

N A P G C

Golfguard Team Series 2008

HAWTREE TROPHY

(Mixed Foursomes - Team Matchplay Knockout)

Rules and Conditions

These Rules and Conditions are additional to the Rules on Dress Code and General Rules for all Association Competitions as printed in the current N A P G C Handbook.

1. Five mixed pairs per team play 18 holes foursomes match play. The first named team in each pair of matches as shown on the official draw sheet for the first round is the "home team" and shall have choice of the course on which the match is to be played. In subsequent rounds the home and away teams will be clearly indicated on the draw sheet.
2. The maximum individual handicaps are 18 (playoff) for men and 30 (playoff) for ladies. If a player with a higher handicap plays in a team their actual handicap must be shown in brackets, e.g. (21) 18. The stroke allowance is half the difference between the combined playoff handicaps of the two pairs in each of the 5 matches with strokes being given/received in accordance with the stroke indices on the Men's card.
3. The winning team shall be the one that has won the greater number of matches. In the event of a tie, the first halved match shall continue until one pair wins a hole, strokes shall continue to be given/received in accordance with the stroke indices on the Men's card.
4. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish and play will be knock out with teams being placed in one of four Areas with no more than 32 teams in any one Area. Each club shall provide the home address and home telephone number of the person, "team captain", to be responsible for each of its teams. The four winning Area teams will contest the National Final to be played in September.
5. The Captain of the home team shall offer, with a minimum of 8 days notice, the opposing team 3 weekend days on which to play the match. Of the three days offered at least one shall be a Saturday and at least one a Sunday. Less than 8 days notice may be accepted if the opposing side agrees. No match dates may be agreed at less than 48 hours notice unless this is the direct result of course closure forcing the postponement of the agreed match. The reason for the course closure must be acceptable to the competition organiser.
6. Teams will be withdrawn from the competition if they fail to play their match by the date designated on the official draw sheet. Extensions to closing dates will only be given as a result of course closure. The Competition Organiser may, at his absolute discretion, reinstate teams if he believes there are extenuating circumstances which merit reinstatement.
7. Team captains are also responsible for finalising all details of the match, including green fees and meals. Each team is responsible for paying its own green fees. Under the Rules of Amateur Status a player may be reimbursed for the costs of green fees, travel, accommodation and subsistence in a team competition.

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8. The official result sheet must be used in all matches. Team captains must complete their team's details, including handicaps, with pairs in ascending handicap order. In the event of a team having two or more pairs with the same combined handicap the team captain shall decide the order of these pairs only. Team captains shall provide verification of their team members' handicaps in accordance with Rule 5 of the N A P G C General Rules for All Competitions and exchange these with the opposing captain and then agree stroke allowances, before the start of the match. No player may play for more than one team in any one year and all matches shall be played as shown on the result sheet.
9. Winning team captains are responsible for ensuring that the results of matches are telephoned, faxed or sent by email, to the Competition Organiser on the day the match is played. They are also responsible for ensuring the fully and accurately completed result sheet is posted to the Competition Organiser within 48 hours of the match being played unless faxed or sent by email previously.
10. Each team will normally be placed in one of four areas. The area finals will be played on neutral courses with the four Area Winners meeting in the National Finals at a neutral course on a weekend in September. If two teams from the same club meet in an Area Final the term neutral shall allow them to play the match at their own course. Depending on entries received there may be more than four areas in which case there will be inter area play offs until only four teams remain to contest the National Finals.
11. At the National Finals the N A P G C and each of the four finalist clubs shall be responsible for paying 50% of all green fees applicable to their club. In addition each club will contribute £10.00 per player and one non playing captain towards the cost of any after match dinner and presentation where it is expected that all five players plus any non playing captain will attend. Any fees for green fees or Presentation dinner shall be paid to the Competition Organiser no later than 8 days prior to the final.
12. Each team shall be permitted to appoint one person who may give advice (including indicating the line for putting) to members of that team - Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf. This person shall be made known to the opposing team and to the Competition Organiser, if present, before the match starts.
13. At the National Finals each team will receive a trophy and/or plaque and each player and non playing captain shall receive a medal/plaque.

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