



## WELSH NORTHERN COUNTIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

### Rules for The Purves Bowl and Mixed Foursomes Competitions

1. Each Lady member must be a full member of her Club, County Association and the Welsh Northern Counties. Partners in both competitions must belong to the same club.
2. Handicap Index Limit for Ladies is 30, and for Men 22.
3. Entries and Fees must reach the WNCGA by the required date.
4. Reserves: One reserve only for each club, one Lady for the Bowl and one Lady and one Gentleman for the Mixed. They must be nominated on the entry form. The reserve may go into a partnership at any time but must then continue playing for the rest of the competition. **A reserve cannot be brought in for the Semi-Final or Final.**
5. Players playing in the Semi Finals must be available for the Final, but there may be special circumstances where a degree of flexibility on the date of the Final may be considered. Each circumstance will be considered on its own merit and the Committee's decision is final.
6. The Competition **starts on April 1st** and not before. The organiser will determine the Venue of the Matches.
8. In the event of two teams from the same club playing against each other both teams will be deemed to have played at home.
9. Players are responsible for arranging their own matches. The home pair must contact the away pair within the first 7 days of the month and offer 3 dates minimum. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the away pair being able to claim home advantage should they so wish. One of the days offered should be a Saturday or Sunday. A weekday must be offered. The organiser must be informed immediately by the away players if home advantage has been claimed.
10. Ladies must play from the **RED** tees and the Men from the **White** Competition Tees. Stroke index allowance will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  the difference in the combined COURSE handicaps. Order of play is optional. In the mixed competition strokes will be

taken in accordance with the men's stroke index. All players should be able to produce proof of their handicap certificates for their opponents if asked.

11. Matches should be played to their conclusion. If a match is continued beyond the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, then the stroke allowance will be claimed again.
12. Failure to play the match by the required date will result in disqualification for both pairings.
13. Couples must settle their own disputes.
14. The winners in any match must notify the organiser as soon as possible. Failure to report by the last day of the month will result in disqualification of both couples.
15. The Semi-finals and Finals will be played on neutral courses to be arranged by the organiser of the WNCGA. Referees will be appointed for these matches by the committee. If a lady qualifies for both Purves Bowl and Mixed Foursomes Final alternative arrangements will be made. **The Finals matches will be played on the first Sunday in October.**
16. All prize vouchers and trophies will be presented at the WNC AGM.
17. The use of buggies in these matches will be allowed for medical reasons only and only the player eligible to use one. His/Her partner must walk if not needing a buggy on the grounds given above.
18. Failure to comply with these rules could result in disqualification.

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