

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS (Revised 2010)**

## **1. SCRATCH AND HANDICAP FOURSOMES**

- (i) The Scratch and Handicap Foursomes draw will be made at the Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) Any Club not wishing to participate should notify the Hon. Secretary one month before the Meeting.
- (iii) New Clubs may not enter the Foursomes until the second year of membership.
- (iv) Players may represent their 'Home Club' only (i.e. the club where their **active** handicap is held). The players must meet any eligibility criteria set out annually by their club.
- (v) Clubs may enter only one couple in each event, but are at liberty to change players between rounds of the competition. However, those players can only play in either the Scratch or the Handicap Foursomes, and may not substitute for either in the same year.  
Players may not be substituted after a match is started.
- (vi) The Committee, taking into consideration the distance between clubs drawn against each other, will allocate venues for all the rounds. Clubs will be notified as soon as possible after the AGM.
- (vii) The first team drawn in each round is responsible for arranging the match with their opponents and the Club Secretary of the neutral course. Contact must be made within the first ten days of the playing round (with the exception of the first round when dates must be offered by 1<sup>st</sup> March). Should the first team drawn fail to make contact within the first ten days of the playing round, then their opponents assume responsibility for the arrangements.
- (viii) Three dates are to be given, one to be a weekend with the proviso that the Club where the match is to be played should be willing for such matches to take place at weekends. When the date for the round has been agreed, providing the course is playable, the match should go ahead even though one player may not be able to take part – a reserve should automatically be put in or the match conceded.
- (ix) 'The Honour' will be determined by the toss of a coin.
- (x) Play can only be suspended if there is danger from lightning or there are flooded greens, or for some reason play is impossible. Agreement to suspend play should be reached in equity, but in cases of dissent the Home Captain has the final say. Players should mark their balls and leave the course. If it is not possible to resume play on the same day the match must be completed at a later date, as soon as it is practicable. The same players must commence at the start of the hole where they marked their balls. If either player is not available for the re-arranged match, play should re-start at the 1<sup>st</sup> hole.
- (xi) In the event of more than three temporary greens being in play for a round the clubs shall apply to the Hon. Secretary for an extension of not more than seven days for the round.
- (xii) Buggies may be used in Foursomes Matches on condition it has been medically agreed that a player should have use of one. It will be the responsibility of both Captains to ensure that this concession is not abused. In Foursomes matches the partner of a physically impaired player may not share the buggy.
- (xiii) The Captain of the winning team shall inform the Hon. Secretary of the result immediately, certainly within 24 hours either by email to [results@bdlga.org.uk](mailto:results@bdlga.org.uk) or by telephone.
- (xiv) All matches to be played to a finish.
- (xv) The finals will be played over 18 holes on a neutral course decided by the Committee. The dates will be fixed at the Annual General Meeting together with a second date to cover the occurrence of impossible weather. These dates cannot be altered to suit the convenience of individual players.
- (xvi) Trophies will be awarded to the winning and runner-up pairs in both the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes.

## **2. HANDICAP FOURSOMES**

- (i) The individual handicaps of competitors participating in the Handicap Foursomes shall be 24 or less.
- (ii) The allowance will be half the difference of the aggregate handicaps of each side.

**Breach of the Rules will result in disqualification.  
The Committee's decision will be final.**