

## **RULES FOR INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS (2024)**

1. **7 competitions** will be held this year, one at each participating club. At least one adult representative of the host club must take responsibility for health and safety considerations and remain present until the last junior player has left the facility. 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 give prior notification by nominating the 7 team players in advance of the competition. Failure to do so will result in automatic nomination of the 7 lowest handicapped players.
3. **Eligibility**
  - a) **Age** Players must be 17 or younger on 31<sup>st</sup> December prior to the competition.
  - b) **Handicaps** The Playing Handicap (PH) for the Stableford competition will be 95% of the Course Handicap calculated for the relevant club at which the event is staged. **The Maximum PH allowed for this competition is 29 (boys) and 37 (girls).**

If any spare spaces are available in the field, juniors with higher handicaps may be able to play, but only by strict agreement between the Junior Organiser of the host club and the potential participant's club. Such juniors must be capable of both playing the course without any assistance and keeping up with the pace of play. For competition purposes, their PH will be capped at **29 (boys) and 37 (girls).**
4. **List of entrants** - Each club's competition organiser must 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 per player. The organiser from each participating club shall forward entry fees totalling £5 per player to the host club directly after the event, so prize funds can be promptly distributed. The entry fee for final's day will be £15 to include food. Other events will not include food.
6. **Format of play** will be 18 holes Stableford, but with scratch scores also recorded. Scoring must be set up and finalised on the stableford scoring system only (for handicap). Play to be from competition tees, white for boys and red for girls. Scores will be qualifying for handicap adjustment purposes. Adjustment to boys and girls score using the 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.
7. **Spectators / parents** are welcome to walk the course but must always remain at least 25 metres from the players, 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 4<sup>th</sup> event points will decide, otherwise, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> £30, 2<sup>nd</sup> £20, 3<sup>rd</sup> £10 for scratch and 1<sup>st</sup> £40, 2<sup>nd</sup> £30, 3<sup>rd</sup> £20, 4<sup>th</sup> £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. If fewer than 32 entry fees collected, remove 3<sup>rd</sup> scratch, then 4<sup>th</sup> handicap prizes. The host club is responsible for forwarding these prizes electronically to the winner's clubs with the reference 'Junior Interclub prizes', then informing the respective junior organiser of the winning player's name, so prize money can be distributed appropriately to individual player's prize accounts for the exchange of goods at their home club pro shop.
10. **Any surplus money** to be sent promptly to the final's day club secretary (West Byfleet 2023), to be held in a special account for subsidising final's day.
11. **Final's 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 suitably engraved and passed back at the penultimate competition (Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 at Bramley) to the organiser of the club hosting final's day. This is the responsibility of each interclub junior organiser. 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. The Course Rating or Par differences between the tees in play, depending on the format of play, will impact the calculation for the strokes received for a player that day.

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. For Medal competitions the adjustment is the difference in Course Rating between the two sets of tees (rounded to a hole number). For Stableford competitions adjustment is the difference in the points to 'Play to Handicap' = 36 – round (Course Rating - Par) between the two tees.

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	
	Course Rating	Par	Slope Rating	Par Points	Course Rating	Par	Slope Rating	Par Points	Scratch Comp	Stableford Comp
Bramley	69.3	69	122	36	71.2	71	126	36	-2	0
Burhill (Old)	71.7	70	131	34	73.8	73	134	35	-2	-1
Burhill (New)	72.3	72	133	36	73.1	72	130	35	-1	1
Effingham	72	71	132	35	74.2	73	135	35	-2	0
Farnham	71.6	72	125	36	73.4	72	128	35	-2	1
Guildford	70.3	69	127	35	72.9	72	129	35	-3	0
Surbiton	69.4	70	124	37	71.3	71	123	36	-2	1
West Byfleet	70.4	70	127	36	72.9	72	129	35	-3	1

**Bank details for payments**

**Bramley**

Sort code 30-93-74 Account No. 01208490

**Burhill**

Sort code 60-23-34 Account No. 81546653

**Effingham**

Sort code 40-27-07 Account No. 51552325

**Farnham**

Sort code 60-08-15 Account No. 90305639

**Guildford**

Sort code 40-22-26 Account No. 42784955

**Surbiton**

Sort code 60-21-05 Account No. 27974812

**West Byfleet**

Sort code 30-99-80 Account No.

75933768

**Hindhead**

Sort code 60-09-40 Account No.

79664180

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