

CUTHBERTSON CUP

The Cuthbertson Cup was presented by Mrs. Shelagh Cuthbertson of Midlothian and was first contested in 1957.

It is an annual match played in one day between teams of girls from each of East Lothian, Fife, Midlothian, and Stirling & Clackmannan County Golf Associations. The Cuthbertson Cup is awarded to the winning team.

The Captains of the Associations, or their substitutes, will form the Committee managing the event (the "Organising Committee") and its decision shall be final.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. Players must be members of their County Golf Association.
2. Players must be under 18 years of age at 00.01 hours on 1 January in the year of the event.
3. A draw done at a prior meeting of the Captains of the respective County Golf Associations will determine the order of play between the teams. Two teams will play the two other teams in the morning with the winning teams playing against each other and the losing teams playing against each other in the afternoon.
4. Teams will comprise four players. Play will be off scratch but players will be placed in their team in ascending order in accordance with their exact handicap on the day. If satisfied that a valid reason exists, the Organising Committee may permit a change to the order of play.
5. The morning matches shall consist of four singles matches (eight tee times required).
6. In the afternoon, the winning teams from the morning will play a match comprising four singles. The losing teams will play a match comprising two foursomes (six tee times required).
7. A team's order of play should be notified to the Organising Committee at least 30 minutes before that team's first tee off time in both the morning and afternoon.
8. A team may have reserve players. A substitution can be made at any time before the substituted player's starting time.
9. In the event of a team having less than four players, the players present shall take the places in the team from first upwards and forfeit the last match or matches.
10. Scores shall be by team results based on individual games. One point shall be scored for a win and a half-point for a halved match. In the event of teams being tied, the positions shall be determined by aggregating the number of holes played in the individual games won and the team or teams with the fewest number of holes played shall win. If there is still a tie, the positions shall be determined by the results of the individual matches starting with the first and proceeding through the order to the first winning point scored.
11. The Organising Committee reserves the right to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete a match or series of matches.
12. The matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and any Local Rules or Additional Local Rules introduced by the Organising Committee.

13. In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team. Such person must be identified to the Organising Committee before the start of play on the day.
14. A player is **prohibited** from having a **caddie** during the stipulated round. Penalty for Breach of Condition: at the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round - Two holes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty is applied to the next hole.
If during the event a player becomes ill or is injured, or in other exceptional circumstances, the Organising Committee may appoint a caddie.
15. Parents/Guardians/Relatives should not walk on the fairways or speak to the players during play.
16. In this competition, a player may obtain **distance information** by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.
17. **“Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green”**. Rules of Golf 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.
The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.
This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player’s ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: Match play – Loss of hole: Stroke play – Two strokes

ADMINISTRATION

1. In the event of the event having to be cancelled, only one attempt to re-schedule should be made.
2. Each County shall pay its team’s catering and bar expenses direct to the host club.
3. An agreed gratuity - currently £35.00 – shall be paid by each County to the host County which shall then transmit the total payment to the host club.
4. The event will be annual and hosted in alphabetical rotation by each County.

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