

THE EAST OF SCOTLAND LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

Rules 2017

The competition shall be 18 holes strokeplay

The competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrews, the local rules of the club hosting the event and any additional local rules the organising committee deem appropriate.

1. 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.
2. **“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

The competition shall be open to any amateur golfer holding a CONGU handicap who is a member of a County Association in the East of Scotland Division.

The competition shall be played by rotation at clubs in the four counties.

At the closing date the organisers may, at their discretion, allow late entries on a strictly first come first served basis. No player who has entered by the official closing date will be balloted out in favour of a late entry from a lower handicap player. The number of entries may be limited to a maximum of 50 by the organising County, if necessary.

Team Competition: Counties must inform the organisers of their four team members no less than 30 minutes prior to the first tee off time. The best 3 gross scores to count for the Team Trophy.

- In the event of a tie for the team trophy the fourth score should count.
- There should be a consensus of at least two County Representatives or Captains.
- There are no restrictions on handicaps
- Juniors should be encouraged to play.

The East of Scotland Champion shall be the player returning the lowest gross score for the 18 holes.

Vouchers shall be awarded to the Champion, Runner-Up and third placed player, (gross scores).

In addition vouchers may be awarded for 1st and 2nd nett scores, to players outwith the main scratch prizes. Depending on the number of entries received, it may be possible to increase the number of prizes. If this is the case, the Captain of the host County will liaise with the other County Captains on a decision.

All ties shall be decided by card countback over the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole(s).

The entry fee shall be set at the February meeting of the East Division. The entry fee should cover the cost of prizes as well as any green fees that the host club may set.

Each County should nominate a representative and all decisions should be taken in consultation with all four representatives, if possible, and in any event at least two should be involved In any dispute. The decision of this Committee shall be final.

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