Cranworth Trophy Rules

A team shall consist of 8 players. Handicap Index within the range of 19.1 – 28.0 inclusive.

A Player whose handicap has dropped, by no more than 2 shots, below the 19.1 handicap index limit are permitted to play in later Rounds (off her current lower handicap) PROVIDED that she has already played in any previous round in the current year. A player with a higher handicap may still play but MUST play off the maximum 28.0 handicap allowed for this competition.

Format: 18-hole Match Play.

Two match-play foursomes playing off ½ difference of combined course handicaps, followed by four match-play singles, in **handicap index order**, playing off full course handicap.

1. The pairings for the Singles must be in strict handicap order (ie the lowest of team A plays the lowest of team B). Players with the same handicap index may be played in any order. The captains may agree to put the pairings out in any order of play.

2. All matches in the rounds will be played on neutral venues, as arranged by the Organiser. The neutral venue for each match will be determined to try and reduce travelling times where possible. The venues will be shown in red.

3. Matches will be drawn on a "Home" and "Away" basis (see Draw) - H will designate the Team that will be responsible for liaising with the neutral venue (at which they will be playing) to arrange the catering after the match and keeping their opponents informed of choice/price etc.

4. All games shall be decided over 18 holes (halves to count) – 1 point for a win and 0.5 point for a halved game. The team gaining more than half of the 6 points available will be deemed the winner.

5. In the event of a tied match, each Team Captain will nominate one of the singles players to play sudden death commencing at the 1st hole, unless the Team Captains have agreed different holes for the play-off. Who has the honour on the tee will be determined by the toss of a coin.

6. If an overall result has been reached (3.5 wins) Captains may agree either before play, or when this result has been achieved, that the remaining game shall be halved. If the captains are not in agreement, the captain/player(s) who wish to abandon play should concede their game.

7. Should a player be unable to complete their game after play has commenced, the score should be as though the player, unable to continue, had lost every hole that they didn't play.

8. At Ipswich and Woodbridge the competition will be played off the forward tees.

9. Please refer to Team Captain's Guidance ***Interclub Team Captain's Guidance***

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