

The 2019 National Golf Club Challenge (the Challenge) Event Rules

1. The competition will be played in accordance with the rules of golf as laid down by the R&A.
2. The Challenge shall use the stableford scoring system as prescribed by the Rules of Golf. The best 5 aggregate scores (from the men's section) and best 5 aggregate scores (from the ladies section, if applicable) from each registered golf club will go forward and be counted as the correct aggregate score for each club and therefore act as the official score for each golf club's entrance into the Challenge.
 - 2.1. **Golf Club Rules** – Golf Clubs must apply the associated Golf Club Rules for the Challenge which are available in the Event Kit. All local rules must be strictly adhered to.
 - 2.2. **Scoring** – The Challenge is a national event and will be scored using the Stableford scoring system to find the top performing golf clubs, from the men's and ladies section.

This will require each golf club to identify the Par and SSS of each course played 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. This can be adjusted from the Par/SSS of the course (total club score - Par/SSS x 5).

Example

SSS 72, Par 70 = 2 36 minus 2 = 34 points required to play to handicap

SSS 69, Par 71 = -2 36 plus 2 = 38 points required to play to handicap

Example of Golf Club Scoring

Club A – SSS 70, Par 71 = 37 points to play to handicap.
 37 points x 5 = 185 points = Par for 5 golfer aggregate

Player 1: 42
 Player 2: 41
 Player 4: 40
 Player 4: 40
 Player 5: 49

Total 212

212 – 185 gives Club score of 27 points.

- 2.4 . Ties** – 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 three scores.

3. Entries into the National Golf Club Challenge must be received no later than 21st July 2019. Exceptional circumstances – at the total discretion of the tournament – director may result in late entries being accepted but by no means are guaranteed.
4. Entry is open to all players aged 18 or over at the time of the Challenge with maximum handicap of 28 for men and 36 for ladies.

Handicap Rule & Requirements:

(A) CONGU 'Active' - a current member of a CONGU affiliated golf club who has played in at least 4 handicap qualifying competitions between April 4th 2018 and May 1st 2019 .

(B) CONGU 'Non-Active' – a current member of a CONGU affiliated golf club with a handicap.

(C) Strokes Golf Handicap – a current subscriber to Strokes Golf Handicap who has entered a minimum of 4 cards between April 4th 2018 and May 1st 2019 (www.strokesgolffhandicap.co.uk).

No other handicap certificates are valid for entry into the event.

The handicap limit is a maximum handicap of 28 for men and 36 for ladies.

5. Current handicap certificates must be checked by participating golf clubs. If a competitor does not provide a handicap certificate on the day of the match he/she must provide proof of handicap to the organisers within 48 hours of completion of the match by order of the tournament director.
6. The entry fee for each player is subject to a donation that will be administered and determined by each participating golf club.
7. Golf Clubs will be notified of their registration by e-mail as requested at the time of entry. No other confirmation of entry will be issued. Each club who enters will receive an individual thank you letter for their participation and highlighting the amount of money they raised.
8. By entering into this event you automatically give permission for your name, golf club and contact information to be made available to other competitors.
9. All prizes offered are the only prizes applicable. Under no circumstances are alternate prizes on offer if the prize won is not suitable nor are prizes subject to a cash alternative.

10. All winners prize must be in possession of a current valid passport. Winners should ensure that they have appropriate travel insurance before leaving the UK. No costs arising from winning the main prize will be covered by The National Golf Club Challenge.
11. All prize winners will be responsible for any other expenses such as travel upgrades, airport taxes, caddies, golf carts, drinks, additional food and other activities.
12. All queries about any aspects of The National Golf Club Challenge should be directed to the tournament director at the following address:
info@nationalgolfclubchallenge.com.
13. All decisions concerning the running and administration of The National Golf Club Challenge rest with the tournament director and his decision in all matters is final and binding on all competitors.
14. All returns documentation (listed in 16i below) is a condition of acceptance of each club's official results and must be completed in full and **sent to The National Golf Club Challenge by the 15th of August 2019.**
15. What is expected from each golf club? Golf clubs are responsible for:
 - a. Each golf club entering the Challenge will be asked to host its own fundraising competition any day in May, June or July 2019, in support of On Course Foundation. No other dates are available to compete in the Challenge.

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

b. 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.

c. To enter The National Golf Club Challenge, each golf club must fill out and submit the registration form on the www.ngcc.uk website (not on the On Course Foundation website). Please note, there is no charge associated with participating in the Challenge.

d. 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.

e. 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.

f. Each club must play to the rules of golf laid down by The R&A.

g. Each golf club must play their fundraising competition from their normal competition tees and only one standard scratch score for each section (mens + 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 from the men's section and 5 qualifying scores from the ladies section be allowed to count as a club's official score.

h. 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 much as possible for the On Course Foundation charity. The top fundraising golf clubs will be invited to attend the National Final.

i. Each golf club must return the following documents, completed in FULL without exception.

1. Fully completed OFFICIAL RESULTS FORM – no other results form will be accepted.
2. Supply information for any champagne moments.
3. Your fund-raising cheque made payable to “National Golf Club Challenge”.

16. The National Golf Club Challenge carries full CONGU qualifying status.

17. Please visit www.ngcc.uk for more information.