

General

The competition website is: www.competitiongolf.com

To contact us by email:

For help & support: support@competitiongolf.com

Competition Stages

The competition consists of 3 different stages.

Knockouts

The first stage is a national matchplay event, played under 'The Rules of Golf' for matchplay as laid down by The R&A. The winners progress to the next round and the losers are eliminated. The match is played at the Home Teams nominated golf club. The winners of each knockout group are invited to the second stage.

Qualifiers

The second stage is a better-ball stableford event, played at venues around the UK. From each qualifier, at least one pair, with the highest score, adjusted for countback, go through to the final.

The Final

The final is a Ryder Cup-Style event, to be played in Portugal. Accommodation and golf fees are paid for as part of your competition entry fee. Flights are not included.

The number of pairs going to the qualifier and final is dependent on the number of pairs entering the competition. Competition Golf reserve the right to amend the numbers and locations based on the number of entries.

Player Eligibility

The competition is open to all golfers aged 13 and over on the date of the draw.

Players under the age of 18 must play with a partner aged 18 or over. Any player under the age of 18, who makes it in to the final stages, must be accompanied by someone with parental responsibility.

Competitors must have a Competition Status handicap issued by a recognised authority. Players do not need to be members of the same golf club, but must have played in competitive rounds in the previous 6 months.

Professionals may take part in the competition and will play with a handicap of 0, or to the lowest handicap of the other players in the group.

Important Dates

Registration Closing Date: 16th October 2021

Draw Date: Tuesday, 17th October 2021

Knockout Rounds

Round 1 End Date: 28th November 2021

Round 2 End Date: 16th January 2022

Round 3 End Date: 27th February 2022

Round 4 End Date: 3rd April 2022

Qualifiers:

April 2022

Final:

May 2022

Competition Entry

Once you have entered, if you decide to withdraw from the competition prior to the starting date, no refunds will be made.

If an entry has an outstanding entry fee on the date the registrations close, they will be removed from the competition.

If you concede a match to your opponents, but no refunds will be made.

In exceptional circumstances, a refund may be made. However, a £5 admin fee will be deducted from all refunds.

Once an entry has been received, a confirmation email will be sent. This may go to your spam folder. Please add competitiongolf.com to your safe senders list.

Each pair nominates a home course where you will play your home matches. If you and your partner are members of different clubs, you are required to nominate one club as your home club. The group you are placed into is based on the location of your home club.

You and your partner are expected to play together throughout the competition. Substitutions may be permitted with approval of the organiser. For the avoidance of doubt, substitutions are only permitted to cover an unforeseen injury, illness or other similar circumstances which could prevent you from taking part in the competition. In these circumstances, we may request evidence. Any decision by the organisers are final.

The Draw

The draw will be made on the published draw date. You will be notified of the draw by email. The organisers are not responsible for any emails that are not delivered or that go into your spam folders.

The results can be seen by logging into the competition website. Additional notifications may also be sent to players through SMS messaging and in app notifications.

Whilst the competition draw tries to limit the distance you need to travel, you may be required to travel further as you progress through the competition. This can also happen based on the location and the local geography of where you live.

Arranging Your Matches

It is the Home Teams responsibility to contact their opponents and arrange for the match to be played at a mutually convenient date and time. However, both teams are responsible for ensuring that the match is played as soon as possible and before the round deadline.

Contact should be made as soon as possible after you receive your match ready notification. Matches should be played as soon as possible before the deadline.

The Home Team is required to provide a dates that include both weekdays and weekends.

Match deadlines will not be amended, except in exceptional circumstances.

The venue for any match may be changed to a different course if there is mutual agreement from all players to do so.

If a match is not completed by the deadline, the Away Team will be awarded the match, unless there is evidence to demonstrate a lack of response from the Away Team. The organisers decision is final. Each team will have 24 hours to submit evidence when requested. Failure to provide evidence within the deadline will result in decisions being made by the organisers in absence of the evidence. For a match result to be overturned, there must be sufficient evidence to justify it being overturned.

If a home club does not permit weekend golf for visitors, the away club should be used if a weekend date is chosen.

A neutral venue can be used, if all parties agree.

Playing Your Matches

The format for the Knockout rounds is better ball matchplay.

Any green fees must be shared equally between all of the players.

If either team has to cancel the match within 48 hours of the match being due, the other team may claim the match. Please refer any such decision to the Organisers presenting necessary evidence.

If either team is not on the starting tee, at the agreed upon tee-time, the other team may claim the match. However, if a team is late and the other team agree to play the match, then the losing team cannot claim the other team were not there at the agreed start time. Please refer any such decision to the Organisers presenting necessary evidence.

It is the responsibility of the home pair to ensure that the course is available on the date and time the match is due to be played. If for any reason the course is not available, and the Away Team has turned up, the Away Team may claim the match. Alternatively, they may choose to switch to another course if possible.

Rain, temporary greens, mats to protect fairways, temporary tees or preferred lies are not reasons for not playing a match.

The Home Team should make the Away Team aware of any rules which are specific to their club. However, all players are responsible for knowing the Local Rules of the course where the match is due to be played.

Play should be from the club competition tees for ladies and men, unless club rules do not permit this or all players agree to use a different set of tees. For avoidance of doubt, competition tees are White tees for the men and Red tees for the ladies, unless the club uses different tee colouring.

The use of GPS and laser range finding equipment which only measures distance is permitted at all stages of the competition.

Caddies are permitted at all stages of the competition, if allowed by the golf club. The player with the caddy should inform the other team when the match is arranged or as soon as possible.

The use of buggies is only permitted for medical reasons, and they are the full responsibility of the player(s) hiring them. Medical certificates may be requested by opponents and should be provided on request. If a buggy is used, the other player may not put their clubs on the buggy or use the buggy at any point.

Matches all square after 18 holes will be decided on a sudden death play-off, commencing at the first hole played, with appropriate shots given.

If after mutual agreement a match has to be abandoned during the first 18 holes, due to lack of daylight or the course becoming unfit for play, play shall resume from the point where the match was abandoned as stated in the Rules of Golf.

If after mutual agreement a match has to be abandoned during a sudden death play-off, due to lack of daylight or the course becoming unfit for play, then the match will be replayed over 18 holes at the Away Team's course on another mutually convenient date.

Handicaps

Handicaps must be adjusted in line with recommendations for mixed better ball competitions.

Each competitor must play using their current WHS Handicap Index, which may increase or decrease during the period of the competition.

Current handicap evidence must be taken to each match and shown to the opponents before the match commences.

Strokes will be taken on the basis of 9/10 of the handicap difference and taken from the lowest handicap of the fourball. Additionally, for mixed pairs, extra shots will be awarded based on the difference in the Course Rating.

For details on calculating your Matchplay handicaps, please view this article:

www.competitiongolf.com/calculating-matchplay-handicaps

Entering Your Results

The winners of each match are required to submit the match results into the competition website. Only one team needs to submit the results. Once the result has been entered, a confirmation email will be sent to both teams.

If a result is not submitted online by the deadline date, then the Away Team will be deemed the winners.

Extensions of any kind should not be expected. However, requests should be made to the organisers as soon as the need for a possible extension arises.

Prizes

Players are responsible for making sure they can attend both the Qualifiers and the Finals. If a player requires a visa, it is their responsibility to obtain this, or any other travel documentation before leaving. If a team cannot attend a qualifier or the final, the place may be offered to another team. The organisers decision on this is final.

There is no cash or other alternative prize.

Changes and Amendments

The organisers reserve the right to change or modify the prizes, dates and the format of the competition, depending on the number of entries and other factors.

The organisers reserve the right to change or modify any part of these rules as they deem appropriate throughout the duration of the competition.

The organisers reserve the right to cancel the competition, should the minimum number of players not be reached. Should this happen, entry fees will be refunded.

COVID-19

Should any restrictions be introduced, due to COVID-19, the competition dates and venues may be changed.

The knockout stages are played as a four-ball and all competitors must maintain any COVID related rules at all times. If a player has symptoms, they should not attend the match and a substitute player should be requested.

The Home Team is responsible for advising the visiting team of any COVID related rules or restrictions that are in force at their club.

Disputes and Complaints

If the results are entered incorrectly, the results may be disputed. Disputes should be sent by email to support@competitiongolf.com

Disputes on a result must be raised within 48 hours of the results being entered.

The organisers may disqualify any player from the competition if they decide that a player's handicap is inaccurate when compared with their actual playing ability. If a player is disqualified, their current match will be forfeit. In the case of disqualification, no refunds will be made.

The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any team whose actions or conduct are deemed not in the spirit of the game.

The organisers' decision on any disputed matter is final.

Data Protection

We do need to share your data so you and your opponents can arrange matches.

You agree to provide the full name, e-mail address and phone number for all players.

By entering the competition, you expressly grant permission to share your personal information to your fellow competitors for the purpose of allowing you to participate in the competition.