



Volvo National Golf Club Challenge

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Volvo National Golf Club Challenge – Frequently Asked Questions

Introduction

1) What is the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge?

The Volvo National Golf Club Challenge is a nationwide charity golf event on a scale never seen before. The nationwide event will bring hundreds of golf clubs together in June 2012 to each hold a charity golf day in aid of Help for Heroes.

In addition to participating in the UK's largest amateur charity golf event, golfers throughout the British Isles will be playing against each other for some fantastic prizes.

The Challenge is an opportunity for the UK's golfing community to come together in June to compete, have fun and show their support and generosity to the wounded service personnel of the British Armed Forces.

The aim of the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge is to raise as much money as possible for the Help for Heroes charity.

2) When Will the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge be Held?

The Volvo National Golf Club Challenge will take place throughout June 2012, with the final taking place at Turnberry on the 16th & 17th of October 2012.

3) What If We Already Have a Competitions Scheduled in June?

Clubs that already have a member's strokeplay competition scheduled in June can still participate in the Challenge competition. With a little extra work both strokeplay and stableford scores can be taken and converted post event to the format required by the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge organisers.

Fundraising activities can be carried out prior to the event in order to make a worthwhile contribution to the total donation made by the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge to Help for Heroes. The aim of the Challenge is to bring the UK golfing community together to make a massive difference to the lives of our injured troops.

4) Where Will the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge be Held?

The Challenge will take place at registered golf clubs up and down the UK

5) What is the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge Final?

The Volvo National Golf Club Challenge final will be held at Turnberry on the 16th and 17th of October 2012, kindly sponsored by YourGolfTravel.com. The men's and ladies finalists will consist of the top ten men and top five lady



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golfers from the best three performing clubs in each section – plus the men’s and ladies teams from the top fundraising golf club. The winners will be crowned the 2012 Help for Heroes Volvo National Golf Club Challenge Champions, and be awarded the coveted ‘Lee Westwood Cup’, made by Wedgwood.

6) How Much Does It Cost a Golf Club to Enter the Challenge?

There is no entry fee to participate in the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge, the event is specifically aimed at fundraising for the Help for Heroes charity, Golf clubs are encouraged to fundraise as much as possible so the Challenge becomes a wonderful success in honouring our injured troops.

7) How Does a Golf Club Register for Volvo National Golf Club Challenge?

Golf clubs can register by completing the online registration form at www.volvongcc.co.uk.

8) Does the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge Have Any Patrons?

The Challenge has some wonderful patrons, including Lee Westwood, Sam Torrance and Paul Casey.

9) What is ‘The Lee Westwood Cup’?

The “Lee Westwood Cup” is the stunning trophy on offer for the winning golf club. Wedgwood Sports Division - who made The World Golf Championship (WGC) trophies - have designed, commissioned and sponsored the Challenge trophy to the same specifications as the WGC trophies.

The trophy has been hand crafted and finished by skilled craftsmen based at the Wedgwood factory, Stoke on Trent, England.

10) What Will the Men’s Finalists Win?

Please refer to the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge website ([click here](http://www.volvongcc.co.uk)).

11) What Will the Lady Finalists Win?

Please refer to the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge website ([click here](http://www.volvongcc.co.uk)).



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Registered Golf Clubs

13) What is Expected From Each Golf Club?

1. Each golf club entering the Challenge will be asked to host its own fundraising competition in June 2012, in support of Help for Heroes.

If demand is exceptionally high, the event can be spread over two days to cope with the numbers but the top ten scores (men's) and top five scores (ladies) must be taken from across both days. The Challenge team cannot accept two entries from the same golf club.

2. Each golf club – after obtaining permission from the club secretary or management committee – will need to select the person, or team of people who will take responsibility for organising their Volvo National Golf Club Challenge charity golf event.

3. To enter the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge, each golf club must fill out and submit the registration form from the NGCC website (not on the Help for Heroes website). Please note, there is no charge associated with participating in the Challenge.

4. Each golf club will manage and administer their own Help for Heroes charity golf day and raise funds in any way they see fit. This will include organising all the entries from their membership, to organising fundraising activities and prizes for the day.

5. Each club must have their own insurance and liability cover in place. The Challenge organisers will not accept any liability for loss or injury incurred whilst participating in the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge.

6. Each club must play to the rules of golf laid down by The R&A.

7. Each golf club must play their fundraising competition from their normal competition tees and only one standard scratch score for each section (Men's + Ladies) can be accepted.

All competitors must play the same course without exception. If your event is a mixed event, two sets of results must be produced and must include 10 scores for the men's section and 5 scores for the ladies section. Under no circumstances will less than 10 or 5 qualifying scores for each respective section be allowed to count as a club's official score.

8. Each club must decide on their own entrance fee. It is not dictated by the Challenge team. The main aim of the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge is to raise one million pounds for the Help for Heroes charity. The top fundraising golf club will win a special prize.

9. Once completed, each golf club must return the following to the Challenge team from each section (Men's & Ladies if mixed event held):

- The top 10 scores (men's) & top 5 (ladies) on the official results form.
- The Golf Club's official standard scratch and par for the golf course played.
- The Golf Club's official fundraising cheque made payable to ' National Golf Club Challenge '. The Challenge will then pay the total amount to Help for Heroes.



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- Any champagne moments: Anything out of the ordinary/funny/ridiculous that happens will be put before the Challenge organisers and a prize will be won for The Volvo National Golf Club Challenge 2012 champagne moment.

14) How is the Event Structured?

Each participating golf club will host their own fundraising stableford competition (played from the club's official competition tees) any day in June 2012, in aid of Help for Heroes. The Challenge will be split into a Men's event and Ladies event – with two separate scores returned from each club which hold a mixed event.

Each club who has formally entered the Challenge will be required to return their top 10 (men's) & top 5 (ladies) stableford scores to the Challenge organisers (on the official results form). Scores must be returned from both the men's and ladies section (if applicable), together with the fundraising cheque.

The top 10 (men's) & top 5 (ladies) scores will then count as the club's official aggregate score for the men's and ladies sections. Each club's official aggregate score will be counted against standard scratch and Par.

The event shall be played from the competition tees (white) and all results are against standard scratch and Par for each particular club.

Ladies will play off the ladies tees (red) and play against standard scratch and Par.

15) How Will the Winners of the Men's Section be Determined?

The top three clubs in the country from the Men's section will be invited to The Grand Final. The Final, sponsored by YourGolfTravel.com, will be held over two days at Turnberry, one of the UK's premier golfing venues.

The Volvo National Golf Club Challenge 2012 Champions will then be crowned and will hold the title for 12 months with a representative from the winning club invited to the 2013 Volvo National Golf Club Challenge Final to officially hand over the winner's trophy to the new champions.

16) How Will the Winners of the Ladies Section be Determined?

The top three clubs in the country from the Ladies section will be invited to The Grand Final. The Final, sponsored by YourGolfTravel.com, will be held over two days at Turnberry, one of the UK's premier golfing venues.

17) How Will the Scoring Work?

The Challenge is a national event and will be scored using the Stableford scoring system.

This will require each club to identify the Par and SSS of each course played (if a mixed event held) which will identify what any one individual will need to achieve to 'play to handicap'. For example, Par 72, SSS 71 player needs



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to achieve 37 points to play to handicap. These are then added together to give you the Club score. This can be adjusted from the Par/SSS of the course (total club score - Par/SSS x 10).

18) What Happens in the Case of a Tie?

In the case of a tie the Challenge organisers will use the following method to produce a full and correct leaderboard.

In the first instance, the course played with the higher standard scratch score shall take any tie. After which the organising committee will apply the following:

The top score and the poorest score from the qualifying scores will be omitted and the club's score will be found from the remaining scores.

The top two scores and the poorest two scores from the qualifying scores will be omitted and the club's score will be found from the remaining scores.

19) How are the Green Fees Handled?

Where green fees are required, this should be arranged by the participating club.

20) Who Informs the Organisers of the Match Result?

Once the event has taken place, the golf club secretary/ organiser is responsible for informing the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge of the result.

21) What Happens If We Have to Cancel Our Event?

You can still play your fundraiser supporting Help for Heroes but would be ineligible to enter the challenge competition.

22) What is the Handicap Limit?

The handicap limit is 28 for men and 36 for ladies. The event is to played using full handicaps.

23) Is there an age limit for competing in The Seve Challenge?

Yes, the age limit is set at 18 or over at the time of the competition, with maximum handicap of 28 for men and 36 for ladies. Younger golfers can still participate on the day and make a contribution, but their score can not be entered into the competition.



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24) Do Competing Golfers Need to Produce a Handicap Certificate?

Handicaps and certificates should be monitored by the competition secretary before the event – if this is already routinely done at your club, the production of a handicap certificate on event day will not always be necessary.

25) How Will Disputes Be Settled?

If agreement cannot be reached between competitors and individual clubs, the Tournament Director (Volvo National Golf Club Challenge) should be consulted for a final decision.

26) Note on Disqualification

Where players fail to comply with Rules of the Tournament or if individuals are found not to meet the entry criteria, they shall be disqualified from the event. The Tournament Director's (Volvo National Golf Club Challenge) decision shall be final and binding in all matters relating to the running of the Tournament.

Miscellaneous

27) How Much Fundraising Will Be Required?

There is no minimum fundraising requirement. The main aim of the Volvo National Golf Club Challenge is to raise one million pounds for the Help for Heroes charity. The men's team and ladies team from the top fundraising golf club will be invited to play in the final at Turnberry, as well as win a special prize as a thank you, so each golf club is encouraged to raise as much money as possible.

28) What Should the Entrance Fee Be?

Each club must decide on their own entrance fee. It is not dictated by the Challenge team. Some clubs charge up to £20 per entrance fee in order to raise a fitting donation.

29) How Will the Money Raised Go Towards Helping Wounded Services Personnel?

The Money raised will be used by Help for Heroes to enable them fund the initiatives they have in place to assist our wounded Service men and women. Money donated to Help for Heroes is used to fund projects that make a huge difference to the lives of wounded Servicemen and women. Help for Heroes have already allocated £8m to the task of providing a new swimming pool and gym complex at DRMC Headley Court, and their latest venture is funding the establishment of Personnel Recovery Centers across the UK. Find out more at www.helpforheroes.org.uk.