



The 2019 National Golf Club Challenge

Frequently Asked Questions

Introduction

1) What is the National Golf Club Challenge and How Is It Structured?

The National Golf Club Challenge is a nationwide charity golf event that will bring hundreds of golf clubs together in May, June and July 2019 to each hold a charity golf day supporting On Course Foundation.

In addition to participating in the UK's largest amateur charity golf event, golfers throughout the British Isles will be playing against each other.

The Challenge is an opportunity for the UK's golfing community to come together to compete, have fun and show their support and generosity to the wounded service personnel of the British Armed Forces.

The aim of the National Golf Club Challenge is to raise as much money as possible for the On Course Foundation charity.

2) When Will the National Golf Club Challenge Be Held?

The National Golf Club Challenge will take place throughout May, June and July 2019 – and the National Final held in October.

3) Where Will the National Golf Club Challenge Be Held?

The Challenge will take place at registered golf clubs up and down the UK. The National Final is expected to be hosted by the Trump Turnberry Golf Resort.



4) How Much Does It Cost a Golf Club to Enter the Challenge?

There is no entry fee to participate in the National Golf Club Challenge, the event is specifically aimed at fundraising for On Course Foundation, Golf clubs are encouraged to fundraise as much as possible as an inspiring show of support for our injured troops.

5) How Does a Golf Club Register for The National Golf Club Challenge?

Golf clubs can register by completing the online registration form at www.ngcc.uk.

6) Does the National Golf Club Challenge Have Any Patrons?

The Challenge has some wonderful patrons, including Lee Westwood OBE and Sam Torrance OBE.

7) What is 'The Lee Westwood Cup'?

The "Lee Westwood Cup" is the stunning trophy on offer for the winning golf club. Wedgwood Sports Division - who made The World Golf Championship (WGC) trophies - have designed, commissioned and sponsored the Challenge trophy to the same specifications as the WGC trophies.

8) Is There a Prize for the top Fundraising Golf Clubs?

The top fundraising golf clubs will win an automatic place to the National Final to recognise their generosity and hard work.

Registered Golf Clubs

9) What is Expected from Each Golf Club?

1. Each golf club entering the Challenge will be asked to host its own fundraising NGCC qualifier event in May, June or July 2019, in support of On Course Foundation.

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If demand is exceptionally high, the event can be spread over two days to cope with the numbers but the top five scores (men's) and top five scores (ladies) must be taken from across both days. The Challenge team cannot accept two entries from the same golf club.

2. Each golf club – after obtaining permission from the club secretary or management committee – will need to select the person, or team of people who will take responsibility for organising their National Golf Club Challenge charity golf event.
3. To enter the National Golf Club Challenge, each golf club must fill out and submit the registration form from the NGCC website (not on the On Course Foundation website). Please note; there is no charge associated with participating in the Challenge.
4. Each golf club will manage and administer their own On Course Foundation charity golf day and raise funds in any way they see fit. This will include organising all the entries from their membership, to organising fundraising activities and prizes for the day.
5. Each club must have their own insurance and liability cover in place. The Challenge organisers will not accept any liability for loss or injury incurred whilst participating in The National Golf Club Challenge.
6. Each golf club must play to the rules of golf laid down by The R&A.
7. Each golf club must play their fundraising competition from their normal competition tees and only one standard scratch score for each section (Men's + Ladies) can be accepted.

All competitors must play the same course without exception. If your event is a mixed event, two sets of results must be produced and must include 5 scores for the men's section and 5 scores for the ladies section. Under no circumstances will less than 5 qualifying scores for each respective section be allowed to count as a club's official score.

8. Each club must decide on their own entrance fee. It is not dictated by the Challenge team. The main aim of The National Golf Club Challenge is to raise one million pounds for the On Course Foundation charity.

9. Once completed, each golf club must return the following to the Challenge team from each section (Men's & Ladies if mixed event held):

- The top 5 scores (men's) & top 5 (ladies) on the **official results form**.
- The Golf Club's official standard scratch and par for the golf course played.
- The Golf Club's official fundraising cheque made payable to 'National Golf Club Challenge'. The Challenge will then pay the total amount to On Course Foundation.



- Any champagne moments: Anything out of the ordinary/funny/ridiculous that happens will be put before the Challenge organisers and a prize will be won for The National Golf Club Challenge 2019 champagne moment.

10) How is the Event Structured?

Each participating golf club will host their own fundraising stableford competition (played from the club's official competition tees) in May, June or July 2019, in support of On Course Foundation. The Challenge will be split into a Men's event and Ladies event – with two separate scores returned from each club which hold a mixed event.

Each club who has formally entered the Challenge will be required to return their top 5 men's & top 5 ladies stableford scores to the Challenge organisers (on the official results form). Scores must be returned from both the men's and ladies section (if applicable), together with the fundraising cheque.

The top 5 men's & top 5 ladies scores will then count as the club's official aggregate score for the men's and ladies sections. Each club's official aggregate score will be counted against standard scratch and Par.

The event shall be played from the competition tees (white) and all results are against standard scratch and Par for each particular club.

Ladies will play off the ladies tees (red) and play against standard scratch and Par.

11) How Will the Scoring Work?

The Challenge is a national event and will be scored using the Stableford scoring system.

This will require each club to identify the Par and SSS of each course played (if a mixed event held) which will identify what any one individual will need to achieve to 'play to handicap'. For example, Par 72, SSS 71 player needs to achieve 37 points to play to handicap. These are then added together to give you the Club score. Please see the event rules for further clarification for how to calculate your score.



12) What Happens in the Case of a Tie?

In the case of a tie the Challenge organisers will use the following method to produce a full and correct leader board.

In the first instance, the course played with the higher standard scratch score shall take any tie. After which the organising committee will apply the following:

The top score and the poorest score from the qualifying scores will be omitted and the club's score will be found from the remaining scores.

13) How are the Green Fees Handled?

Where green fees are required, this should be arranged by the participating golf club.

14) Who Informs the Organisers of the Match Result?

Once the event has taken place, the golf club secretary/ organiser is responsible for informing The National Golf Club Challenge of the result.

15) What Happens If We Have to Cancel Our Event?

You can still play your fundraiser supporting On Course Foundation but would be ineligible to enter the challenge competition.

16) What is the Handicap Limit?

The handicap limit is 28 for men and 36 for ladies. The event is to be played using full handicaps.

17) Is there an age limit for competing in The Challenge?

Yes, the age limit is set at 18 or over at the time of the competition, with maximum handicap of 28 for men and 36 for ladies. Younger golfers can still participate on the day and make a contribution, but their score cannot be entered into the competition.



18) Do Competing Golfers Need to Produce a Handicap Certificate?

Handicaps and certificates should be monitored by the competition secretary before the event – if this is already routinely done at your golf club, the production of a handicap certificate on event day will not always be necessary.

19) How Will Disputes Be Settled?

If agreement cannot be reached between competitors and individual clubs, the Tournament Director (The National Golf Club Challenge) should be consulted for a final decision.

20) Note on Disqualification

Where players fail to comply with Rules of the Tournament or if individuals are found not to meet the entry criteria, they shall be disqualified from the event. The Tournament Director's (The National Golf Club Challenge) decision shall be final and binding in all matters relating to the running of the Tournament.

Miscellaneous

21) How Much Fundraising Will Be Required?

There is no minimum fundraising requirement. The main aim of the National Golf Club Challenge is to raise one million pounds for the On Course Foundation charity. The men's team and ladies team from the top fundraising golf club will be invited to play in the final at Trump Turnberry as a thank you, so each golf club is encouraged to raise as much money as possible.

22) What Should the Entrance Fee Be?

Each club must decide on their own entrance fee. It is not dictated by the Challenge team. Some clubs charge up to £20 per entrance fee in order to raise a fitting donation.