

NAPGC WOMENS COMPETITION RULES 2024

Women's Stroke Play Championship of England:

Gross and net singles event, comprising club qualifier followed by national final.

- Women's singles gross and net stroke play championship over 18 holes.
- NAPGC member clubs may hold a qualifying round before the end of May, which may be held in conjunction with another club competition stroke play round.
- There are two handicap divisions: Division 1 handicap index 18.0 and below; and Division 2 handicap index 18.1 and above.
- There is a maximum handicap index of 36.0 (players with higher handicaps can enter but will be capped).
- Individual playing handicap shall be unrounded course handicap, x 95%, then rounded.
- Subject to entries, the players with the best overall gross and nett scores from club qualification and divisional winners, along with the club's gross and net champions, shall progress to the national final.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Division 1 – Best gross, best nett, best remaining gross, best remaining nett; Division 2 – Best nett, second best nett; further prizes will be dependent on entries and at the discretion of the competition organiser.
- The divisional trophy winners will be granted direct entry to the following year's championship final in order to defend their titles, subject to still being playing members of a club affiliated to the NAPGC.
- The Division 1 gross champion shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions.

Women's Stableford UKPCC Championship:

Net and gross singles event, comprising club qualifier followed by regional and national final.

- Women's singles net and gross stableford championship over 18 holes.
- Public and proprietary clubs may hold a club qualifying round before the end of May, which may be held in conjunction with a club stableford round.
- There are two handicap divisions: Division 1 handicap index 18.0 and below; and Division 2 playing handicap 18.1 and above.
- There is a maximum handicap index of 40.0 (players with higher handicaps indexes can enter but will have their index capped).
- Individual playing handicap shall be unrounded course handicap, x 95%, then rounded.
- Subject to entries, the players with the best overall gross and nett scores from club qualification and divisional winners, progress to one of the regional finals. Additional qualification spaces will be dependent on numbers of entries.
- From the regional finals players can qualify to compete in the national final. Qualification categories shall be similar to club categories, with additional qualification places dependent on entries.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Overall National Champion Net; Overall National Champion Gross; Divisional Winners; Divisional net placings at the discretion of the Competition Organiser.
- The net and gross champions will be granted direct entry to the following year's championship final in order to defend their titles, subject to still being playing members of a public or proprietary club.

Senior Women's Stableford Championship of England:

Gross and net singles event, plus net pairs team event, for those aged 50+, with direct entry to national final.

- Women's singles gross and net stableford championship for women aged 50+ (on or before 1 January of the current year) over 18 holes.

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- Members of NAPGC clubs may enter directly to the national final.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 44.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Individual playing handicap shall be unrounded course handicap, x 95%, then rounded.
- In the event of entries exceeding 30, players may be balloted out. Entry shall be on a first come basis.
- In conjunction there shall be a net team event comprising two women from the same club with their team score being the aggregate of their stableford points.
- Trophies and prizes shall be awarded as follows – Seniors Gross Trophy; Barbara Rainey Bowl (best net); additional net placings at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. The net team trophy, the Reg Pugh Shield, and prize shall be additionally awarded.
- The gross champion shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions.

Women's Team Stroke Play Championship – JHB Shield and Cup:

Gross and net aggregate 3 player team event, with direct entry to national final.

- Women's stroke play team aggregate over 18 holes; gross and net.
- A club team will comprise three women playing as individuals.
- NAPGC member clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 30.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Individual playing handicap shall be unrounded course handicap, x 95%, then rounded.
- A team's score shall be the stroke play aggregate of the three players. Net for the shield and gross for the cup. All three scores will count.
- Club teams will be entered directly to the final which shall be held at a single venue. However, if there are more than twenty teams, each club shall be awarded one place with any remaining places decided by way of ballot.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final in the following order: best team gross JHB Cup and individual prizes; best team net JHB Shield and individual prizes; runner up gross individual prizes; and runner up net individual prizes.

Women's Better Ball Team Stableford - Whitewebbs Trophy:

Team aggregate event, comprising 4 players as 2 pairs in Club v Club knock out followed by national final.

- Women's better ball stableford team aggregate over 18 holes.
- A club team will comprise four women playing as pairs.
- NAPGC member clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 30.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Individual playing handicap shall be unrounded course handicap, x 85%, then rounded.
- A team's score shall be the aggregate of the two pairs stableford points.
- Teams will initially compete against other clubs on a knock-out basis, playing at a single venue home or away (dependent on the draw) with the winning teams (most stableford points) progressing to the next round. Area winners will progress to the national final where all pairs will play at a single venue.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Winning club Whitewebbs Golden Jubilee Trophy and individual prizes; runner up individual prizes.

Women's Better Ball - Match Play Trophy:

1 club pair event (2 players) event with Club v Club knock out followed by national final.

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- Women's better ball match play over 18 holes, or less if a side is more holes ahead than holes remain.
- A club team will comprise two women playing as a pair.
- NAPGC member clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 30.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Each player shall establish their individual rounded course handicap. The lowest player in the group will then play off zero, with other players receiving 90% of the difference in course handicaps rounded to a whole number. All strokes to be taken as per the stroke index table.
- Teams will initially compete against other clubs on a knock-out basis, playing at a single venue home or away (dependent on the draw) with the winning teams progressing.
- Area winners will be drawn into national semi-finals, which shall be played on a neutral course. The last remaining two pairs will compete at the national final.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Winning club Match Play Trophy and individual prizes; runner up individual prizes.

Women's Greensomes Match Play – Top Rock Bowl:

1 club pair event (2 players) event with club v club knock out followed by national final.

- Women's greensomes match play over 18 holes, or less if a side is more holes ahead than holes remain.
- A club team will comprise two women playing as a pair.
- NAPGC member clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 36.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Playing handicaps shall be calculated as; unrounded lower course handicap x 0.6, plus the unrounded higher course handicap x 0.4. After adding the unrounded figures, the aggregate figure is rounded to provide the playing handicap. The pair with the lowest playing handicap shall concede the full difference in handicaps to the other pair.
- Teams will initially compete against other clubs on a knock-out basis, playing at a single venue home or away (dependent on the draw) with the winning teams progressing.
- Area winners will be drawn into national semi-finals, which shall be played on a neutral course. The last remaining two pairs will compete at the national final.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Winning club Top Rock Bowl and individual prizes; runner up individual prizes.
- *This is essentially a weekday competition however weekends can be used, when necessary, in order to get the fixture completed by the due date.*

Women's Winter Stableford Team Aggregate – Mary Forster Bowl:

3 player team, net aggregate event, comprising interclub qualifying rounds followed by national final.

- Women's stableford team aggregate over 18 holes.
- A club team will comprise three women playing as individuals.
- Public and proprietary clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 36.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Individual playing handicap shall be unrounded course handicap, x 95%, then rounded.

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- Play shall be on a round robin basis, with each club in an area hosting once and all teams playing together at each venue (each team shall be responsible for their own green fees).
- A team's score shall be the aggregate of the three players stableford points from each round.
- Area winners (most stableford points) will progress to the national final where all players will play at a single venue.
- (Players from the same team when playing individually are not partners and in accordance with Rule 10.2a of the Rules of Golf. They may not therefore give or ask for advice from another team member.)
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Winning club Mary Forster Bowl and individual prizes; runner up individual prizes.