

RULES FOR INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS (2018 on)

1. **7 competitions** will be held this year, one at each participating club. A final will be held each year in late September / early October with each club hosting on a rotational basis.
2. **Maximum and minimum number of entries** at each event to be at host club's discretion. Each club will, however, be guaranteed 7 places, possibly more if places become available at last minute. If more than 7 in one team, the organiser must nominate the team players in advance. If a club enters more than 7 players, then the club must inform the host organiser before the event which players will make up the team of 7.
3. **Maximum handicaps** – Boys 27, Girls 35. **Minimum age 9** on day of competition. Players must be 17 or younger on 31st December prior to the competition.
4. **List of entrants.** Each club's competition organiser will endeavour to forward their list of entrants to the host club's organiser by the Sunday evening before each event. The host club's organiser shall forward a start sheet to all participating club's organisers in good time to allow players to be notified of their start times.
5. **Entry fee** for each event is £5 payable to the host club on the day. The finals day will be £10 to include food. Other events will not include food.
6. **Format of play** will be 18 holes, both scratch and stableford scores. Recorded scoring will be based on stableford scoring system (for CSS and handicap.) Play to be from competition tees. Scores will be qualifying for handicap adjustment purposes. Adjustment to boys and girls score using SSS difference between men's and lady's cards. No caddies are permitted. Laser / GPS distance systems are permitted, assuming this does not conflict with club rules. Scratch prizes will be awarded for lowest gross scores.
7. **Spectators / parents** are welcome to walk the course, but **MUST** remain at least 25 metres from the players at all time, give no advice and not interfere with play. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification of the player(s) concerned.
8. **a) Individual order of merit points** will be awarded for each event with points for the top 10 places for both scratch and stableford competitions (12, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points.) Where there are tied results the points shall be aggregated and split equally. There will be no count backs. Order of merit scores will be added from each player's best 3 events. If there is a tie, the best 4th event points will decide, otherwise, 5th, 6th & 7th. If still a tie, the prize will be shared.
b) Team order of merit points will be awarded for the best 3 stableford scores at each event from each club's nominated team of 7 players. These will be added throughout the year and a prize will be awarded to the club having the highest final total.
9. **Prizes** will be awarded for each event – 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10 for scratch and 1st £40, 2nd £30, 3rd £20, 4th £10 for stableford. No player can win more than one prize. **Where there are tied results the countback rule will apply. The highest prize value will be awarded, regardless of category. Gross score countback will be corrected with one shot deducted on the front nine & one shot deducted on the back nine for the girls cards.** If fewer than 32 entry fees collected, remove 3rd scratch, then 4th handicap prizes. The host club is responsible for forwarding these prizes in the form of cheques to the junior organisers of the winner's clubs, naming the winners clearly. The junior organisers shall distribute the prizes appropriately, as vouchers at their player's home club pro shop.
10. **Any surplus money** at each event to be passed to the hosting club secretary who will put it into a special account for subsidising finals day.

11. **Finals Day** will be the last of the individual competitions together **with the bonus of a separate club team event** with each club putting up a team of 7. **The rules for this separate competition are the same as all other events, but the best 6 scores (instead of the best 3) are to count for the team score.** Final order of merit for scratch, gross and best overall team cups and prizes together with prizes for the day will be presented.
12. **All cups** to be passed back, suitably engraved, to the hosting club at least 28 days before following year finals. **The cost of engraving will be paid by the home club of each cup winner and will be organised by the junior organiser.**

Junior Interclub Equalising Shots Adjustment

In Mixed competitions where play occurs from different tees for different groups of players then effectively players are playing two different courses. If the SSS of these courses is different then equalizing shots must be applied to the handicaps/scores of players playing the course with the higher SSS to ensure that the competition is played on equal terms.

Any such adjustment is only for competition result purposes and is not used for any handicap change calculations.

The calculation of equalizing shots is different in medal and stableford competitions. In medal competitions the adjustment is the difference between the SSS of the two courses. In stableford competitions the adjustment is the difference in the number of points required to play to handicap on the two courses.

For our interclub competitions the following table shows how these adjustments should be applied for all the participating clubs:

Club	White Tees			Red Tees			Adjustment to Girls Returned Score	
	Par	SSS	Par Points	Par	SSS	Par Points	Scratch Comp	St/ford Comp
Bramley	69	69	36	71	71	36	-2	0
Burhill (Old)	70	71	35	73	73	36	-2	-1
Burhill (New)	72	72	36	72	74	34	-2	2
Effingham	71	72	35	73	74	35	-2	0
Farnham	72	72	36	72	74	34	-2	2
Guildford	69	70	35	72	73	35	-3	0
Surbiton	70	69	37	71	71	36	-2	1
West Byfleet	70	70	36	72	72	36	-2	0

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