

SIVEWRIGHT SHIELD MATCHES (HANDICAP) 2020

- A**
- (I) The League shall have Two Divisions divided along the geographical level of Durham, clubs around Durham will be allocated North or South to make even numbers in each division. Each team will consist of five players (*of whom only two may have a WHS Handicap Index of 18.4 or below*)
 - (II) The difference of the **full course handicaps is used.**
 - (III) A draw in each division will dictate the order of teams to be played.
 - (IV) Each team shall play 4 home and 4 away matches against their drawn opponents.
 - (V) Caddies are not allowed. Penalty: loss of hole for each hole for which the breach has occurred, maximum deduction two holes. **R&A rule 10.3 modification 8 H-1.** Further infringement-disqualification.

- B**
- (I) *The Team with the highest points in each Division will take part in a playoff.* In the event of a tie, away games will count, after that the quality of the games will count.
 - (II) The Winners of the play off will receive the Sivewright Shield.
The Second placed Team will receive the Runner-Up Shield.
 - (III) *Only players who have played in at least 3 matches will be eligible to play in the Final.*
 - (IV) In the event of Teams having the exact same score in the play off, the first 2 players will play 'sudden death'.

C **ELIGIBILITY**

- (I) Ladies with a **handicap index up to 40** may enter matches.
- (II) No competitor can play for more than one club in the County. *See Association Rule 17*
All competitors must have a **WHS Handicap Index**
- (III) A Club with *more* than 35 Members (with current **WHS H/Cap index 29.4 and below**) may enter a Sivewright Team *only* if it also enters an Anderson League Team.
A Club with 35 or fewer Members (with current **WHS H/Cap index 18.5 and above**) may enter a Team *without* the requirement to enter an Anderson team.
Numbers to be taken from **WHS** on July 1st.
- (IV) Completed entry forms and fees must reach the Treasurer by the required date.
- (V) Entries received after the date will not be included in the competition.
- (VI) Confirmed fixture lists, stating both dates and times, should be forwarded to the Match Secretary within 3 weeks of the Captains/ Secretaries Meeting.

D **STARTING TIMES**

- (I) The Tee shall be booked for the required time.
- (II) A minimum of three players shall constitute a team.
- (III) A team list shall be prepared with players playing in order of handicap.
- (IV) Captains, or their representatives, shall exchange team lists at least 10 minutes before the agreed starting time of the match, after which time the team list shall not be altered.
- (V) When two paired players are present they may begin play regardless of their position on the list
- (VI) Should a player fail to be ready to play within 30 minutes after the confirmed official starting time of the match, her opponent on the list shall score a 10 and 8 walk over.

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E SYSTEM OF SCORING

- (I) 2 points will be awarded for a team win. One point will be awarded for a Halved match.
- (II) In the event of a tie, the individual game points will count; a draw to count as a half.
- (III) In the event of a further tie, away games won will count, after that the quality of the game will count.
- (IV) Halved games shall be accepted, provided the game has been completed.
- (V) Results of conceded games shall be calculated from the point of concession with a maximum of 6 and 5.
- (VI) N.B. It is not possible for both players to concede their games, nor to agree to a halved game.
- (VII) For any breaches of DCLGA rules or Bye-Laws, players concerned shall lose their games by 10 and 8.
- (VIII) Eclectic cards may not be marked during matches.

F DISPUTES

The Captains, or their Representatives, of the teams concerned should normally settle any dispute. If the dispute cannot be resolved, it should be referred to the Match Secretary within 48 hours after the end of the match.

G DATES

- (I) Only County fixtures shall take precedence over League matches.
- (II) Dates, once fixed should not be changed except for:
 - County fixtures
 - Course closed or unavailable for play.
 - Extenuating Circumstances e.g. bereavement. Subject to the approval of DCLGA Captain or Match Sec.

H ABANDONED MATCHES

- (I) In really bad weather conditions, matches may be abandoned with the agreement of **both** Captains on the day of the match if the course is deemed unfit for play (flooded greens, wind causing ball to move etc.), even if the course has been declared fit by the committee/Professional
- (II) Players should not discontinue play unless:-
 - a. The Committee has suspended play.
 - b. There is a danger of lightning

(R & A Rule 5.7a)

Bad weather is not of itself a good reason for discontinuing play, unless FOG, SNOW or FLOODED GREENS make play dangerous or impossible
- (III) Should a match be abandoned then the Captains must rearrange the match and inform the Match Secretary accordingly.

I RESULTS

- (I) Match results must be forwarded to the Match Secretary as soon as they are known. (*Within 7 days*) . Failure to return match sheets within the time limits MAY result in penalties.
- (II) Failure to field a team on more than one occasion MAY result in penalties. Result sheets should be emailed to the Match Secretary (*In the same A5 format*). They may also be posted.

J WITHDRAWALS

Clubs withdrawing completely from the Sivewright matches during the year shall be banned for the following 2 years unless there are extenuating circumstances.