



## **COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. Played on a recognised County course, approved by the County Handicap Advisor.
2. Open to Ladies with a WHS handicap index up to and including 20.4.
3. The competition is played over three days in the following format:
  - Day 1 – 36 holes Stroke play. Players with the best 16 gross scores, who are available, qualify for the Cumbria Ladies Championship. Qualifiers will be placed into a seeded draw, played off scratch.
  - The best gross score over 36 holes to be awarded the Relph Trophy. Prizes awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> nett and best nett Veterans (Over 65).
  - A player can only win one prize on Day 1 of the Championships.
  - Day 2 – Morning – The first round of match play (16 qualifiers).
  - Day 2 – Afternoon – The second round of match play (8 qualifiers).
  - Day 3 – Morning – Championship semi-finals (match play).
  - Day 3 – Afternoon – Championship final (match play).
4. In the event of a tie, after 18 holes match play, the number and order of holes to be played will be stipulated prior to commencement of the Matchplay rounds.
5. Referees will be available for the semi-finals and the final.
6. Prizes awarded to the County Champion, runner-up and semi-finalists.

### **TERMS OF COMPETITION**

CLCGA Competitions are run under the R & A Rules of Golf and any local rules of the hosting club.

Ladies and Girls must be members of the CLCGA and have a WHS handicap index.

Entry fees are at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Division 1 refers to players with a Handicap Index (HI) of 20.4 and below and division 2 refers to players with a HI of 20.5 to 54. A player whose HI has increased above 20.4 on the day of the competition will be eligible to enter the County Division 2 Championship, with the difference of entry fee refunded.

Entries will be made online, using the HandicapMaster system, and paid for by credit or debit card.

Entries will only be accepted until the dates specified on the competition poster. No monies will be refunded after the closing date of the competition, unless the competition is cancelled by the Executive Committee.

If a competition is over-subscribed there will be a reserve list set up within the HandicapMaster system.

Occasionally, tee times may be changed by the Competition Secretary, who will contact the player(s) if necessary.

If a player is not on the first tee at her allocated time, R & A Rule 5.3a will be invoked.

In the event of a tie, the result will be determined by a card play-off (CPO) over the back 9, 6, 3, 1 holes, followed by the front 9.

Prize monies are at the discretion of the Executive Committee and determined by the number of entries.

Trophies will be presented on completion of the competition and awarded again at the Annual General Meeting, usually held in November.

If play is suspended the host club's adverse weather/suspension protocol will be followed.

Should a competition have to be abandoned due to adverse weather conditions, the trophy/trophies will not be presented, but prizes will be awarded on the first 18 holes provided that all the competitors have completed, or had the opportunity to complete, that number of holes.

A ride-on buggy can only be used by competitors if permission is given by the CLCGA Competition Secretary at least two days before the event. The Competition Secretary may request evidence of a medical condition. The buggy must be arranged directly with the host club and paid for by the user. It can only be used to carry the player and that player's equipment. If a player uses her own buggy, she must provide a valid insurance certificate and adhere to the same conditions stated by the host club.

Caddies are not allowed in the Strokeplay rounds of the Championship but are allowed in the Matchplay rounds, see R&A Rule 10.3. CLCGA Ruling: Caddies are not permitted onto the greens.

The Executive Committee reserves the right to alter or amend the terms of a competition.

All disputes and matters arising in connection with a competition will in the first instance be referred to the County Competition Secretary. A player(s) may appeal to the Executive Committee, whose decision is final.

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