

D.C.L.G.A CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

Introduction

Due to COVID-19, the arrangements for this year's Championship will be slightly different to normal. Please take time to read this document so that you know what is expected of you during the event.

Arrival/Sign-in

There is a one-way system in operation in the clubhouse. To sign-in, please proceed all the way round the front of the clubhouse to the ladies locker room where sign-in will take place in the ladies lounge. There will be committee members in the area on the first day to ensure that everyone knows where to go.

Track and Trace

We are required to collect contact details of those attending the event so that if anyone taking part develops COVID-19 everyone else can be traced and asked to undertake a test. Therefore please be prepared to provide us with your phone number. These details will be taken at the start desk.

Score Cards

In order to reduce the possibility of contamination to a minimum, we will not be providing pre-printed score cards. You should take a blank card and you will be told whose card in your group you will be marking. Please enter **their** name at the top of the card (along with the competition name and date). When you are on the first tee confirm their handicap with them and put this on the scorecard too. In this way you can enter their score as normal (without them having touched the card) and you can enter your own score in the marker's column).

Food

There will be food available in the clubhouse if required and the menu will be displayed at the start table. Please let the person on duty know what you would like and the order will be placed for you and will be ready for when you finish your first round. You are not allowed to eat your own food in the clubhouse, there is an area near the entrance to the ladies locker room where you can eat your packed lunch.

Exiting the Clubhouse

When leaving the clubhouse to go out on the course please use the fire exit in the lobby between the ladies lounge and the bar.

Ball Spotters

There are a number of blind holes on the course and we will have spotters on the 6th, 10th and 13th holes to assist.

On the course

Bunkers – There will be no rakes in the bunkers therefore placing is allowed within 6 inches. Please try to smooth out any footprints etc. after playing your shot.

Flagsticks – Golfers are required to leave the flagstick in the hole at all times and not to touch it as per England Golf Play Safe Stay Safe guidance. Due to the strength of the wind the flagsticks often bend, a player is allowed to hold the flagstick straight (centre it) with a putter whilst a member of their group is putting if requested.

Caddies – Players may have a caddy but they must abide by the social distancing guidance and may not go on the greens.

Rules

Di Elsy will be acting as Rules Official during the Championship. If there are any problems the players should contact her on her mobile phone. If she cannot be contacted, then on Monday, the player should play 2 balls for that hole and get a ruling later. During the match play stages of the competition that option is not available. The players should decide between them. This stands even if it is wrong (Rule 20.1b(1) or If no agreement can be reached then request a ruling when Di becomes available Rule 20.1b (2).

Confirming Scores and Returning Cards

When you finish your round please verbally confirm the score that you have marked with the player. You should do this on a hole by hole basis (not just the total) to confirm that you both agree. Once agreed it is only necessary for the marker to sign the scorecard. The player themselves will have never touched their card during the competition. Once confirmed, please hand the card into the start/finish table in the ladies lounge.

Displaying/Publishing Scores

Unfortunately it will not be possible to display the scores as they come in on a TV screen in the ladies lounge as there is not enough room. Paper score sheets will be kept up to date in the locker room and they will also be available on the Live Leaderboard section of the DCLGA website (top option on the left hand menu in the Results section of the website). Once all the scores have been entered the top 16 players (who are available) will be put into the automatic draw for the matchplay stages of the event. This cannot be done before the final card has been handed in so please be patient while this is done. The draw will be put on the DCLGA website as soon as possible and again will be in the Results Section 2nd option on the left hand side menu. Matchplay games will start at 08:00 and 13:00 each day.

Presentation of Prizes

Weather permitting, it is hoped that we will be able to run a socially distanced presentation on Wednesday afternoon outside the clubhouse.

Driving Range

The club's driving range is open from 7:15am. Tokens can be purchased at the start desk, the cost is £1. Please have the correct money as no change will be given. Access to the driving range is behind the ladies locker room.

Practice Ground

Players may use their own balls to practice to the right hand side of the driving range, please be aware when picking balls up of players using the driving range.