SUFFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Guidance for Interclub Team Captains

Before the event

- Familiarise yourself with the rules of the competition, these are available on the relevant section of the website
- Make sure your players and caddies are aware of the guidelines for caddies which can be found here: **SLCGA Guidelines for Caddies.**
- Home team captain to liaise with hosting venue for the tee times and inform the away team captain and interclub competition organiser
- It is expected that both teams will use the host clubs catering facilities as appropriate depending on the timing of the competition. Don't forget the teams are benefiting from a free round of golf! Home team captain to liaise with hosting venue and away team captain to organise required catering.
- Practice rounds may be available at a reduced cost at the discretion of the host venue. These are for the selected team and up to two reserves only.
- Check the players' handicap records in advance to ensure the players will meet the competition handicap which can be found here: **SCGLA Handicap Requirements.**

On the day

- Check the player's handicaps are correct and up to date. If a player plays off too high a handicap, the player will be disqualified. If the player plays off too low a handicap and it affects the order of the pairings then the player is disqualified. In both cases the game is forfeited.
- Write out the team list ready for simultaneous exchange half-an-hour before the tee time.
- Ensure that your players know their opponents' handicaps before play commences and that the calculation of the number of strokes to be given or received is correct if appropriate.
- Write out the cards for each match, including where appropriate the shots given (and ensure the players check their handicap is correct before play commences).
- No player, including substitutes, may play on the course before their match commences. Use of practice facilities is permitted.

During Play

- Inform players that once play has commenced, they can only take advice from their playing partner, caddy and Captain of the day.
- Players are allowed to acknowledge spectators and thank them for their support.

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- The team captain is responsible for making sure the pace of play is reasonable. Slow play will be penalised under Rules of Golf 5-6. Pace of play guidance may be found here: **SCGLA Pace of Play Guidelines.**

- It is expected a two ball should take no more than 2 hours for 9 holes, and a fourball 2 hours 15 minutes.

- The maximum time to play a shot from when you reach your ball should be no more than 40 seconds.

- In the event of course closure, necessitating the abandonment of the match, the result shall stand at the score after the front 9 in all the games that have been completed (for the Stearn, Cranworth, Senior Jubilee and Weston) and after 18 holes for the Haskell.

Use of Devices on the Course

- Mobile phones may only be used on the course for course GPS, use of timer for three minute rule, calling the referee, pro shop or team captain if needed, and in the event of an emergency.

- Measuring devices are permitted as long they comply with Rule 4.3 For guidance see the here: R&A Guidance for distance measuring devices

Dispute Resolution

Where there is a rules dispute and no referee is attending the event, this should be resolved as follows:

1. Refer to R&A App or Rules booklets (it is recommended that all players/pairs carry at least one of these);
2. If not resolved, refer to Pro at host Club;
3. As last resort, both Team Captains should agree ruling and players must abide by the decision (even if wrong).

After the Match

Please make sure all catering and bar bills have been settled before leaving host Club, or if it has been previously agreed with the club to invoice the participating clubs directly.

Complete the appropriate Results Sheet, make sure it is signed by both captains or an authorised representative and send it to the competition organiser by email or WhatsApp as soon as practically possible.

If there are queries regarding the Rules of Golf (as opposed to the Competition Rules), contact the secretary via email who will source the information for you. secretary@suffolkladiesgolf.org.uk

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES may be found here: General Competition Rules