SIVEWRIGHT SHIELD MATCHES (HANDICAP) Revised 2026, effective from 2027

A (I) The League shall have 2 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 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 results 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 having a 'halved score' game in the play off, players will play until conclusion of the game.

C ELIGIBILITY

(I) No competitor can play for more than one club in the County. *See Association Rule 17*

(II) Completed entry forms and fees must reach the Treasurer by the required date.

(III) Entries received after the date will not be included in the competition

(IV) All competitors must have a WHS Handicap Index

. (V) Confirmed fixture lists, stating both dates and times, should be forwarded to the Match Secretary before December 1st.

(VI) Ladies with a WHS handicap index greater than 36 may enter matches but must play off 36 then the course handicap for 36.

(VII) Players must have submitted 4 **competition** cards within the previous 12 months from the date of the match.

Addendum

Modified Rule 4

When a player is unable to compete due to significant memory loss i.e. she is unable to remember where her ball landed or the number of strokes taken, a card marker/ball spotter may accompany her to assist.
The card marker/ ball spotter may not act as a caddy or give advice etc. (Penalties would apply for breach of R&A rule 10.3 model local rules 8 H-1) Confirmation of her issues from her Lady Captain and/or committee will be sufficient evidence. Clubs must inform the opposing team if a card marker/ball spotter will be present 24 hours in advance.

D STARTING TIMES

(I) The tee shall be booked for the required time which may be any day of the week at any time of day at the home club's preference.
(II) A minimum of three players shall constitute a team. Matches may not be conceded if these numbers are available.
(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.

E SYSTEM OF SCORING

(I) 2 points will be awarded for a team win. 1 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 results 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 or the DCLGA Captain 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. extreme heat. Subject to the approval of Match Secretary or DCLGA Captain, whose decision will be final.

H ABANDONED MATCHES

(I) In really bad weather conditions or extreme heat, matches may be abandoned with the agreement of **both** Captains on the day of the match or 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. Completed games will stand and only games in play or to be

played will be rearranged, commencing from the 1st tee.

(IV) In the event of an abandoned match after team sheets have been exchanged at the club, players will still be eligible to play in the final providing they have played in 2 previous matches.

(V) In the event of a conceded match the opposing team will receive a 3-0 win.

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 by the Home club (*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.