



SOUTH WINCHESTER

## Club Rules for SWGC Summer and Winter Knockout Competitions

- 1) The competition is played under a match play format over 18 holes (or less depending on the prevailing conditions, provided there is mutual agreement). Each match must be played to a conclusion.
- 2) Handicap allowance: in line with prevailing 'Rules of Golf' and CONGU requirements
- 3) Eligibility: at the time of the draw for the first round of the competition, each competitor must have completed a minimum number of 6 qualifying competitions over the preceding 12 months. Each competitor must maintain a competition handicap throughout the competition (definition = a minimum number of 3 qualifying competitions over the preceding 12 months). Failure to comply – disqualification.
- 4) At each stage, both competitors and/or pairs of competitors are equally responsible for the match being decided by the due date.
- 5) If, by the due completion date for each round, the match has not been played and the Knockout organiser has not received a request for either an extension or a ruling on the match outcome (for example, when one competitor is actively seeking to play the match by the due date but is unable to obtain a response from the second competitor), the match will be abandoned and both sets of competitors will either be disqualified or a walk---over result will be decided.
- 6) In exceptional circumstances, the Knockout organiser will consider a request for an extension. Any request should be made before the due completion date and each will be considered on its individual merits. However, there is no question of any ruling or precedent, which can influence future decisions, being set.
- 7) Where extensions are granted, these will not be accepted as an excuse not to have played the following round by the due date.

(Note: on the occasion where an extension is granted, both sets of competitors are advised to identify their potential opponents in the next round as soon as possible and to arrange a provisional date for that match to be played. A competitor who requests an extension in one round is unlikely to be granted a similar extension in the next round purely on the basis there was insufficient time to arrange a mutually convenient date for the match to be played).

- 8) In the event that a request for a ruling on the outcome of an un---played match is received (See 5 above), the outcome will be decided by the Knockout organiser, including which, if any, competitor proceeds to the next round. In the event of an unresolved dispute, an appeals procedure is available – contact the Competition Secretary.

### Appeals Procedure for Knockout Competitions

- In the event of a dispute concerning the outcome of a match or a ruling affecting the outcome of a match, that outcome or ruling may be appealed by either competitor in the match.
- Appeals must be submitted to the Competition Secretary within 48 hours of the contended incident or ruling. A written statement providing the reason for the Appeal must support every Appeal. Failure to comply – Appeal dismissed.

- Immediately following receipt of the written statement, the Competition Secretary will pass the Appeal to the Club Captain. The Club Captain will advise the Appeals Panel. The Appeals Panel will sit within 72 hours to hear the Appeal.
- The Appeals Panel will comprise the Club Captain, two Past Captains plus a member of the appellant's section committee. If the Club Captain is unavailable, the most recent Past Captain can act as substitute.
- At the Appeal Hearing, the Competition Secretary will present the facts and the Appellant may present his case; following which the Appeals Panel will rule whether the Appeal is upheld or dismissed. The Appeals Panel will also decide what, if any, action is required as a consequence of its Ruling. In the event that no clear decision is reached, the original ruling is upheld.
- The decision of the Appeals Panel is final.