

N A P G C

Golfguard Team Series

Mitchell-Thomson Trophy 2008

(Senior Men's Greensomes - Club Team Knock Out)

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. This competition is open to all Men who are members of clubs affiliated to the N A P G C and who have reached the age of 55 by 1st January in the year of competition.
2. A club team will comprise four pairs of senior men. All pairs to play 18 holes Greensomes Stableford. Two pairs will play at home and two pairs will play away and the team score is the aggregate of the home and away points. All matches will be played midweek, and from the medal tees.
3. The maximum handicap allowance is 24 (playoff). If a player with a higher handicap plays in a team his actual handicap must be shown in brackets. e.g. (27) 24
4. The stroke allowance is lower handicap x 0.6 plus higher handicap x 0.4 (Greensomes Handicap). The table of stroke allowances copied from the 2008 – 2011 CONGU Handbook will be sent to all teams.
5. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. Entries shall be sent to the Competition Organiser, with appropriate cheques payable to the N A P G C, to be received by the closing date. Each club shall provide the home address and home telephone number of the person, "team captain", to be responsible for each of its teams.
6. All four games in each match shall be played as detailed on the result sheet. The winning team shall be the one that has the greater number of Stableford points on aggregate. Ties shall be decided by computation of the points scored on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) as necessary.
7. The Captain of the first named team in each pair in the draw, with a minimum of 8 days notice, shall offer the opposing team 3 week days on which to play the match. 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.
8. Teams will be withdrawn from the competition if they fail to play their match by the date designated on the official draw sheet.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.
9. Team captains are also responsible for finalising 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 team matches.

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10. The official result sheet must be used in all matches. "Captains of the Day" must complete their team's details, including handicaps and stroke allowances, and exchange these with their opponents before the start of the match. No player may play for more than one team in any one competition year.
11. Players late on the tee - in the event of known or acceptable delays "Captains of the Day" may agree to put back/delay the starting times, but if a player is late on the tee for the agreed tee off time then the penalties shall be as follows:
 - a) if he is less than 5 minutes late then his pair shall score no points on the first hole
 - b) if he is 5 or more minutes late then his pair shall be disqualified.
 - c) In the event of a player arriving 5 or more minutes late and being disqualified the opposing pair will be awarded 20 Stableford points, but only if they claim these points within 15 minutes of the late arrival. The claim shall be made by informing one of the offending team's other players (preferably the "Captain of the Day") and the Competition Organiser if present of their intention to do so.
12. After each game score cards completed in accordance with Rule 6-6 of the Rules of Golf must be handed to the respective team Captain of the day. 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 sent to the Competition Organiser within 48 hours of the match being played (unless faxed or sent by email previously).
13. Each team will normally be placed in an Area with inter area winners in a play off reducing these so that the winning Area teams will meet in the National Finals on a neutral course in September/October. At the National Finals where play will be from the medal tees the winning team shall be the one that scores the highest number of Stableford points as in Rule 6 above. In each Area there will be a maximum playing entry of 32 teams.
14. At the National Finals the N A P G C shall be responsible for paying all green fees and hosting any after match dinner and presentations - 8 players plus a non-playing captain from each team. All members of the teams at the National Finals are expected to stay for the after match dinner and presentations.
15. Each team shall be permitted to appoint one person who may give advice (including indicating the line for putting) to members of that team - under Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf. This person shall be made known to the opposing team and to the Competition Organiser if present prior to the start of play.
16. At the National Finals each team will receive a trophy and/or plaque and each player and non-playing captain will receive a medal/plaque.
17. The Competition Organiser and the N A P G C Competition Committee will apply the Rules of Golf, as approved by the R & A, to this competition even though the Greensomes format is not defined in the Rules of Golf.
18. Rule 10 of the N A P G C General Rules for All Association Competitions does not apply to this competition.