



HAMPSHIRE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

STONEHAM CUP INTER-CLUB HANDICAP CHALLENGE CUP (Presented by the Stoneham Ladies' Golf Club in 1914)

1. A singles match play team competition played for annually.
2. One point to be scored for each individual win or walkover. No individual match to be halved but must go on until one player wins.
3. The draw will be announced at the Informal Delegates' Meeting. No club will play an Isle of Wight club more than two years running. The home club must offer three dates, which must include both weekday and weekend dates.
4. A team shall consist of seven players.
5. A club failing to produce a team of at least five players on the date arranged for a match must give a walkover (7-0). In this event all of its matches will be cancelled, unless an outright decision in that group has already been reached.
6. CONGU Handicap Regulations apply, handicap limit 24. A player with a higher handicap may play but must play off 24. Handicap allowance shall be the full difference in handicaps. Current CONGU competition handicap certificates or an up-to-date handicap list must be produced before start of play or a walkover will be given in that particular match.
7. Before the start of play, the two Team Captains shall exchange team lists simultaneously. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to list the team in order of play, with the lowest handicap out first, and including up to two reserves.
8. Teams must play in order of handicap. Those with the same playing handicap may be played in any order designated by the Team Captain. If a player plays out of handicap order, her match and any other(s) affected through incorrect placing shall be conceded, giving a walkover to the opposing players.
9. Only nominated reserves may play. If a reserve has to be substituted for an absent player after the match sheets have been exchanged, she must play in the position of the absent player, off her own handicap.
10. Play shall be in the order on the team list except if a player or nominated reserve fails to appear ready to play at the correct time, then that pair may play after the last match has left the first tee. If the player is not ready to play then her opponent shall be given a walkover. In exceptional circumstances the two Team Captains may mutually agree a later start.
11. In the event of unfavourable weather conditions the match may only be postponed with the agreement of both Team Captains. If play is suspended or the course is closed due to bad weather and it has not been possible to complete all individual matches on the day, the following will apply:

- a. The results of the completed matches stand and the incomplete matches are declared null and void. The Team Captains must agree a day on which the outstanding matches can be replayed, with each team free to alter the original team. Rule 8 still applies and completed matches must remain in their original position on the new team sheet with the completed match results duly recorded. No player who took part in the completed individual matches may take part in any of the matches to be replayed.
 - b. If no individual matches have been completed, the match is declared null and void. It must be replayed with each team free to alter its original team.
12. Caddies are permitted and are the responsibility of their player. Prior to the commencement of play, Team Captains may agree to permit caddies to go on to the greens. If no agreement is reached, caddies are not permitted to go on to the greens.
13. The visiting team has the honour of driving first.
14. The Team Captain of the winning team must immediately submit the overall match result and individual match scores using the online facility on the HLCGA website (www.hlcca.com). This can be found under the Stoneham Cup tab from the main menu. The signed copy of the Team Sheet should be retained by the Team Captain in case of a subsequent dispute. In case of difficulty please contact the Knockout Competitions Secretary.
15. In group matches the winning team scores one point per match and the club with the most points goes forward to the quarter-finals. In the event of two or more teams scoring an equal number of points the result shall be decided on the individual games won. If this still produces a tie the result shall be decided by taking the number of holes played in the individual games won. If there is a further tie the result shall be decided by the holes played in the individual games lost.
16. The quarter-finals will be played on neutral courses, preferably those involved in the quarter-finals. Opponents and venues will be drawn. The Team Captains of the teams qualifying for the quarter-finals must agree a mutual date for the fixture.
17. The Semi-finals and Final will be played by the last week in September, the date and venue to be arranged by the Knockout Competitions' Secretary and given out with the draw. Static/roving referees will be available for the semi-finals and referees will be provided for the final. Once the results of the semi-finals and final are known, any unfinished games will be called in and will be declared halved matches.
18. The Team Captain is responsible to the County for all matters concerning the Stoneham Cup. All disputes or breaches of the Rules shall be referred to the Knockout Competitions' Secretary and then to a Sub-Committee whose decision shall be final.
19. The winning club shall hold the Stoneham Cup for one year and the runners-up a Salver presented by Mrs J Grundy in 1987. The Captain of the winning team will also hold for one year the Captain Challenge Trophy, a silver sugar bowl and tongs, presented by Mrs Barbara Haslett in 1976. The semi-finalists' and finalists' clubs will receive vouchers.