

University of St Andrews Staff Golf Competitions (revised 2024)

Rules of Engagement

- 1) First named person/pair are the challengers who should contact the other person/pair to arrange to play the match in reasonable time before the date indicated above each round. Failure to challenge will result in disqualification. If the challengers offer three reasonable dates and the other person/pair cannot accept these dates, there will be grounds for the challengers to claim the tie, although it is hoped that in the spirit of the competition all efforts will be made to play.
- 2) The challengers can name the course. Thought should be given to the expense that may be incurred by anyone who is not a member of the chosen club or a Links ticket holder. Where appropriate, concession points or guest tickets should be used.
- 3) Ties can be played from any set of tees agreeable to all parties. Where there is a disagreement, first named person/pair can choose the set of tees.
- 4) Matches will be 18-hole match play format. In the event of a tie after 18 holes sudden death starting from the 1st tee shall be used to determine the outcome.
- 5) All players should have a recognised club handicap. Anyone not in possession of a handicap should communicate this to the organisers as soon as possible.
- 6) Course handicaps should be calculated in accordance with the World Handicapping System. You can find your Course Handicap for the course/tees you are playing on the Scottish Golf app or using the formula below:

$$\text{Course Handicap} = (\text{Handicap index} \times \text{Slope Rating} / 113) + (\text{Course Rating} - \text{Par})$$

Strokes Received:

For singles matches: Full difference between Course Handicaps

For 4ball matches: Reduce all Course Handicaps by the lowest Course Handicap.
Strokes are then calculated on 90% of the difference.
(See worked example on following page and note this is a WHS change from last year – handicaps now adjusted before 90% applied)

- 7) Results should be reported to the organisers as soon as possible after the match.
 - Singles tie to Graham Miller gmm10@st-andrews.ac.uk
 - 4ball tie to Renald Schaub rs51@st-andrews.ac.uk

Example of strokes received in Fourball matches:

Player 1: Handicap Index 8.9

Player 2: Handicap Index 14.2

Player 3: Handicap Index 19.8

Player 4: Handicap Index 24.5

Course rating = 73

Par = 72

Slope Rating: 129

Step 1: Course Handicaps

(handicap index x Slope rating/113) + (Course rating – Par)

Player 1: $8.9 \times 129 / 113 + (73-72)$ = 10.16 + 1 = 11.16, rounded = 11

Player 2: $14.2 \times 129 / 113 + (73-72)$ = 16.21 + 1 = 17.21, rounded = 17

Player 3: $19.8 \times 129 / 113 + (73-72)$ = 22.60 + 1 = 23.60, rounded = 24

Player 4: $24.5 \times 129 / 113 + (73-72)$ = 27.97 + 1 = 28.79, rounded = 29

Step 2: Adjust for lowest handicap

Player 1: 11 - 11 = 0

Player 2: 17 - 11 = 6

Player 3: 24 - 11 = 13

Player 4: 29 - 11 = 18

Step 3: Strokes received (90% Allowance)

Player 1: 0

Player 2: $6 \times 90\% = 5.4$, rounded = 5

Player 3: $13 \times 90\% = 11.7$, rounded = 12

Player 4: $18 \times 90\% = 16.2$, rounded = 16