



Wootton Golf Society Knockout Competition Rules

1. WGS knockout competitions are played in the Match play format according to the rules of the R & A.
2. Each hole is played for and is won by the side that holes their ball in the fewest net strokes. A hole is halved if each side holes out in the same number of net strokes. The terminology used is **holes up**, **all square** and how many **to play**. A side is **dormie** when the score is as many holes up as there are to play.
3. Each match will be played over 18 holes or until a match is won. If extra holes are required, the match shall continue in the order played over the first 18 holes until a hole and the match is won. (I.e. If you start on the 10th hole you must play the 10th as your 1st extra hole.)
4. The match is won by the side that is leading by a number of holes greater than the number of holes remaining to be played. (i.e. A side is 4 up with 3 holes to play)
5. Each side is responsible for calculating their own handicap according to the competition rules (See below), agreeing the handicap of the opponent(s) and confirming how many shots each player receives based on their WGS handicap.
6. The first drawn player will have home advantage and have choice of venue.
7. If a match is tied and cannot be completed, then the home advantage stays with the original side.
8. Any green fee costs incurred for the match are to be split equally between all players.
9. Each match **MUST** be played by the closing date for that round with no extensions given.

Both competitors should try to contact one another but the responsibility is on the home side to arrange contact and organise the match. If a match is not played the person who is responsible for arranging the match will be disqualified unless there are grounds for an appeal. (i.e. no response from the away side).

Please contact the Competition secretary if there is any dispute over organising your match.

10. The **WINNER** should update the results on SocietyGolfing or contact the Competition secretary in a timely manner to allow the next round to get under way.
11. The final will be played on a 'neutral' course mutually agreed by all players.



12. To be eligible for the knock-out competitions, the annual subs for that year must have been paid prior to the first game.

Singles Matchplay

1. Handicap Strokes are received by the higher handicap player of the two players and are calculated at the full difference between handicaps. These shots are taken against the stroke index of the course. Where extra holes are played, shots are taken as before over the first 18 holes.

Example-

Player A has a handicap of 8 and Player B has a handicap of 22

Player A will receive 0 shots and Player B will receive 1 shot on S.I holes 1 to 14

Example-

Player A has a handicap of 8 and Player B has a handicap of 28

Player A will receive 0 shots and Player B will receive 2 shots on S.I holes 1 to 2 and 1 shot on S.I holes 3 to 18

Pairs Matchplay

1. One player from the pair may compete against the other pair if his partner is unavailable.
2. Strokes are given as 90% the difference of the lowest handicap of the four.

Example,

Player A has a handicap of 5,

Player B has a handicap of 15

Player C has a handicap of 20,

Player D has a handicap of 28

Player A receives 0 shots

Player B receives $(15-5) \times .9 = 9$, therefore 1 shot on S.I holes 1 to 9

Player C receives $(20-5) \times .9 = 13.5$, therefore 1 shot on S.I holes 1 to 14

Player D receives $(28-5) \times .9 = 20.7$, therefore 2 shots on S.I holes 1 to 3 and 1 shot on S.I holes 4 to 18.



If you are unsure of the format for this competition, please contact the Competition secretary.

Please arrange your matches as early as you can.