

Terms of the Competition & Local Rules

The following Terms of the Competition shall apply, together with any additions or amendments as published on the official competition Entry Form, the Fife Golf website, and/or at the event, unless otherwise indicated.

All references are to the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited.

I. COMPETITIONS - GENERAL

- a. All competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and any Local Rules adopted by the Fife Golf Committee and any Local Rules applying at the course being played. In the event that any of the Local Rules of the course and those of Fife Golf should contradict each other the Fife Golf local rules will prevail.
- b. All championships will be run by Fife Golf Limited, to whom all disputes will be referred and whose decision will be final.
- c. Competitors must walk at all times during a stipulated round, unless authorised by a member of the Committee, or permission to use a buggy has been granted in accordance with the Scottish Golf Transportation Policy.
- d. Caddies are permitted unless otherwise stated in the Terms of Competition for an event.
- e. The Committee reserves the right to arrange and/or alter starting times.
- f. Scorecard Return - in each stroke play competition, the scorecard is considered returned when it has been submitted via the Scottish Golf App. All scores are to be submitted electronically.
- g. The winners and placings in each stroke play competition will be determined, if necessary, by matching scorecards and the placing determined by the scores for the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole in turn. In the event of there still being a tie the last 6, 3, 1 hole(s) of the first nine holes will be considered in turn. Where the competition is one where handicap applies, the relevant proportion of the player's handicap will be deducted from the score for those holes. Handicap stroke fractions should be applied in accordance with the rules or recommendations contained within the WHS™ publications.
- h. Result of Match - the result of a match in the Knockout competitions and Match Play Championships is final when reported to the recorder and if there is no specific recorder appointed, to a member of the Committee.
- i. The Committee reserves the right to alter the rules of entry and Terms of the Competition.
- j. The Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving any reason for its decision.
- k. The Committee comprises those members of the Fife Golf committee present at and/or responsible for management of the event on the day.
- l. The Committee's decision on all matters shall be final.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. To be eligible for Fife Golf events, entrants must:
 - i. Be of amateur status as defined by R&A Rules Limited.
 - ii. Be in possession of a WHS™ Handicap Index®.
 - iii. Be a member of a golf club or society that is affiliated to Fife Golf Limited. **Except**, to be eligible for the Fife Golf Women's Match Play Championships (both Scratch and Handicap):

- Entrants must not be a member of any other unamalgamated Scottish Ladies County (except if they are an honorary member who has elected not to be available for selection for that County's women's or girls' team in the calendar year), or
- Entrants must not be a member of an amalgamated County / Area association and have elected to be available for selection for that association's women's or girls' team in the calendar year.
- b. To be eligible for Women's Fife Golf events, entrants must:
 - Be a female or non-binary player whose sex assigned at birth was female. (All queries regarding transgender eligibility must be directed to competitions@fifegolf.org.)
- c. To be eligible for Men's Fife Golf events, entrants must:
 - Be a of the male gender, or non-binary players, transgender women and women with differences in sexual development (46 XY DSD).
- d. To be eligible for junior, girls or boys event, entrants must be under 18 years of age at 00.01 hours on 1st January in the year of the competition.

3. ENTRIES AND FEES

- a. Entries must be completed and received by Fife Golf Limited by midnight on the closing date. They must be accompanied by payment. No entries will be accepted without payment.
- b. It is the entrant's responsibility to check that their entry has been received by the closing date.
- c. Fife Golf Limited will only consider late entries should the maximum field size not be achieved and thereafter at its discretion up to 48 hours prior to the championship concerned.
- d. The starting field for stroke play competitions will be dependent on the number of tee times that have been made available for the event, with play to be in three balls or two balls.
- e. In the event of a competition being over-subscribed, the competition places and those on any waiting list operated will be determined as follows, unless otherwise indicated in the Terms of Competition for that event:
 - i. Men, women, boys and girls will be assumed to be separate categories for competitions open to all golfers.
 - ii. The number of places for each of men, women, boys and girls will be proportionate based on the number of entries received from each of those categories, subject to a minimum of 9 places being made available for each of these categories.
 - iii. Groupings for any events open to men, women, boys and / or girls will be within those categories.
 - iv. Where a category is oversubscribed, places will be decided by the earliest date of paid entries received.
- f. Competition entries should be submitted via the Scottish Golf App or by completing the official entry form available on the Fife Golf website prior to the closing date specified on the form and / or App and payment must be made by the closing date.
- g. All entries are subject to the approval of Fife Golf Limited, who reserve the right to refuse or accept or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry.
- h. Correspondence will be sent electronically where an email address has been provided. Fife Golfing Association will not be responsible for any correspondence that fails to reach an individual.

4. WITHDRAWALS

- a. An entry fee will only be refunded if the entrant confirms their withdrawal prior to the closing date; by cancelling their entry in the Scottish Golf App or by email to competitions@fifegolf.org, or if they fail to gain entry to the championship.
- b. If a player does not receive an automatic refund via the Scottish Golf App, refunds will be issued where applicable within 28 days of the completion of the event concerned.
- c. Any player who no returns/withdraws/retires during a championship will not be permitted to take any further part in the championship.

5. HANDICAPS

- a. All entrants must be in possession of a WHS Handicap Index®.
- b. The player's WHS Handicap Index® at the date of entry will be used for the purpose of determining the entry and waiting list detailed under criteria 3e above.
- c. The WHS Handicap Index® on the day of play prior to tee off will be used where applicable for competition purposes.

6. INCLEMENT WEATHER OR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- a. If in the opinion of Fife Golf Limited, it becomes impossible to complete a championship in accordance with that championship's Terms of the Competition, because of adverse weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances, Fife Golf Limited reserves the right to amend the championship format to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

7. TROPHIES / PRIZES

- a. All trophies awarded at championships shall be retained by Fife Golf Limited.
- b. No player can be placed more than once in stroke play competitions. In determining the placings precedence will be given to any placing which would qualify for a place in a further competition or to where there is a cut but otherwise the one prize to be awarded will be determined by which place has the higher monetary value. If the monetary value of placings is the same, precedence will be given to the scratch prize.

8. POLICIES / PROCEDURES

- a. The following policies apply to all Fife Golf Limited Championships and are available at www.scottishgolf.org:
 - Disciplinary Policy
 - Transportation Policy
 - Pace of Play Policy
 - Privacy Policy
- b. Parental consent is required for all entrants who are under 16 years of age, and this will be required to be completed at the date of entry on the entry form. By consenting on the online entry form you are agreeing to the Terms / General Terms of the Competition and giving consent for your child to be entered, videoed and photographed. Should you not wish to give consent for your child to be videoed or photographed please highlight this on the entry form.
- c. Any queries or concerns regarding videos or photographs on websites or social media sites and if either the parent/guardian or the young person wishes the data to be removed they should contact the Fife Golf Limited competitions convenor competitions@fifegolf.org.

9. DISCLAIMER / CONSENT

- a. Neither the host venue nor Fife Golf Limited can be held responsible for any personal injury, loss of or damage to, equipment or personal possessions at Fife Golf championships.
- b. When you enter with the intention of competing in a championship you give consent for your personal information to be collected in order to confirm your entry and provide you with championship specific information directly related to your participation in the event.

In addition to the General Terms of Competition covered by 1 – 9 above, the following specific Terms of Competition apply to the stated competition below:

10. SUMMER MEETING & WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. The Summer Meeting will be the 18-hole stroke-play qualifying round for the Fife Golf Women's Match Play Championships (Scratch and Handicap). The 16 players who meet the eligibility criteria in Term 2a above returning the lowest gross scores and the 8 players, thereafter, returning the lowest nett scores will compete in match play for the Women's Championship and the Handicap Championship respectively.
- b. In the event of the Summer meeting being oversubscribed, the number of places for each of men and women subject to a minimum of 48 places being available for women and 24 places being available for men. The Committee reserve the right to allocate a number of places to boys and /or girls depending on the number of entries received from those categories.
 - i. Places for both the Women's Summer Meeting will be determined by the lowest Handicap Index® at the date of entry. Should there be a tie for the last space, places will be decided by the earliest date of paid entries received.
 - ii. Places for each of the Men's Summer Meeting will be decided by the earliest date of paid entries received.
- c. Ties for the last place(s) and all other ties for the automatic draw for the Women's scratch championship shall be decided on card countback using the gross scores for the last 9,6,3,1 hole(s). If still a tie, the gross scores for the last 6,3,1 hole(s) of the first 9 will be used. If still a tie, the Committee will reach a final decision.
- d. Ties for the last place(s) and all other ties for the automatic draw for the Women's handicap championship shall be decided on card countback using the countback method detailed in 10c above, but the relevant proportion of the player's handicap will be deducted from the score for those holes. Handicap stroke fractions should be applied in accordance with the rules or recommendations contained within the WHS™ publications. If still a tie, the Committee will reach a final decision.
- e. Each match shall be over 18 holes after which if the match is all square (tied) it shall continue from the 1st tee on a "sudden death" basis until a hole is won. In handicap events, stroke allowances will be in accordance with the applicable WHS™ regulations.
- f. Players who have elected not to be available for the gross Women's Championship match play flight are not permitted to play in the handicap match play flight.