

General Conditions for Competitions

- 1) **RULES OF GOLF:** All Championships and Tournaments will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R and A Rules Ltd (R&A), and such other Local Rules as may be approved by the DCGU Committee.
- 2) **AMATEUR STATUS:** All players must be of Amateur Status as defined by R&A.
- 3) **ELIGIBILITY:**
 - a) Each player must either be a member of a golf Club affiliated to the Devon County Golf Union (the Union) or have been born in Devon and be a member of an Affiliated Club in another County.
 - b) Each player must not have taken part in a golf championship of another County or have played for another County in representative matches, including friendly matches, during the same calendar year as any Championship, Competition or Match administered by the Union.
 - c) Players moving from one County to another - if there is agreement between the County from which the player is moving and the County to which the player is moving, the player may play for his "new" County with immediate effect, subject to the Eligibility Conditions for the English Men's, Boys' and Seniors' County Championships. Such agreement must be notified, using a COUNTY UNION AGREEMENT form, to England Golf (**English Golf Union Limited trading as England Golf**) (EG) (Championship Department) by the "receiving" County.
 - d) Disagreements/disputes. In case of doubt or in the absence of agreement over eligibility to play for a County in any other County representative match, a County, Counties or Group may seek a decision from EG (Championship Department) whose decision shall be final.
- 4) **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES.** Any player who is found guilty of possessing, administering or using any substance or method on the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) Prohibited List, will be subjected to Disciplinary Procedures in line with EG Anti-Doping Policy. The full list of prohibited drugs is available from UK Sport (<http://www.ukssport.gov.uk/>)
- 5) **HANDICAPS & ENTRIES.** The Handicap Limit and Entry Limitations will be published on the notice for each meeting. Entries may be made online at the DCGU's website (www.devongolfunion.org.uk) In order to enter online a player must possess a CDH (Central Database of Handicaps) ID number. Payment will be taken when the online entry is submitted. Unsuccessful entrants will be refunded by cheque payment after the closing date. If Online Entry is not used entries must be submitted on the official form which can be downloaded from the DCGU Website and which must contain the entrant's CDH number OR be signed by the Handicap Secretary of the entrant's Home Club (Members of Artisan Clubs through their Parent Clubs) certifying the eligibility and ACTIVE HANDICAP of each entrant. All entries must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee (cheques payable to the "Devon County Golf Union"). Entries must be received by the DCGU Secretary on or before the published closing date - late entries will NOT be accepted. No entry fee will be refunded except (i) when intimation of scratching is received before the closing date for entries or (ii) in

the case of an entrant who may be balloted out and does not subsequently compete or (iii) when an entry fee is paid in advance by a player who later scratches in respect of a competition for which there is no closing date for entries.

- 6) ENTRANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE. If an entrant is under 18 years of age on the first day of a tournament and no completed Parental Consent Form (PCF) has been provided to the DCGU/DCJGS Secretary beforehand, he will not be eligible to compete. The PCF must accompany the entry form.
- 7) TIME OF STARTING (Rule 6-3) – Refer to DCGU Hard Card.
- 8) HANDICAP ALLOWANCES. For the time being, the Union has adopted the CONGU handicap allowances which Affiliated Clubs are obliged also to adopt for its competitions.
 - a) For its Matchplay Competitions:
 - b) Full difference for Singles Matches
 - c) ½ of Combined Handicap Difference rounded up for Foursomes Matches

 - d) For its Strokeplay Competitions:
 - e) Full allowance for Singles Medal and Stableford
 - f) ¾ allowance for Three Ball and Four Ball Medal and Stableford
 - g) Foursomes Medal - ½ of Combined Handicap
 - h) Foursomes Stableford - ½ of Combined Handicap rounded up
 - i) Mixed Greensomes Stableford - 0.6 of lower handicap + 0.4 of higher handicap, combined and rounded up
- 9) DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES – See DCGU Hard Card
- 10) MOBILE PHONES (including pagers and similar devices) may not be used on the course (including on practice days) by players or caddies for making/sending or receiving calls or texts except in cases of emergency. Note: The DCGU Hard Card covers the use of mobile phones when used as a distance-measuring device.
- 11) SLOW PLAY – See DCGU Hard Card
- 12) DISABILITY. Except in cases when players claim exemption under the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 & 2005 upon the production of a Medical Certificate signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner, all other Competitors shall be prohibited from riding on motorized buggy carts. PENALTY for Breach of Condition is Disqualification. Medical Certificates must be provided to the Secretary not less than 5 clear days prior to the start of any County competition. Competitors shall always be responsible for providing their motorized buggy / trolley. Refer to Clause 19 below for further information.
- 13) CADDIES. The use of a Professional Golfer or an Assistant Professional Golfer of whatsoever status as a caddie is not permitted at any time. Refer also to the DCGU Hard Card.
- 14) TIES shall be decided either on the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes, or by sudden-death play-off, or as the DCGU Committee may otherwise decide.
- 15) TROPHIES. All County Trophies and the Scratch Gold Medal shall normally be competed for annually and are the property of the Union. The winners of these

trophies (in the case of team trophies, the Committee of the winning Clubs) shall be responsible for their safe custody and shall hold them until the next Annual Competition, returning them engraved & clean either on or before that date as required by the Union. It is strongly recommended that they are kept safe in an Alarmed Area or Trophy Cabinet at their Home Club.

- 16) DRESS - both on and off the course – See DCGU Hard Card
- 17) MATTERS OF DISCIPLINE – See DCGU Hard Card
- 18) FIXTURES. Save as may be otherwise provided in these Conditions or by a prior resolution of the Competitions and/or DCGU Committee(s), no published or scheduled venue for a Championship, Fixture, Competition or Event organised or administered by the Union shall be changed except:
 - a) By a resolution of the whole Competitions Sub-Committee or as many members thereof as may be available at the time.
 - b) By a decision of the Fixtures Sub-Committee of the Competitions Sub-Committee:
 - c) Upon a formal request being received by the Secretary of the Union from the Host Club, or
 - d) in the event of a significant or sudden change in the condition of (i) the course or any playing part of it, and/or (ii) the normal facilities provided in the Clubhouse or its immediate precincts, which could adversely affect the proper and safe conduct of the event.
 - e) All such changes as above must be reported in writing to all members of the DCGU Committee, with the reasons therefor, within 7 days of any resolution or decision being taken as the case may be.
- 19) DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACTS 1995 & 2005.
 - a) For the purpose of accommodating any player who has a physical impairment, as defined by the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 & 2005, and certified in writing by a Registered Medical Practitioner, the Union may permit any such player to be exempt from any prohibition upon the use of a buggy or an electric and/or manual trolley during a competition or event administered by the Union providing the player accepts responsibility for his actions and uses his best endeavours to ensure that his buggy or trolley is kept under his close control at all times.
 - b) The player shall be responsible at all times for providing his buggy or any form of trolley. It is recommended that competitors using a buggy shall keep to all designated paths, comply with all relevant 'traffic' signs, keep off the 'closely-mown area' (fairway) where possible and maintain at all times a distance of at least 20 yards from the nearest point of any putting green. Failure to maintain control of his buggy or trolley in accordance with this Condition may result in the player being refused entry to future competitions or events.
 - c) Any application for exemption shall be submitted to the DCGU Office not less than 5 clear days in advance of the competition start date and must include a medical certificate signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner.