

West Bradford Golf Club Ltd



Matchplay Competitions Charter

In entering any of the Club's knockout competitions, a player is agreeing to:

- Familiarise themselves fully with the Club's Competitions Terms of Reference document (available from the member's website), and the format of play for specific knockout competitions.
- Familiarise themselves with how "shots" are calculated and awarded, in particular those in fourball knockouts, and those involving lady members
- Abide fully with The Rules of Handicapping – see Appendix 1
- Abide fully with deadline dates / "to be played by" dates. Extensions can only be agreed should all players to a match consent, and only with the approval of The Captain for the Gold Cup and Wade Shield, and the Rabbit's Captain for the Frank Shaw Trophy and The Roger Snowden Trophy.
- Make every effort to be available to play a final on Finals Day, or failing that the Reserve Finals Day. Both Finals Day and its reserve date will be confirmed in the Club's summer fixture list
- Make best endeavours to play any day of the week, not just restricting themselves to a specific date, day or time
- Take into consideration an opponent's particular circumstances when seeking to arrange matches i.e. a pensioner cannot insist a match is not played on an evening, when their opponent works full time
- Avoid (where possible), playing matches on the same day as midweek Medals / Stablefords.

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- Offer to their opponent, a minimum of two dates / times on which a match may be played. It is the responsibility of the player(s) first drawn to contact their opponents
- Make every effort to agree a mutually acceptable date / time with their opponent to play a match. If players are unable to agree a date within the deadline for playing that match, then the player who is most available to play will be deemed the winner. Exception – semi-final matches and finals will be referred to The Captain. Under no circumstances must matches be decided on a “toss of a coin”. The Captain (Gold Cup & Wade Shield) and Rabbit’s Captain (Frank Shaw and Roger Snowden) will have sole discretion to agree the winner of a match where an impasse exists between players.
- All matches will commence on the 1st tee, and all holes must be played in the sequence designated by the club scorecard.
- Discuss with their opponent how a tied match will be resolved. This may be a rematch, or preferably, sudden death. If lack of daylight (as agreed by both players), prevents sudden death being concluded, the match maybe suspended after conclusion of a given hole, then the match may resume from the next tee on another date. If during sudden death a match is suspended without a commenced hole being concluded, or a match is suspended mid hole because of weather, players will recommence their match on the tee of that hole i.e. tee shots will be replayed. For both sudden death and a rematch, the lower handicap player will give shots against applicable hole stroke indices i.e. the higher handicap player(s) receives their full handicap allowance again. If a rematch is held, players will play off new handicaps, if their handicap has changed since the initial match.
- Advise the outcome of a match to Martin Rothera within 12 hours of a match concluding via email (martin.rothera@gmail.com) or text / WhatsApp at 07985 517715.

Once entered, all players will receive email notification of initial and next round opponents. This email will confirm the “to be played by” date.