



TGA Individual Matchplay Championship



1. Eligibility

- **Qualification:** The top 32 players from the previous season's Stableford Order of Merit qualify for the championship. *If a qualified player withdraws, their spot will not be filled by another player.*

2. Handicap Regulations

- **Valid Handicap Requirement:** Participants must maintain a valid handicap throughout the competition, adhering to the World Handicap System as administered by England Golf and (CONGU).
- **Handicap Adjustments:** In each match, the lower-handicap player concedes **85%** of the difference between the players' course handicaps to the higher-handicap player.
- **Monitoring:** The Competition Committee will oversee handicaps and match results to ensure fairness and prevent manipulation.

3. Tournament Format

- **Structure:** The championship follows an Individual Match Play Knockout format.
- **Match Deadlines:** Each of the five rounds must be completed by the end of April, May, June, July, and August, respectively.
- **Home Course Advantage:**
 - **Rounds 1, 2, 3** – A draw will determine the opponents for each round. The first-named player in the draw will select the course for that match.
 - The visiting player receives **one extra handicap stroke** when playing on their opponent's home course.
 - **Semi-Finals:** Matches are drawn and played at a neutral venue arranged by TGA.
 - **Final:** TGA will organise and cover the course selection and associated green fees.

4. Match Arrangement Protocol

- **Joint Responsibility:** Both players are equally responsible for scheduling their match within the specified timeframe.
- **Initial Communication:** Players must initiate contact within seven days of the draw announcement.
- **Proposing Dates:** Each player should suggest three reasonable dates, with at least two being weekends, to facilitate scheduling.
- **Failure to Agree or Complete Match:**
 - **Mutual Decision:** If players cannot agree on a match date or fail to complete the match by the deadline, they must mutually decide who will advance and inform the Competition Committee.
 - **Coin Toss Procedure:** If no mutual decision is reached:
 - **Notification:** Both players must inform the Competition Committee of the impasse before the round's deadline.
 - **Execution:** The Competition Committee will conduct a coin toss to determine who progresses.
 - **Finality:** The coin toss result is binding.
 - **Elimination:** If neither player communicates or proposes reasonable dates, both will be eliminated, and their next-round opponent receives a bye.

5. Extensions

- **Policy:** Extensions are generally not permitted to ensure fairness and adherence to the tournament schedule.
- **Exceptions:** The Competition Committee may grant short extensions in exceptional circumstances, such as medical emergencies. Personal holidays are not considered valid reasons for extensions.



6. Match Play Guidelines

- **Rules Adherence:** All matches must comply with the official Rules of Golf and any local course regulations.
- **Pre-Match Agreements:** Before starting, players should:
 - **Handicap Calculation:** Confirm the strokes to be conceded based on handicap differences.
 - The maximum allowable **Handicap Index** for participants is **28.0**
 - Matches are to be played from the **yellow tees of the day**, unless both players agree to use a different tee.
 - **Tiebreak Procedures:** Agree on methods to resolve ties, considering course availability and mutual preferences.
- **Tiebreak Methods:**
 - **Sudden Death:** If a match is tied after 18 holes, continue playing additional holes until a winner emerges.
 - **Alternative Solutions:** If extending play isn't feasible:
 - **Replay Last Hole:** Play the final hole again.
 - **Skill Contests:** Engage in a putting or chipping competition.
 - **Driving Range Challenge:** Compete in a designated challenge at the driving range.
 - **Coin Toss:** As a last resort, determine the winner by a coin toss.

7. Reporting Match Results

- **Timely Submission:** The match winner must report the result within 24 hours via Golf Genius or by informing the Competition Committee, accompanied by the scorecard.
- **Consequences of Delay:** Failure to report promptly may lead to the reversal of the match outcome.
- **Scorecard Submission:** All scorecards should be shared with the Committee through WhatsApp.

8. General Terms

- **Oversight:** The Competition Committee is responsible for all aspects of the championship. Decisions made by the Committee are final and binding for all participants.
- **Contact Information:**
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