

### Rules for Match Play Competitions 2025:

- A. All round matches must be played prior to the date posted.
- B. It is the responsibility of the person or persons on top of the draw to arrange the match.
- C. Failure by competitors to arrange a match prior to the cut-off date may lead to competitors being disqualified by the Men's or Ladies' committee.
- D. When a match is completed, the result must be posted by a person or team on the appropriate chart on club notice board. The chairman of match-play competitions must also be notified of any changes of dates and results which will then be relayed to club website.
- E. All matches for men must be played off the white tees (not stakes), with the exception of the 5-day Matchplay playing off the yellow tees (not stakes). Ladies off Red.
- F. In mixed competitions men drive off first.
- G. Matches must not be played on competition courses or during competitions.
- H. In the case where agreement cannot be reached in organising a date and or time for a match, the decision of the competitions committee will be final.
- I. **All finals are expected to be played on Finals Day (07/Sept/2025) except where a person is competing in 2 or more finals. In such cases this person must play finals in advance of Finals Day to allow them to play in one final on that day. There will a month to play finals in advance of Finals Day as all semi- finals are to be completed by 4<sup>th</sup> August.** In such cases dates and times must be agreed with the chairman of match-play competitions or for ladies' match-play, the Ladies Competitions Committee.
- J. All matches are expected to be played in accordance with rules and etiquette of golf. Where a dispute arises over an issue, the player should proceed with the match and seek a ruling later where possible. The decision of the competition committee will be final in these matters.

### Handicap Instructions:

- For **Andy Doherty, The Cotter Cup and 5 Day Matchplay**: The full difference between the course handicaps of the two players.
- For **Club Singles** (Classes): Players play off scratch.
- For **Club Fourball**: All players in the match will individually calculate a course handicap. The players each receive 90% of the course handicap, then the low player concedes the full difference to the other 3 players.
- For **Club Foursomes** and **Mixed Foursomes**: All players in the match will individually calculate a course handicap. The pair receives 50% of their combined total of their course handicaps. The full difference between the calculated handicaps of each pair will determine the number of shorts given/received.
- For **Father and Son**: 60% lower course handicap + 40% higher course handicap. The full difference between the calculated handicaps of each pair will determine the number of shots given/received. Note: Both drive, then select preferred and play the selected ball.