



Cambridgeshire Area Golf Union

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TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The following conditions for this championship must be read in conjunction with CAGU's General Terms of Competition, which are published on the website (www.cagu.co.uk). When entering a competition players/clubs should, take particular notice of the General Terms of Competition covering eligibility, entries and withdrawals.

The **Local Rules** applicable for Stages One and Two of the competition are those of the host club. Local Rules for the Final are contained in England Golf's (which is also CAGU's) Hard Card. It also contains the Conditions on pace of play and suspension of play due to a dangerous situation. A copy of the card will be available at registration for the Final.

After entries close, CAGU's Competitions Secretary will send by e-mail (or, by exception, post) to each pair's nominated contact a copy of the draw, including contact details, and these Terms of the Competition. These documents will also be on the website.

A. **THE COMPETITION FORMAT.** This competition is played in three stages:

1. **Stage One: Foursomes Handicap Medal Play** in a competition specifically organised for their own members by each of CAGU's member clubs. The competition shall be played over 18 holes between May and September. The three lowest net scores qualify for the match play stage. A qualifying competition must be held for a club to enter their three pairs.
 - a. **Handicap allowance:** One half of the pair's combined handicap.
 - b. **In the event of ties**, the three qualifying places shall be decided by CAGU's General Terms of Competition 18b (Countback).
 - c. **Qualifying pairs.** Club secretaries should e-mail the names and contact details of the qualifying three pairs (e-mail and home addresses and phone numbers) on the pro forma provided to CAGU's Competitions Secretary. They should do so as soon as possible after the competition and, at the latest, by 30th September.
 - d. **Entry fees** from all members who entered the qualifying competition must also be remitted by club secretaries at the same time.
 - e. **Exemption.** The holders of the Trophy will be exempt from playing in the Qualifying Medal if both they and their home club agree. If so, they will become one of their club's three qualifying pairs.



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2. **Stage Two: Two rounds of handicap foursomes match play knock-out** commencing 1st October with a deadline determined by CAGU's Competitions Secretary.
- a. **The draw.** The three qualifying pairs from each club will be entered into the draw for this stage of the competition.
 - b. **Venues.** Each match shall be played at a neutral venue as shown on the draw sheet. Courtesy of the allocated course will be granted for a match but not for a practice round.
 - c. **Each match** shall be played over 18 holes. If there is a tie after 18 holes, the match shall continue from the first hole played, on a hole-by-hole ("sudden death") basis until a side wins a hole.
 - d. **Handicap allowance:** one half of the combined difference in handicaps.
 - e. **Deadlines.** Each round must be played by the date specified on the draw sheet. If it isn't, both pairs are eliminated, unless one side concedes to the other. No extensions shall be granted.
 - f. **Arranging matches.**
 - i. Both sides shall arrange their own matches. They share responsibility for contacting each other as soon as possible to arrange the match.
 - ii. Both sides shall agree which of them will contact the club venue allocated to arrange a date and tee time. Such contact must be made at least eight days in advance. Matches will commence at the hole decided by the club concerned. See contact details for three clubs below *
 - g. **The winners** of a match must e-mail the result and the margin of victory to CAGU's Competitions Secretary, who will notify them by e-mail of their opponents in the next round, when known, and the venue at which their next match will be played.
 - h. **Course conditions.**
 - i. Because matches are played during winter months, the tees and greens to be played will be as directed by the club on the day. Therefore, play may be from temporary tees and greens. In the absence of a specific direction, a club's yellow tees will be played. Furthermore, trolley bans may be in operation.
 - ii. Players drawn against each other may not change the venue allocated. If problems arise e.g. a course is and/or will be closed for a period of time, CAGU's Competitions Secretary must be contacted so consideration can be given to changing the venue for a match.

Contact details for three clubs:

- If playing at Nene Park GC (Thorpe Wood or Orton Meadows courses), contact with the Club should be made via the Pro Shop.
- If playing at The Gog Magog GC, the Old Course is restricted to two and three-ball play on odd days of the month and, on even days, four-ball play is allowed (two-balls do not have priority). Likewise, the Wandlebury Course is



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- If playing at Saffron Walden GC, matches may not be played on a Saturday.

3. Stage Three: The Final.

- Format.** The last 16 pairs will contest the Final by 36 holes of foursomes handicap medal play on a date and at a venue determined by CAGU's Competitions Secretary. A reserve date will be included in CAGU's Fixtures List in case the Final has to be postponed because of adverse weather.
- The draw.** The draw sheet and a Players' Information Sheet will be sent beforehand to the pair's nominated contact.
- Tees.** White tees shall be used unless otherwise directed by the Competition Organiser.
- The winners** shall be the pair with the lowest net medal score.
- Ties.**
 - In the event of a tie for first place, the pairs concerned shall continue play over holes determined by the Competition Committee on a hole-by-hole ("sudden death") basis, with handicap strokes taken as per the score card.
 - If a play-off involves more than two pairs, those eliminated will be deemed to have tied for second place, regardless of the order in which they were eliminated and will receive second place prizes.

B. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY/QUALIFICATION:

1. See General Terms of Competition 3. In addition, at each stage of this competition, the maximum handicap allowance is 24.
2. Substitutions will not be permitted after the draw has been made for Stage Two of this competition.

C. WINNERS AND PRIZES

1. The winners shall be presented with the Trophy and winners' prizes. Subject to A.1.e. above, they shall be exempt from Stage One qualifying for the following year's competition.
2. The runners up and (if only one runner-up) the third placed pair shall also receive prizes. In the event of a tie for third place, General Terms of Competition 18b (Countback) will apply.
3. Where prizes are in the form of vouchers, their value shall be decided by the Competition Committee.