

The National Golf Club Challenge (The Challenge) Event Rules

1. The competition will be played in accordance with the rules of golf as laid down by the R&A.
2. The Challenge shall use the stableford scoring system as prescribed by the Rules of Golf. The best 10 aggregate scores from each entered golf club will go forward and be counted as the correct aggregate score for each club and therefore act as the official score for each golf club's entrance into the Challenge.
 - 2.1. **Golf Club Rules** – Golf Clubs must apply the associated Golf Club Rules for the Challenge which are available in the Events Kit. All local Rules must be strictly adhered to.
 - 2.2. **Scoring** – The Challenge is a national event and will be scored using the Stableford scoring system to find the top six performing clubs in the UK (Men's section) and the top three performing clubs (women's section).

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

Example

SSS 72, Par 70 = 2 36 minus 2 = 34 points required to play to handicap

SSS 69, Par 71 = -2 36 plus 2 = 38 points required to play to handicap

Example of Golf Club Scoring

Club A – Par 71, SSS 72 = 35 points to play to handicap.
35 points x 10 = 350 points = Par for 10 golfer aggregate

Player 1 – 42
Player 2 – 41
Player 3 – 40
Player 4 – 40
Player 5 – 39
Player 6 – 39
Player 7 – 39
Player 8 – 38
Player 9 – 38
Player 10 – 37

Total 393
393 – 350 gives Club score of 43 points.

- 2.3. **Ties** – 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 10 qualifying scores will be omitted and the club's score will be found from the 8 remaining scores.

The top two scores and the poorest two scores from the 10 qualifying scores will be omitted and the club's score will be found from the 6 remaining scores.

The top three scores and the poorest three scores from the 10 qualifying scores will be omitted and the club's score will be found from the 4 remaining scores.

The top four scores and the poorest four scores from the 10 qualifying scores will be omitted and the club's score will be found from the 2 remaining scores.

3. Entries into The National Golf Club Challenge must be received no later than 20th July 2010. Exceptional circumstances at the total discretion of the tournament director may result in late entries being accepted but by no means are guaranteed.

4. Entry is open to all players aged 18 or over at the time of the Challenge with maximum handicap of 28 for men and 36 for ladies.

Handicap Rule & Requirements:

(A) CONGU 'Active' - a current member of a CONGU affiliated golf club who has played in at least 3 handicap qualifying competitions between April 30th 2009 and June 30th 2010.

(B) CONGU 'Non Active' – a current member of a CONGU affiliated golf club with a handicap.

(C) Strokes Golf Handicap – a current subscriber to Strokes Golf Handicap who has entered a minimum of 3 cards between April 30th 2009 and June 30th 2010 (www.strokesgolfhandicap.co.uk).

No other handicap certificates are valid for entry into the events.

5. Current handicap certificates must be checked by participating golf clubs. If a competitor does not provide a handicap certificate on the day of the match he/she must provide proof of handicap to the organisers within 48 hours of completion of the match by order of the tournament director.
6. The entry fee for each player is subject to a donation that will be administered and determined by each participating golf club.
7. Golf Clubs will be notified of their registration by e-mail as requested at the time of entry. No other confirmation of entry will be issued. Each club who enters will receive an individual certificate thanking them for their participation and highlighting the amount of money they raised.
8. By entering into this event you automatically give permission for your name, golf club and contact information to be made available to other competitors.
9. All prizes offered are the only prizes applicable. Under no circumstances are alternate prizes on offer if the prize won is not suitable nor are prizes subject to a cash alternative.

- 10.** All winners prize must be in possession of a current valid passport. Winners should ensure that they have appropriate travel insurance before leaving the UK. No costs arising from winning the main prize will be covered by The National Golf Club Challenge
- 11.** All prize winners will be responsible for any other expenses such as travel upgrades, airport taxes, caddies, golf carts, drinks, additional food and other activities.
- 12.** All queries about any aspects of The National Golf Club Challenge should be directed to the tournament director at the following address: info@nationalgolfclubChallenge.org.uk.
- 13.** All decisions concerning the running and administration of The National Golf Club Challenge rest with the tournament director and his decision in all matters is final and binding on all competitors.
- 14.** All scores must be recorded on the official results form supplied in the event kit. These scores must be returned to Challenge organisers within two weeks of the completion of the event.
- 15.** All golf clubs must complete in full and return the official golf day registration form highlighting all competing golfers with name, email address and contact number. This information is essential for random checks post event and event insurance.
- 16.** What is expected from Each Golf Club? / Golf Clubs are responsible for:
 - a.** Each golf club entering the Challenge will be asked to host its own fundraising competition on the 24th or 25th July 2010, in support of Help for Heroes. No other dates are available to compete in the Challenge.

If demand is exceptionally high, the event can be spread over two days to cope with the numbers but the top ten scores must be taken from across both days. The Challenge team cannot accept two entries from the same golf club.
 - b.** 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 National Golf Club Challenge charity golf event.
 - c.** To enter the National Golf Club Challenge, each golf club must fill out and submit the registration form [here](#) (not on the Help for Heroes website). Please note, there is no charge associated with participating in the Challenge.
 - d.** 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.
 - e.** 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 National Golf Club Challenge.
 - f.** Each club must play to the rules of golf laid down by The R&A.
 - g.** 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 10 scores for the ladies section. Under no circumstances will less than 10 qualifying scores for each particular section be allowed to count as a club's official score.

h. Each club must decide on their own entrance fee. It is not dictated by the Challenge team. The main aim of The 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 for the club house.

i. Each golf club must return the following documents, completed in FULL without exception.

1. Fully completed [OFFICIAL RESULTS FORM](#) – no other results form will be accepted.
2. Photo copies of the top 10 scorers' handicap certificate from each section, if applicable (Men's and Ladies).
3. The top 10 Scorers' original scorecards from each section if applicable (Men's and Ladies).
4. The completed [EVENT COMPETITORS](#) document.

This is very important, as each competitor will be automatically entered into a free prize draw (using their email address) to win a fabulous stay at The Marriott Sawgrass Resort & Spa in Florida, one of the world's premier golf resorts.

Please see www.nationalgolfclubchallenge.org.uk/sawgrass-draw.php for more information.

5. Supply information for any champagne moments.

Your fund-raising cheque made payable to "The National Golf Club Challenge".

17. The National Golf Club Challenge carries full CONGU qualifying status.
18. Please visit www.nationalgolfclubChallenge.org.uk for full terms and conditions.