

# NAPGC

## UK PUBLIC COURSES CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2021 Competition Rules and Conditions

These Rules and Conditions are additional to the Rules on for Association Competitions

#### Format

1. The competition is open to amateur golfers who are who are bona-fide members of a golf club affiliated to a County and National Golf Union in the UK and which plays over a Public or Proprietary Course with no restrictions as to public access. All competitors MUST have a WHS competition handicap.
2. All play is individual stableford. Players initially compete in a stableford club qualifier over 18 holes and if successful an 18 hole regional final and then an 18 hole national final.
3. Play will be in five Divisions based on **playing handicap**:- Men's Division One 12 and below, Ladies Division One 20 and below, Men's Division Two 13 to 18, Ladies Division Two 21 to 46 and Men's Division Three 19 to 36
4. Players shall be entitled to their 95% of course handicap allowance.

#### Entry and Draw

##### **Club qualifying round**

5. Clubs wishing to enter shall before the end of May each year, stage a Club Level Qualifying Round which may be in conjunction with another club competition. Clubs may organize more than one qualifying competition (e.g. for seniors or mid-week members).
6. For every three players that enter the Club qualifier one player shall qualify for the regional final.
7. **Men:** If there are at least 15 entries qualifiers shall be as follows:
  - Best nett overall
  - Best gross overall
  - Best nett score Divisions 1, 2 and 3
  - Best nett for all remaining places

Where players do not have any entrants in a specified Division the qualifying place shall be awarded to the next best nett overall. Where there are fewer than 15 players in a qualifier qualification should be based on best nett overall.

8. **Ladies:** If there are at least 12 entries qualifiers shall be as follows:
  - Best nett overall
  - Best gross overall
  - Best nett score Divisions 1 and 2
  - Best nett for all remaining places

Where players do not have any entrants in a specified Division the qualifying place shall be awarded to the next best nett overall. Where there are fewer than 12 players in a qualifier qualification should be based on best nett overall.

9. The results of the Club qualifier must be returned as directed via the website along with the fees due. The closing date for the receipt of results and payment shall be 8 June.
10. The Club return should include the following;
  - A list of all players who played in the Club qualifier
  - Confirmation of those who have qualified for the regional final
  - Confirmation of the regional final each qualifier will attend
  - CDH numbers for all qualifiers
  - Payment of £4.00 for each player who entered the qualifying round
  - Payment of the green fees due for the regional final

The results should be sent by email. Payment must be made by bank transfer via the website

11. Club entries will not be accepted if payment has not been received before the regional final draw has been made.
12. Club contacts will be responsible for notifying their players and confirming their availability. They may replace 'unavailable players' with the next best players from their qualifying list. Where possible these should be notified in advance of the regional final. Replacements will also be allowed on the day of play.

### ***Regional Final***

13. Regional finals shall take place in July/August each year, once the start sheet for the regional final has been compiled this shall be sent to club contacts who shall be responsible for notifying their players. It will also be posted on the NAPGC website.
14. The number of qualifiers from regional finals to the national final will be decided in relation to the number playing in the regional finals (larger regional events will have more qualifiers). The details of qualifiers from each regional final will be determined and published after regional entries have been confirmed. They will also be displayed at the registration desk of each regional final *{up to 60 players will be invited to the final}*.  
***Nb. Where regional entries are low qualification shall be based on nett only.***

### ***National Final***

15. All players qualifying for the national final will be contacted directly by the Competition Organiser. Players will be responsible for confirming their attendance at the final. Players who do not confirm attendance by the due date will not be included in the draw. Reserves will be invited where spaces are available. Players who fail to turn up at the national final without informing the organiser beforehand will be liable to pay the green fee.

### **Conditions of Play**

16. A player who is a member at more than one affiliated club may choose to play in qualifying events at one or both clubs. Players qualifying for regional final may choose which regional final to play in. Where venues are oversubscribed the Competition Organiser will undertake a ballot and where necessary offer players places at alternative regional finals.
17. Throughout the tournament players will compete in the handicap division appropriate to their handicap index and playing handicap on the day of play.
18. Players who submit a 'no return' in club or regional events may not progress to the next round as a qualifier or substituted player from the reserve list.
19. A player may not play in a regional final without having played in a club qualifying round and other than the previous year's national gross and nett winners, a player may not play in the national final if they have not played in a regional qualifier.

### **Trophies and Prizes**

20. At the national final there will be gross competitions for Men & Ladies. At the national final the trophies will be awarded with the following precedence: Overall National Champion Nett, Overall National Champion Gross, Divisional Winners, and Divisional placings nett if appropriate
21. All trophies and prizes will be presented at the national final. All players are asked to remain for the presentations. This is courteous to sponsors, guests, organisers and fellow players. Winners of trophies and/or prizes who do not remain for the presentation will remain entitled to receive any trophy awarded but will forfeit their right to any prize.
22. The current United Kingdom Public Course Champions (nett and gross) will be granted direct entry to the following year's national final in order to defend their titles, subject to them still being playing members of clubs eligible to enter the championship.