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Terms of Competition Seniors 4 ball (betterball) Pairs Open 18th June 2024

**1, Purpose of the competition.**

This competition is the Seniors 4 Ball (betterball) Pairs. This competition was rearranged from 2nd May 2024 due to the extreme bad weather in the days prior to the competition.

**2, Charity Donations**

Any charity donations made during this competition will go towards

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**3, Rules of Golf.**

All Styrrup Hall Golf Club competitions shall be played in accordance with the rules of golf, as approved by the R&A. Including local rules and Terms of Competition of Styrrup Hall Golf Club for the Seniors 4 ball (betterball) Pairs open to be held 18th June 2024.

**4, Format.**

This competition is a 4 Ball Better Ball (Pairs) Stableford with the highest stableford point score to count on each hole.

It is not expected that preferred lies will be in play on the day but if preferred lies are still in play it will be permissible for balls to be lifted cleaned and placed in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less within 6 inches of the original spot and no nearer the hole.

All putts must be holed to count.

**5. Eligibility.**

a), Players must be at least 50 years of age on the day of the competition to compete.

b), Players of all genders are eligible for this competition if the age requirement is met.

c), All players must be of amateur status as defined by the rules of amateur status defined by England Golf.

d), All players who wish to enter this competition must be in possession of a current WHS handicap index. It is the player’s responsibility to ensure that their WHS handicap index is correct. Styrrup Hall Golf Club shall take no responsibility for any out-of-date handicap used.

**6, Disability.**

The modified rules of golf for players with disabilities apply if they fall under one of the following four categories of disability.

* i) Players who are blind (which includes certain levels of vision impairment).
* ii) Players who are amputees, (which means both those with limb deficiencies and those who have lost a limb).
* iii) Players who use assistive mobility devices, and
* iv) Players with intellectual disabilities.

Rule 25 of the Rules of Golf now incorporate these categories of disability and applies to all competitions, including all forms of play. It is a player’s category of disability and eligibility that determine whether they can use the specific modified rules in Rule 25.

The full details on disabilities are detailed in “A Modification of the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities” Effective Jan 2016. Published by the R&A.

**7, Maximum Playing Handicaps Permitted and Handicap Allowance.**

a), For this competition there is no maximum limit.

b), In accordance with England Golfs rules for this format of competition there shall be a mandatory allowance of 85% which shall be applied to the players handicap index with the Styrrup Hall slope adjustment applied for the playing tees.

Example 1, Men’s Handicap Index (WHI) =27.4 Styrrup Hall Slope Rating Adjustment = 28. Allowance 85% =playing handicap 24.

Example 2. Men’s Players Handicap Index (WHI) =12.3, Styrrup Hall Slope Rating Adjustment = 12, Allowance 85% =10 Therefore Playing Handicap is 10.

**8. TEEs.**

a), The tees for this competition will be yellow for men and red for women.

b), All players shall start on the first tee.

**9. Returning Score Card.**

a), Following the completion of the round players must promptly return their score cards to the scorers area the location of which will be explained at registration.

b), A teams score card is deemed officially returned to Styrrup Hall Golf Club when their card has been handed in at the scoring area.

c), Players are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of their hole scores, signing of the scorecard, and promptly returning the scorecard to the scorers area.

**10, Withdrawals.**

a) A player/team(s) will forfeit their entry fee if they withdraw less than 72 hours before the day of the competition. Substitutions will be allowed up until registration if the substitute player meets the age criteria.

b), i. withdraws from an event after the draw has been published.

ii. fails to register at the Styrrup Hall Golf Club registration area.

iii. fails to appear on the tee at their appointed start time.

c), If one player from a pair withdraws or cannot play the single player may still compete but no handicap allowance will be made.

d), If a pair withdraws which leaves the other pair with no scoring partner, they may still compete but only if accompanied by a “scorer”. If no “scorer” can be found or assigned the pair may still chose to play but cannot win a prize. In this circumstance the entry fee will be refunded less £14.00 for food (if food is taken).

**11, Prohibited Substances.**

Any player who is found guilty of possessing, administering, or using any substance or method on the World Anti- Doping Agency (WADA) prohibited list, will be subjected to disciplinary procedures in line with EG anti-doping policy. The full list of prohibited drugs is available from UK Sport (<http://www.uksport.gov.uk/>).

**12, Caddies.**

There are no restrictions on the use of caddies. except: if stated in the Terms of Competition for a specific competition.

**13. Result of a Competition Closed.**

The result of the competition is deemed officially announced and the competition is closed when the results are announced.

**14, Decision of Ties.**

Any tied results shall after 18 holes be decided on the greatest number of points scored on the last 9 (holes 10 to 18), last 6 holes (13 to 18), last 3 holes 16 to 18 or last 1 (hole 18). If any of these permutations fails to achieve a result then the highest number of points scored on (holes 3 to 9) front 3 (holes 7 to 9) and front 1 (hole 9) shall be considered. If a winner still cannot be determined then the result is a tie.

**15, Bad Weather.**

a), If, in the opinion of Styrrup Hall Golf Club, it becomes impossible to complete a competition because of adverse weather or other circumstances, Styrrup Hall Golf Club may vary the terms to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

b), If more than 50% of the field have completed their round a result can be declared. If less than 50% have completed a round 9 completed holes may be considered to achieve a result. Those not completing the 9 holes in the competition will receive a refund of their entry fee less an allowance for food.

**16. Prizes.**

a). All Prizes shall be determined and distributed by Styrrup Hall Golf Club.

b). All prizes shall be in the form of golf club vouchers, redeemable at the Styrrup Hall Pro shop. Other Prizes shall be at the discretion of Styrrup Hall Golf Club.

**17. Entry: Method and Fees.**

The entry fee for this event is £20.00 each for Members and £35.00 for visitors.

All entries must be completed and received by Styrrup Hall Golf Club by midnight on the date entries close. They must be accompanied by payment on entry. Entries without payment will not be accepted. No entry will be included in the competition unless complete in every detail.

All events will have a minimum number of entries policy. If the minimum number of competitors does not reach the number required, then Styrrup Hall Golf Club reserve the right to amend the competition if required and in some cases cancel the competition. The minimum entry for this competition shall be 60.

Entries received after the competition closing date will only be considered if the maximum field size has not been achieved.

a) Entries should be made via Styrrup Hall Golf Club. To enter, a competitor must possess a WHS Member ID number.

b) If online Entry is not possible, a PDF entry form may be requested from the Styrrup Hall Golf Club office or pro shop.

c) Entries by telephone are accepted if payment can be taken at that time.

d) No entry fee will be refunded unless notice of withdrawal is communicated to the Styrrup Hall Golf Club office or pro shop no less than 72 hours before the day of the competition.

e) All entries shall be subject to approval of Styrrup Hall Golf Club, which reserves the right to accept, refuse, or cancel an entry without giving reason for its decision. Styrrup Hall Golf Club decisions shall be final. In such cases, any entry fee will be refunded.

**18, Transportation.**

a), Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by Styrrup Hall Golf Club. Any use of ride on buggies shall comply with Styrrup Hall’s ride on buggies policy.

Note: See also England Golf’s Transportation Policy which includes provisions for people with disabilities.

b), Any private means of transportation must hold the correct insurance for use within the Styrrup Hall Golf Club boundaries.

**19, Dress Code.**

Both on and off the course players must wear standard golf apparel and adhere to the Styrrup Hall Golf Club specific requirements. Failure to do may result in the competitor being withdrawn. Details of the dress code appear on the club website https://styrruphall.co.uk/dress-code-and-etiquette, the club notice board and in the pro shop.

**20, Liability.**

Styrrup Hall Golf Club cannot be held responsible for the loss of or damage to, equipment or personal possessions.

**21, Photography Consent.**

By entering a Styrrup Hall Golf Club event all players are consenting to being filmed or recorded (images and sound) by or on behalf of Styrrup Hall Golf Club, or another authorised third party, and consent to these images (or likenesses) being used in any film, recording, photograph, or other footage (“recording”) in the promotion of Styrrup Hall Golf Club activities. Players acknowledge that no payment or compensation for use of their image or likeness shall be payable to them.

If you object to any photography being taken of yourself, please contact Styrrup Hall Golf Club.