



General Terms of Competition for Union Championships 2023

1. Rules of Golf

All Halifax, Huddersfield and District Union of Golf Clubs (HHDUGC) golf events shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd (R&A) and such Local Rules and Terms of Competition as may be approved by the HHDUGC Competitions Committee for each event. All players are required to play with golf balls and use equipment which conform to R&A specifications.

Competitions and matches shall be played from the white tee markers and where girls play from the red tee markers.

2. Amateur Status

All players must be of Amateur Status as defined by The Rules of Amateur Status.

3. Entry: Method and Fees

All entries must be made on the Official Online entry form which must be received, together with the correct entry fee, on or before the stipulated closing date for entries. No entry fee will be refunded, except to any entrant who may be balloted out and who does not subsequently compete, or at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.

All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Competitions Committee, which reserves the right to accept, refuse, or cancel an entry without giving reason for its decision. The Committee's decision shall be final. In such cases, any entry fee will be refunded.

All entries must conform to the age and Handicap Index limits and the Terms of Competition for each event.

4. The Competitions Committee reserve the right to:

- a) Create and/or amend starting times.
- b) Accept or refuse an entry without giving any reason for such decision.
- c) Alter the format of an event if it becomes necessary to do so to achieve a result.
- d) Deal with any breaches of these Rules by Member Clubs, players, or teams in such a manner as they deem appropriate. The Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final, shall settle all disputes and other matters.

5. Eligibility

Each player must be a member of a golf club affiliated to HHDUGC. Entrants may not be able to play if their home club has not paid all due subscription fees.

No player may represent more than one Club in the calendar year in any of the leagues or rounds of the foursomes Competition.





The definitions of a playing, senior and junior member are:

- a) **Playing Members:** All full playing members of any age, of a Member Club who are eligible to compete in all competitions arranged by that club.
 - b) **Senior Members:** Members of a Member Club aged 55 and over, who are not full playing members are eligible to play competitions arranged by that Club (e.g. 5 or 6 day members). These members can only play in the Seniors Stroke Play Championship and the subsequent Match Play.
 - c) **Junior members:** Members of a Member Club who are under 18 on the 1st January in the year the competitions or matches occur and are eligible to compete in all competitions arranged by that club.
1. Entries to individual competitions must be made via the entry form on the website in accordance with the Terms and Conditions as stated and be accompanied by the correct entry fee. The provision of an email address and a WHS number is mandatory for all competitors.
 - a) The closing date for entry for all championships will be 6pm, 6 days prior to the competition date. Starting sheets will be published as soon as possible on the website www.hhdugc.org.uk and on social media. Copies of these start sheets will only be emailed to clubs or individuals on request.
 - b) In all competitions player's names must be in the same format as they are held on the handicapping system at their Home club.
 - c) The definition of Home club is the club specified on the player's WHS record but players will be allowed to represent any club where they are a full playing member but in Union 'team' events only for one club in any season.
 2. In Team Championships, the Four Ball Championship and Foursomes qualifiers Clubs must submit the names, WHS numbers and any other information requested to the Competitions Secretary.

No player may receive more than one individual prize in any competition, except where juniors have a designated separate competition e.g. Jubilee Trophy within the Stroke Play Championship.

6. Withdrawals

Teams or players who withdraw after the publication of the draw, fail to appear on the tee at the due start time, or withdraw during the event without good cause, may be disciplined by the Competitions Committee.

Players should register their attendance on the day at the registration desk which will be clearly visible within the clubhouse.

Players shall be ready to play 5 minutes before their appointed start time.

Where a player arrives at their starting point ready to play no more than 5 minutes late the player gets the general penalty applied to their first hole.

Where a player arrives at their starting point after 5 minutes they will be disqualified.





7. Disability

It is a requirement that players shall walk when playing in HDDUGC competitions and not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Competitions Secretary. Competitors with a disability as defined in the R&A Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities, should contact the Hon Secretary of the HDDUGC.

8. Ride on Buggies.

- a) The use of buggies is prohibited unless following application to the Competitions Secretary, permission has been granted to use a buggy. Such permission will only be given in exceptional circumstances.
- b) An application to use a buggy by a player or caddie who is disabled within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 must be made by the player or caddie and be supported by a medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner certifying that the player or caddie is a disabled person within the meaning of the Act or has an illness or injury that would deem them unable to play golf without the use of a buggy. The application to use a buggy must be made prior to the first day of the event in which they intend to compete or in which they seek to caddie.
- c) The application must be accompanied by an appropriate insurance certificate covering the player or his caddie and the use of the buggy.
- d) All applications will be subject to:
 - any relevant weather conditions
 - the topography and ground conditions
 - the condition and suitability of the buggy
 - whether the host venue permits their use (conditions may apply)
 - any relevant considerations which could impede the safe use of a buggy or impact on the safety of others
- e) the Rules of the host club, course conditions and any Health and Safety restrictions.
- f) Any buggy hired from a club professional, hire company, owned by, or loaned to the player, or any other method is the responsibility of the professional and/or the hirer and/or the player or caddie. The HDDUGC will accept NO responsibility whatsoever for accident, injury, damage, or loss.

9. Code of Conduct

Players and caddies are expected to abide by the basic rules of behaviour as described in the Rules of Golf and the HDDUGC Code of Conduct. [Click here.](#)

10. Prohibited Substances

Any player who is found guilty of possessing, administering, or using any substance or method on the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) Prohibited List, will be subjected to Disciplinary Procedures in line with England Golf Anti-Doping Policy. The full list of prohibited drugs is available from UK Sport (<http://www.ukspor.gov.uk/>)





11. Entrants Under 18 Years of Age

Any player under 18 years of age on the first day of a tournament must submit a Parental Consent Form (PCF) to HHDUGC. This form can be found within the documentation section of our website.

In all junior team competitions, each team must be accompanied by their Junior Organiser, or an appropriately DBS certified adult.

Juniors 12 years of age or under must be accompanied on the course by an adult family member or an appropriately certified adult.

12. Caddies

There are no restrictions on the use of caddies, except in the Junior Stroke Play, Junior Team Championship, Junior Match Play, Junior foursomes and the Junior League where caddies are not allowed.

13. Advice

In team as well as individual competitions, advice cannot be given to any player or any person apart from the player's caddie.

14. Returning Score Card

The player and his fellow competitors are required, as a group, to return to the recorder's desk to confirm their scores immediately after completing their round. A player's score is deemed officially returned to HHDUGC when the player has left the recording office/area.

15. Result of a Match and when Competition Closed

- a) Match play: The result of a match is deemed officially announced when it has been reported to the Competitions Secretary.
- b) Stroke play: The results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition closed when the winner is declared.

16. Decision of Ties

Resultant ties in competitions will be determined by the individual Terms of Competition for each Championship. In general, if scores are tied the result will be decided by the 18 hole totals of the rounds played taking each round in reverse order of playing, i.e. 2nd round then 1st round. Should this fail to produce a result, then the result will be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole of the last round played. If a tie still arises it shall be decided over the last 6, 3 or 1 hole of the first nine holes of that round. If a tie still arises the preceding round shall be treated in the same way, until a decision is reached. If a tie still arises the winners will share the Championship.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Round 2	1 to 18	10 to 18	13 to 18	16 to 18	18	4 to 9	7 to 9	9
Round 1	-	10 to 18	13 to 18	16 to 18	18	4 to 9	7 to 9	9





17. Bad Weather

If, in the opinion of the Competitions Committee, it becomes impossible to complete a Championship in accordance with that event's Terms because of adverse weather or other circumstances. The Competitions Committee may vary the Terms to the extent necessary to achieve an equitable result within the time available.

18. Liability

Neither the host club nor HHDUGC can be held responsible for the loss of or damage to equipment or personal possessions.

19. Image Consent

By entering a HHDUGC event all players are consenting to being filmed or recorded (images and sound) by or on behalf of HHDUGC, or another authorised third party and consent to these images (or likenesses) being used in any film, recording, photograph or other footage in the promotion of HHDUGC activities. Players acknowledge that no payment or compensation for use of their image or likeness shall be payable to them.

If a player objects to any image being taken, the player should contact the Hon Secretary of the HHDUGC.

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