If a match has not been played by the closing date for that round both parties will be disqualified, unless Rules 4, 5 or 6 (above) have not been followed by one party, in which case the offending party will be disqualified. The tossing of a coin or any other arbitrary method to determine a winner is not permitted.
8. Any agreement made to play a match may be changed by agreement of both parties, as long as the match is completed by the competition round deadline.
9. All players must be ready to start the match at the time agreed. Failure to arrive 5 minutes after the agreed tee time will result in the loss of the first hole for absent party; 15 minutes late will result in the absent party forfeiting the match. In 4 ball better ball matches, if one player is late the other party may play alone: if/when the absent party arrives, he (she) may join the match at the next tee after the hole that is in play has been completed.
10. A substitute partner may be obtained only up until the first stroke of the first match is played.
11. In 4 ball better ball matches, if a player on one or both sides is unable to play, the match may be played as a singles, but the handicap allowance of 90% of the difference remains in place.
12. A player may be disqualified at any time during the competition if it is found that:
 - a. The eligibility requirements for the competition have not been met, or
 - b. A player has breached the rules of the R&A

When playing, if any dispute arises, Rule 2-5 of the Rules of Golf applies.