



## MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

### KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS - RULES

1. All competitors must be members of MCLGA.

The Challenger (name/s above) shall offer at least three dates, not in the same week, and including at least one at a weekend. The dates should 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 important that the opponent(s) contact the Challenger(s) to discuss dates, especially if there are restrictions on their availability.
3. Ties must be played before the given deadline. Matches should be arranged in advance of the deadline to enable an alternative arrangement to be made in the case of adverse weather. The draw will be available on the website.
4. Extensions will be given only in extenuating circumstances (e.g. course closure); requests should be made to the Recorder.
5. Ties will normally be played on the home course of the Challenger(s), but when prolonged adverse weather conditions result in the closure of the home course, consideration should be given to playing the tie on the opponent's course. **If the Challenger(s) is a 5-day member of a club which does not permit play on Saturdays and Sundays, and the match cannot be played during the week, she may have to give home advantage to her opponent and play the match at her opponent's course.**
6. Ties are to be played off handicap using full difference in singles ties and half the combined difference in foursomes ties. In the event of a tie, the best of three holes must be played, under handicap, followed by sudden death under handicap.
7. The winner(s) must notify the result to the Recorder.
8. If courtesy of the course is not granted, the cost of the visitor(s) green fee should be split between the player and the visitor.
9. Distance Measuring Devices (Rule 14-3)

MCLGA will adopt the R&A recommended local rule for Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs), therefore 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 play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

10. Players or couples who plan to be away or unavailable for prolonged periods of time at any stage in the competition, should give serious thought as to whether they should enter the competition.
11. Should a dispute arise, the Captain will convene a Panel with two neutral Club Reps and their decision will be final.

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