

Hertfordshire County Ladies' Golf Association
RULES FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Championship shall be organised by a Championship Committee of three members appointed by the County Committee.
2. Competitors must be members of the Hertfordshire County Ladies' Golf Association.
3. Members with Playing Handicaps in Categories 1 and 2, on the closing date, shall be eligible to enter. Entries shall be limited to the lowest 48 handicaps who apply. In the event of a tie for 48th place this shall be decided by Exact Handicaps (as on the closing date). Eligible competitors who fail to make the entry of 48 plus ties will be placed on a reserve list.
4. Entry Fee £18.00 (£8.00 for Cadets (*under 23 on 1 January in the year of the Championship*) and Juniors). Entry Fees will not be refunded after the closing date.
5. The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.
6. The Championship shall be played off scratch. A qualifying round of 36 holes shall be held. The players returning the 16 lowest scores shall qualify for match play. In the event of a tie for 16th place the result shall be determined by card play off.
7. The Championship Committee reserves the right to shorten the length of the qualifying at its discretion.
8. The draw for match play shall be made according to the automatic draw.
9. A competitor, unable to play in the match play stages of the Championship, **must advise the Championship Organiser before the draw for match play takes place**. After the draw, in the event of a qualifier having to withdraw, there will be no substitution and the draw will stand.
10. An 18 hole competition, for the Championship Plate, will be held for the first and second round losers in the match play.
11. Any competitor who is not on the first tee 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 loss of the first hole to be played in match play, or two strokes in stroke play, instead of disqualification. The Championship Committee shall have the powers to delay the time of start of any competitor or competitors.
12. It is obligatory for all competitors to play with a ball which is named on the current R&A/USGA list of approved 1.68 golf balls. *Penalty for breach – Disqualification.*
13. Competitors may not engage a professional or assistant professional golfer as a caddie. Caddies are **not** allowed on the greens.
Penalty for breach – Disqualification.
14. Use of distance measuring devices.
These are allowed **except a device which measures anything other than distance will not be permitted even if the other functions are switched off.**
15. Players shall walk at all times unless permitted to ride by the Championship Committee. *Penalty for breach of condition: Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match shall be adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred. Maximum deduction per round: two holes. 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.*
Match or stroke play – 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 Championship shall be settled by the Championship Committee whose decision shall be final.

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