

NAPGC MENS COMPETITION RULES 2024

Men's Stroke Play Championship of England:

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

- Men'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 four handicap divisions: Division 1 - handicap index 4.0 and below; Division 2 – 4.1 to 12.0; Division 3 – 12.1 to 20.0; Division 4 – 20.1 to 28.0.
- There is a maximum handicap index of 28.0 (players with higher handicap indexes can enter but will have their index capped).
- Individual playing handicaps shall be 95% of course handicap.
- Subject to entries, the players with the best overall net and gross scores from club qualification and divisional winners, along with the club's gross and net champions, 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 gross and net qualification places dependent on entries.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Best gross score - J H Taylor Shield; Championship Trophy – Best net score; Piccadilly trophies – Best remaining net scores in each division; second and third place divisional net prizes (subject to entries).
- The overall gross and net 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 club affiliated to the NAPGC.

Men's Stroke Play Scratch Championship of England:

Individual gross event with direct entry to 36hole national final.

- Men's singles gross stroke play championship over 36 holes across two days.
- Members of NAPGC clubs may enter directly to the national final.
- There is no handicap limit, all play is off scratch.
- In the event of entries exceeding 30, players will be balloted out on handicap index at time of the draw.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Best Gross Score – Scratch Trophy; Regional Trophies - Best remaining gross scores from Southern, Midlands and Northern region clubs; further prizes will be dependent on entries and at the discretion of the Competition Organiser.
- The scratch champion shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions.

Men's Stableford UKPCC Championship:

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

- Men'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 three men's handicap divisions: Division 1 – handicap index 9.0 and below; Division 2 – 9.1 to 16.0; and Division 3 – 16.1-36.0.
- There is a maximum handicap index of 36.0 (players with higher handicap indexes can enter but will have their index capped).
- Individual playing handicaps shall be 95% of course handicap.

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- Subject to entries, the players with the best overall net and gross 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 Men's Stableford Championship of England:

Gross and net singles event, plus net pairs team event for those aged 55+, with direct entry to national final.

- Men's singles gross and net stableford championship for Men aged 55+ (on or before 1 January of the current year) over 18 holes.
- Members of NAPGC clubs may enter directly to the national final.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 36.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Individual playing handicaps shall be 95% of course handicap.
- In the event of entries exceeding 50, players may be balloted. Entry shall be on a first come basis.
- In conjunction there shall be a net team event comprising two men 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; Riley Trophy (best net); over 70s Dave Saveall Shield; additional net placings at the discretion of the competition organiser. The net team trophy, the Burdett Trophy, and prize shall be additionally awarded.
- The gross champion shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions.

Men's Team Stroke Play Championship – Bourne Vanneck Cup and Shield:

Gross and net aggregate 3 player team event with area event followed by national final.

- Men's stroke play team aggregate over 18 holes.
- A club team will comprise three men playing as individuals.
- NAPGC member clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. They will be competing in both the gross and net events.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 18.0 (players with higher handicap indexes may enter but their index capped).
- Individual playing handicaps shall be 95% of course handicap.
- Teams will compete in area events with the top placed teams at each event (best gross and net aggregate) progressing to the national final. The numbers of qualifiers shall be dependent on entries (and pro-rata to other area final numbers).
- A team's score shall be the stroke play aggregate of the three players (gross for Cup and net for shield). All three scores will count.
- In the event of entries exceeding 20 teams at any area event, a ballot shall take place with teams offered places at alternative venues if necessary.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final in the following order: best team gross Bourne Vanneck Cup with individual prizes; best team net Bourne Vanneck

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Shield and individual prizes; gross team runner up individual prizes and net team runner up individual prizes. Individual best score prizes will also be awarded.

- The gross champion club shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions.

Men's Team Greensomes - Clapham Common Shield:

Team aggregate event with 12 players playing as 6 pairs in club v club knock out followed by national final.

- Men's greensomes stableford team aggregate over 18 holes.
- A club team will comprise twelve men playing as pairs.
- NAPGC member clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 18.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Playing handicaps shall be calculated as; lower course handicap x 0.6, plus the higher course handicap x 0.4. After adding the unrounded figures, the aggregate figure is rounded to provide the playing handicap.
- A team's score shall be the aggregate of the six pairs stableford points.
- Teams will initially compete against other clubs on a knock-out basis, with three pairs at home and three away with the winning teams (most stableford points) progressing. 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: The winning club shall be awarded the Clapham Common Shield and individual prizes; the runners up the Ellis Cup and individual prizes.

Men's High Handicap Better Ball Stableford - Siemens Bowl:

Team aggregate event comprising 8 players (all with handicaps over 16.0) playing as 4 pairs in club v club knock out followed by national final.

- Men's better ball stableford team aggregate over 18 holes.
- A club team will comprise eight men playing as pairs.
- NAPGC member clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 28.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped) and a minimum limit of 16.0.
- Individual playing handicaps shall be 85% of course handicap.
- At least four of the eight players must have a handicap index of at least 19.0.
- Teams should be selected to maintain this balance as far as is possible, though players may be paired together in any combination.
- If a player's handicap is reduced after they have legitimately played off a higher handicap index in a previous round, they can continue to be eligible to play. This is true even if the team handicap balance is not met, or the handicap of an individual has reduced below 16.0. If this does occur team arrangements should be agreed and approved by the Competition Organiser in advance of play.
- All players must play off their current handicap index.
- A team's score shall be the aggregate of the four pairs stableford points.
- Teams will initially compete against other clubs on a knock-out basis, with two pairs at home and two away with the winning teams (most stableford points) progressing. 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: The winning club shall be awarded the Siemens Bowl and individual prizes; the runners up individual prizes.

Men's Better Ball Team Match Play – Ballantyne Trophy:

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Team event comprising 6 players as 3 pairs in club v club knock out followed by national final.

- Men's Better Ball Team Match Play over 18 holes, or less if a side is more holes ahead than holes remain.
- A club team will comprise six men playing as three pairs.
- NAPGC member clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 20.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Each player shall establish their individual rounded course handicap. The lowest player in each 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.
- A pair shall be awarded a point for a win or half a point for a tie. If a match is tied at one and a half points each, the first tied match (based on tee off order) shall play a sudden death playoff from the first tee.
- 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 team winning the most games in a match progressing.
- Area winners will be drawn into national semi-finals, which shall be played on a neutral course. The last remaining two teams will compete at the national final.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Ballantyne Trophy and individual prizes; the runners up individual prizes.

Men's Better Ball Match Play Trophy - Top Rock Salver:

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

- Men'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 men playing as a pair.
- NAPGC member clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 24.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Each player shall establish their individual rounded course handicap. The lowest player in each 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: The winning club shall be awarded the Top Rock Salver and individual prizes; the runners up individual prizes.
- *This is primarily a weekday competition.*

Senior Men's Team Greensomes - Mitchell-Thomson Trophy:

Team aggregate event comprising 8 players (aged 55+) as 4 pairs in area events followed by a national final.

- Men's greensomes stableford team aggregate, for men aged 55+ on 1 Jan of current year, over 18 holes.
- A club team will comprise eight men playing as pairs.

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- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 24.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Playing handicaps shall be calculated as; lower course handicap x 0.6, plus the higher course handicap x 0.4. After adding the unrounded figures, the aggregate figure is rounded to provide the playing handicap.
- A team's score shall be the aggregate of the four pairs stableford points.
- Teams will compete in area events with the winning teams (most stableford points) progressing to the national final.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Mitchell-Thomson Trophy and individual prizes; the runners up individual prizes.

Men's Winter Stableford Team Aggregate – Gordon Forster Bowl; **Net 3 player team event comprising club v club knock out rounds followed by national final.**

- Men's stableford team aggregate over 18 holes.
- A club team will comprise four men playing as individuals.
- Public and proprietary clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
- There is a maximum handicap index limit of 24.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped).
- Individual playing handicaps shall be 95% of course handicap.
- A team's score shall be the aggregate of the four players stableford points.
- Teams will initially compete against other clubs on a knock-out basis, with two players at home and two away (playing as a four-ball group) with the winning teams (most stableford points) progressing. Area winners 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: The winning club shall be awarded the Gordon Forster Bowl and individual prizes; the runners up individual prizes.