

RULES FOR MCLGA KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS

1. The Challengers (name/s above) shall offer at least 3 dates, not in the same week and including at least one at a weekend. The dates will be offered within one week of the completion date of the previous round.
2. Although the responsibility for offering dates remains with the challenger(s) it is acceptable for the opponent(s) to contact the challenger(s) to discuss dates especially if there are restrictions on their availability.
3. The winner should notify the result to the Recorder.
4. Ties should be played before the given deadline. To facilitate this, it is advisable to plan a match in advance of the deadline to enable an alternative arrangement to be made in the case of adverse weather.
5. Extensions will only be given after consultation with the recorder and only in extenuating circumstances, e.g. course closure.
6. Ties will normally be played on the home course of the challenger, but when prolonged adverse weather conditions result in the closure of the home course, consideration should be given to playing the tie on the opponents' course.
7. In the event of a tie, 3 holes must be played, under handicap, further tie play to continue under handicap until hole is won.
8. If courtesy of the course is not granted, the cost of the visitor's green fee should be split between the player and visitor.
9. Players should note that electronic Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs) may be used in MCLGA competitions only if the relevant Local Rule has been adopted for the course in question by the club committee. Devices which measure functions in addition to distance (e.g. altitude, temperature) are not permitted in any circumstances even if these functions are switched off. The penalty is 2 strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play for the first breach and disqualification for any subsequent breach thereafter under Rule 14-3. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Although it is necessary to produce rules on which to form a basis for negotiation, it is hoped that ties will be arranged and played in the spirit of the game of golf and that, where necessary, compromise will be made to enable all players to enjoy their games. It is hoped that the number of conceded ties will be kept to a minimum

Players or couples who plan to be away/unavailable for prolonged periods of time at any stage during the competition, should give serious thought as to whether they should enter the competition.