

THE ENGLISH WOMEN'S COUNTY FINALS

Delamere Forest Golf Club
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Terms of Competition

1. Rules of Golf

All Championships shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and such Local Rules and Terms of the Competition as shall be approved by England Golf. In the case of entry by a golfer with disability, she can apply to England Golf for adoption of the Modification of the Rules for Golfers with Disability.

2. Players Eligibility

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

2.2 Each player must: be eligible to play in the current year's Championship of the County for which she is selected for this Championship, and

i) be a member of an affiliated golf club in the County or born in the County and be a member of an affiliated club in any other English County, and

ii) not have played for another County in representative matches, including friendly matches, during the same calendar year as this Championship.

2.3 Players moving from one County to another

i) Subject to the above Terms for this Championship and, therefore, with the exception of this Championship, if there is agreement between the County **from** which the player is moving and the County **to** which the player is moving, the player may play for her "new" County with immediate effect.

ii) Disagreements/disputes. In case of doubt or in the absence of agreement over eligibility to play for a County in this Championship or in any other County representative match, a County, Counties or Group may seek a decision from the England Golf's Championship Committee, whose decision shall be final. In regard to this Championship, the Championship Committee may, of its own volition, make a final decision on eligibility.

3. County Match Week

3.1 The venue for County Match week shall be decided by the respective Regional Committees.

3.2 All Matches must be finished by 31st July each year. All disputes shall be referred to England Golf through the Regional Committee.

3.3 The order of play between the Counties shall be decided by a draw for which arrangements shall be made by the Regional Committee. Where there are only five Counties the Regional Committee shall establish a rota:

County Match Week draw involving Six Counties (and County Finals)

Day 1	A v E	B v C	F v D
Day 2	B v F	E v C	D v A
Day 3	C v D	A v F	B v E
Day 4	A v B	E v D	F v C
Day 5	F v E	D v B	C v A

County Match Week draw involving Five Counties

Day 1	A v B	C v D	Resting
Day 2	A v C	B v E	E
Day 3	A v E	B v D	D
Day 4	A v D	C v E	C
Day 5	B v C	D v E	B
			A

3.4 A County Team shall consist of not more than twelve players and must be nominated at least 14 days before the first day of County Match Week. Should any of these nominated players be incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, another

player not previously nominated may be substituted up to the time fixed for the first match of the tournament.

- 3.5 The format for each match shall be 3 foursomes and 6 singles. In a County Match Week comprising of less than 5 days the Regional Committee may determine the number of foursomes and singles games per match.

4. Order of Play

4.1 5-day format

The foursomes for each day's play must be received by the Organiser no later than 45 minutes before the teams concerned are due to start in the morning.

- 4.2 The order of play for the singles shall be handed in not less than 30 minutes before they are due to start, or as soon as possible after the conclusion of the last foursome.

4.3 3-day format

The order of play for both the foursome and singles must be received by the Organiser no later than 45 minutes before the teams concerned are due to start in the morning.

- 4.4 The order of play for the afternoon matches shall be handed in not less than 30 minutes before they are due to start, or as soon as possible after the conclusion of the last game of the teams match in the morning.

- 4.5 Failure to submit the order of play as required above by the required deadline will result in the order of play and pairings, where applicable, being taken from the squad list of players in alphabetical order.

- 4.6 In addition to the above, should any of the above players be incapacitated on the day of the match by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, another of the named players from the squad list may be substituted up to the time the player is due to start. In the foursomes or the singles, the substitute shall take the place of the player she replaces. A player who has been substituted in the morning may compete that afternoon.

5. Method of Scoring

- 5.1 i) Match Points: Winning County 2 match points
Halved match 1 match point for each County
Losing County 0 match points

ii) Game Points (each game in each match):
Winning County 1 game point
Halved game ½ game point for each County
Losing County 0 game points

- 5.2 The winning County shall be the County with the highest number of **match points**. In the event of a tie on match points, the result will be determined by (in order):

i) total game points won

ii) match result between the tied counties

iii) result of the first singles game in the match between the tied counties. If the game is halved the second, third, fourth singles game etc will be used until a decision is found. Should there still not be a clear winner, the winner shall be drawn by lot.

6. Results

The result of each of the County Match Week's must be sent to the Director of Championships of England Golf as soon as possible. The winners in each Region shall qualify to play in the County Finals.

7. The Championship Finals

The Lady Katherine Cairns Challenge Cup, presented by Somerset LCGA, will be held by the Home club of the Captain of the winning team.

The County Finals shall be played in each of the six Regions in turn.

- 7.1 The Winning County from each of the six Regions shall play in the County Finals, which will be in the form of an All against All Tournament; the winner to be the Champion County.

- 7.2 The order of play between the Counties shall be decided by a draw to be made by the England Golf President in March/April each year.

- 7.3 The County representing each Group shall enter a provisional team of not more than 12 players. A list of those players must be notified to the Championship Department 14 days before the Championship. The order in which the names are submitted is not of any significance at this stage. The final list of players from which players will be selected must be submitted by the conclusion of the Team Captains meeting on the day proceeding the first day's play.

- 7.4 The order of play in the foursomes for each day's play must be received by the Organiser no later than 45 minutes before the teams concerned are due to start in the morning. Failure to submit the order of play for the foursomes by the required deadline will result in the pairings and order of play being taken from the squad list of players in alphabetical

order. The order of play for the singles shall be handed in not less than 30 minutes before they are due to start, or as soon as possible after the conclusion of the last foursome. Failure to submit the order of play for the singles by the required deadline will result in the players named playing in alphabetical order.

Should any of the above players be incapacitated on the day of the match by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, another of the named players from the squad list may be substituted up to the time the player is due to start from the first tee in the morning or in the afternoon. In the foursomes or the singles, the substitute shall take the place of the player she replaces. A player who has been substituted in the morning may compete that afternoon.

- 7.5 i) Match Points: Winning County 2 match points
Tied match 1 match point for each County
Losing County 0 match points

- ii) Game Points (each game in each match):
Winning County 1 game point
Tied game ½ game point for each County
Losing County 0 game points

- 7.6 The winning County shall be the County with the highest number of match points. In the event of a tie on match points, the result will be determined by total game points won. If still tied, the result will be determined by the result of the match between the tied Counties. Should there still not be a clear winner, the title shall be shared.

8. Appointment of Advice Giver in Team Competition

- 8.1 Each team may name one advice giver (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked under Rule 10), whom players on the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify each advice giver to the Committee before any player on the team begins his or her round.

- 8.2 The team may change its advice giver during the round, but must tell the Committee when doing so.

- 8.3 The advice giver may not:

i) deliberately stand in a location on or close to an extension of the line of play in order to assist the player

ii) point out a line of play or intentionally walk on the putting green when the ball of a team player lies on the putting green

Penalty for breach of Local Rule 8.3:

First offence: General Penalty.

9. Winner and Prizes

The winning County will be responsible for the Trophy and the Champion County Pennant from the time they are presented until they are relinquished. That County will also ensure the Trophy, suitably engraved, is returned together with the Pennant to England Golf in readiness for the following year's Championship.

10. Funding

- 10.1 England Golf shall pay a Grant to each host county to assist in the running of County Match Week.

i) 5 day County Match Week shall receive £5000 split between £3000 facility fee to the host club and £2000 towards administration costs.

ii) 3 day County Match Week shall receive £4000 split between £2000 facility fee to the host club and £2000 towards administration costs.

- 10.2 England Golf shall pay a grant of £2900 to each county qualifying for the Final.

11. Transportation

During a round (including practice), a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

Note: Prior approval for the use of motorized transport is required. Please see England Golf's Transportation Policy (www.EnglandGolf.org), which includes provisions for people with disabilities, for further details.

12. Inclement Weather

If, in the opinion of England Golf (or the Regional Committee at County Match Week), it

becomes impossible to complete the schedule in accordance with the Terms of the Competition because of adverse weather or other circumstances, England Golf (or the Regional Committee at County Match Week), may vary the format to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

13. Policies & Procedures

All England Golf policies apply, as appropriate, to England Golf Championships. They include but are not limited to:

- Anti-Doping Regulations
- Code of Conduct
- Equality Policy
- Gender Policy
- Pace of Play Policy
- Safeguarding Policy

Transportation Policy (including provisions for people with disabilities)

All relevant policies are available to be viewed at www.Englandgolf.org/competitions

14. Photography Policy

By entering an England Golf event all players are consenting to being filmed or recorded (images and sound) by or on behalf of England Golf, or another authorised third party, and consent to these images (or likenesses) being used in any film, recording, photograph or other footage ("recording") in the promotion of England Golf activities. All rights in the recording shall be owned by England Golf or the authorised third party. Players agree that any recording may be used by England Golf or an authorised third party in any media and for any purpose throughout the world, including, without limitation, for promotional materials and activities, merchandise, or other commercial activities. Players acknowledge that no payment or compensation for use of their image or likeness shall be payable to them.

Please contact the Championship department at championships@Englandgolf.org if you have any queries.

15. Liability

Neither the Club nor England Golf can be held responsible for the loss of or damage to, equipment or personal possessions.