

RULES FOR THE INTER-CLUB SCRATCH FOURSOMES

1. The Inter-Club Foursomes shall be organised by an Organising Committee of three members appointed by the County Committee.
2. Competitors must be members of the Hertfordshire County Ladies' Golf Association.
3. Each Club may nominate a team of two pairs. The combined handicap limit for a pair is 32. (*Should the combined handicap exceed this the pair must play off 32*).
4. The Competition will consist of one round stroke play for Scratch and Handicap trophies.
5. The 24 Clubs with the lowest combined playing handicaps of the four players (on the closing date) are eligible to play. Ties for the 24th place will be balloted. Clubs not included in the draw will be placed on a waiting list in order of combined handicap.
6. Entry fee: £27.50. Entry fees will not be refunded after the closing date unless a club is not offered a place.
7. The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.
8. There will be a ballot to decide the order of play. Two pairs from any one club may not play together.
9. Should a nominated player have to withdraw after the closing date and a substitution be made, the resulting combined handicap must fall within the handicap limit stated on the starting sheet. If no other player within the prescribed limit is available, the Club must withdraw and will be put on the waiting list. The next eligible Club will take their place. If a Club on the waiting list is offered a place but decides to withdraw, the entry fee will not be returned.
10. The Organiser **must be informed of any handicap change** from those stated on the Entry Form or **if any change has to be made to the teams entered**. In the event of a nominated player altering her handicap after the closing date she shall play off her new handicap in the competition.
11. The Organising Committee reserves the right to alter the length of the Competition at its discretion.
12. Any competitor who is not on the first tee ready to play at her advertised time of start renders herself liable to disqualification under Rule 6-3. In the absence of circumstances which would warrant the waiving of the penalty of disqualification under Rule 33-7, if the player arrives at her starting point, ready to play within five minutes of her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes in stroke play, instead of disqualification. The Organising Committee shall have the powers to delay the time of start of any competitor or competitors
13. **No caddies/trolley pullers are allowed.** *Penalty for breach of condition: 2 strokes for each hole at which the breach occurred; maximum deduction per round 4 strokes. Failure to cease unauthorised use of a caddy/trolley puller shall result in disqualification.*
14. Use of distance measuring devices (Decision 14-3/0.5) will only be allowed in practice rounds.
15. Players shall walk at all times unless permitted to ride by the Organising Committee. *Penalty for breach of condition: Stroke play – 2 strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round 4 strokes. In the event of a breach between the playing of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Use of any unauthorised form of transportation shall be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player shall be disqualified.*
16. All disputes during the Competition shall be settled by the Organising Committee whose decision shall be final.

The following trophies will be awarded:

Inter-Club Challenge Cup	Lowest aggregate gross score
Hertfordshire Maps	Lowest gross score
Handicap Cup	Lowest aggregate nett score
Hertfordshire Coasters	Lowest nett score

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