

THE COMMONWEALTH SPOONS

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The Commonwealth Spoons Competition for Spoons donated by the Australian Ladies' Golf Union shall be played annually in aid of the Scottish International Match Fund.

1 Eligibility

The competition shall be open to all amateur members of the County Associations affiliated to the SLGA and possessing a current CONGU Competition Handicap.

2 Method of Entry

Entry will be by completion and submission of a pre-published entry form. The appropriate fee must accompany the entry form and must reach the appointed person responsible by the closing date.

3 Format

One round of stroke play foursomes on handicap shall be played at County level, the top qualifiers from each County going forward to the Final at the end of the season. From each County the number of qualifiers shall be limited to one pair in each ten entering, a balance of five or more counting as ten. If any of the top pairs from a County qualifier are unavailable for the final, additional pair(s) may be substituted to use the allocated number of spaces. The final shall consist of one round of stroke play on handicap. Ties in all stages of the competition shall be decided by a card countback over the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole(s). If a tie still arises, the last 6 holes of the first 9 holes (or 3 or 1) will be used. If still a tie, the Trophy shall be held for an equal period of time and final place(s) shall be shared. The pair returning the best score on handicap in the Final shall hold the Australian Spoons for one year.

4 Starting Times and Groups

Starting times will be posted on Clubhouse notice boards and on the County website as soon as possible after the closing date is past. Starting times cannot be altered without the Committee's authority. Rules 6-3a (If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failing to start on time is 2 strokes at the first hole. Otherwise the penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.) and 6-3b (A competitor must remain throughout the round in the group arranged by the Committee unless otherwise authorised by the Committee. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.) apply. Players are expected to be at the tee 5 minutes prior to teeing off.

5 Transportation

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Committee. Permission can be sought in writing from the Committee to allow those with a medical condition the use of a buggy.

6 Caddies

As defined in the "Rules of Golf", caddies are permitted. However it is not permitted to have a professional or assistant professional golfer or a paid caddy serve as your caddy.

7 Distance Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

8 Suspension or Abandonment of Play

The Committee has the right to suspend or abandon play in the event that the course becomes unplayable or dangerous. If play is suspended Rule 6-8 will apply. Competitors will be notified on the day of the competition what signals will be used for suspension of play.

9 Disputes

In all disputes the Committee's decision is final.