



THE LANCASHIRE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

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A SHORT SUMMARY OF ITS HISTORY

The first meeting of the County Association was held at Formby Ladies' Golf Club on Monday, January 22nd, 1900. It was then resolved to use the title "The Lancashire Ladies' County Golf Club", but this was changed in 1928 to the present one of "The Lancashire Ladies' County Golf Association".

Lady Stanley was elected President at this first meeting in 1900, and as Alice, Countess of Derby, continued as our President until her death in 1958.

The first County Match was played at Formby on June 13th against Yorkshire, but there is no record of the result.

Matches against Yorkshire, Cheshire and Northumberland started in earnest in 1904, and the Lancashire team first brought honour to the County when they won the English County Shield in 1908 at Wallasey.

The Inter-Club Scratch Championship Shield was presented by Miss Florence Carr, and was first played for in 1905. It was the first County Competition when each club affiliated to the L.L.C.G.A. took part. These were: Formby, West Lancashire, Hesketh, Lytham St. Annes, West Derby and Worsley.

The Inter-Club Handicap Trophy was presented by Mrs Maud Dean in 1939
In 2005 Penwortham Golf Club donated a salver to the County which will be presented annually to the Runners-up in the Inter-Club Handicap Trophy.

The first County Championship was played at Formby in 1907 for the present Trophy, which was presented to Lancashire by Lady Derby, the handicap limit being 6. The Carr Gold Medal was donated by Mrs. G. Carr, mother of Florence for the lowest scratch score of the morning round. Only one round was played with 8 players qualifying for the Match play stages. The present method of playing the Championship was first used in 1921, when 16 players qualified from 36 holes stroke play for the match-play stages, and the handicap limit was raised to 12. In 1979 Mrs Jean Noble presented two gold badges that had belonged to her mother, Mrs Isabella Scott. These were mounted and are presented annually to the losing semi-finalists. In 2001, a second flight was introduced, called the Plate. The next best 16 players qualified from the 36 holes stroke play for the match play stages of the Plate, which was presented by Mrs Patsy Wolstenholme.

The President's Handicap Tournament for the Challenge Cup (also presented by Lady Derby), was first played for in 1912. This event has now been renamed the Lancashire County Handicap Tournament and President's Prize. In 2003 Mrs. Audrey Pratt represented a silver replica, which had been won by her mother Mrs. Maud Dean, in 1935, and this is presented to the runner-up annually. In 2004 Bury Golf Club Ladies' Section re-presented to the County the silver replica which had been won by Mrs. A Harrison in 1933, and which had been discovered in Canada. This is presented annually to the player with the best gross score of the day in the qualifying round.

The Lancashire Scratch Shield was presented by Mrs. C.H.W. Clark in 1928 for a 7 a-side team, with the winners in each of the 4 divisions of the County meeting in the semi-finals and final. In 1983 this was altered to 5 a-side, to be drawn in groups, with the eventual 4 winners of the groups meeting in the semi-finals and final.

The Lancashire Handicap Shield was presented by Mrs. Issette Miller in 1928. This is played for by a team of 7, the winners in each of the four divisions of the County meeting in the semi-final and final. In 2004, Mr Mike Wood of Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club donated a salver to the County which will be presented annually to the Runners-up in the Handicap Shield.

In 2004 the County started a new shields competition for players of between 20.5 and 35.9 handicaps and called it the Bronze Shield. The Shield which was donated to the County by Mr Stan Stokes of Shaw Hill Golf Club is played for annually by a team of 5, the winners from each of the four divisions of the County meeting in the Semi-final and Final.

The County Handicap Foursomes Competition (The Scott-Leggatt Foursomes), is played for the Hilda Leggatt Trophy. This trophy was presented in 1952 by Mrs. Isabella Scott, Honorary Treasurer, in memory of her predecessor, Mrs. Hilda Leggatt, who held the office from 1914 until her death in 1951. The competition starts with a qualifying round on the players' home course, leading to Divisional finals and a County final.

The Junior Challenge Cup donated by Mrs. Edith Smith was first played for in 1950 and is presented to the Junior Champion.

The Manning Plate was donated by Mrs. Jenny Manning in 1953, when her husband Jack Manning was President of Lancashire. A match is played each year for the Trophy, between the Lancashire Union Executive and the Ladies' Executive. The event first started in the 1950's. However, a match between the men and the ladies began in the 1930's.

The Lads and Lasses match. The format is match play, with foursomes in the morning and singles in the afternoon. In 1965 Mr. & Mrs. Norman Stewart donated a cup for this event. A new trophy was presented in 1997 by Mr. & Mrs. Sands Johnson.

In 1973 Mrs. Ann Howard suggested that the County Trials should be in the form of a match between the Captain's and the President's teams. Mrs. Howard gave a trophy to be presented to the winning team and the above format commenced in 1974.

The Junior County Trophy was donated in 1985 by Miss Ann Irvin and Mr. Tom Schofield for the Boys v. Girls County Match. The trophy is played for annually by the Juniors, and the format is match play, with foursomes in the morning and singles in the afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Benstead of Royal Birkdale donated the Frances Smith Trophy in memory of Mrs. Frances Smith. The event is open to all clubs in the Association, with one representative from each club competing annually in an 18 hole stroke play competition. The competition commenced in 1980.

The Elsie Corlett Summer Meeting commenced in 1989 as the result of a legacy to the County from Miss Corlett's estate. A salver was donated by Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club in 2001 in memory of Miss Elsie Corlett for the best nett score.

LANCASHIRE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION
ESTABLISHED 1900

RULES

1. The Association shall be called the 'Lancashire Ladies County Golf Association' (The Association). The Association year begins on 1st February of each year.

MEMBERSHIP

2. The following Clubs and persons are eligible for membership of the Association, namely:
 - a) Any Golf Club which is a Lancashire Club within the meaning of the Rules of E.W.G.A. and which club is affiliated with the L.G.U. All such clubs becoming members of the Association are hereinafter called "Associated Clubs".
 - b) Any member of any Golf Club which is a Lancashire Club within the meaning of the Rules of the E.W.G.A. provided that such club is affiliated to the L.G.U.
 - c) Any person who is qualified or entitled to play for the Lancashire County under the County Golf Regulations of the E.W.G.A. for the time being in force.
 - d) The Council shall have power to nominate as an Honorary Life Member for election at the Annual General Meeting any member who has rendered distinguished service to the Association, and such honorary member shall have all the rights and privileges of any ordinary member.

The Council of the Association (The Council) may in its absolute discretion refuse to admit into the Association and may expel any Associate Club or other Member.

FINANCE

3. Each County Association shall have control of its own finances and Constitution providing there is no conflict with the EWGA Articles. Finance to be raised as follows:
 - a) Each Associated Club shall pay an annual levy as determined by the Council. It shall not be less than £10.00 and shall be payable no later than 31st January in any one year.
 - b) Every playing member of a golf club affiliated to EWGA shall pay an annual mandatory per capita levy. Payment of a per capita levy will entitle her to Full or Associate Membership of a County Association as defined in the County Golf Regulations of the EWGA and are not subject to change by the County Association, or its members under Rule 8(h).
 - c) Individual Membership is available to those who are not playing members of a golf club in England affiliated to EWGA and shall be double the amount of the per capita levy.
 - d) The annual mandatory per capita levy becomes due on affiliation and thereafter on 1st January in each year and must be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer on or before 31st January in each year, except be special arrangements.
If a club fails to collect and pay its annual per capita levy in respect of every member entitled to play, by the due date in any year, it shall not be entitled to be represented on the Executive Council and its members shall not be entitled to participate in County Competitions or Matches.

e) Resignations shall be in writing and addressed to the Honorary Treasurer of the Association and received by her on or before January 1st of each year, failing which the full subscription for the following year must be paid.

f) A player wishing to transfer from one club to another must give written notice to the Honorary Treasurer.

MANAGEMENT

4. a) The Management of the Association and of all County Competitions and Matches shall be vested in the Council which shall consist of:
- i. The President and Vice-Presidents.
 - ii. The Officials.
 - iii. The Honorary Life Members.
 - iv. The elected members of the Executive Committee, the Selection Committee and the Shields Committee.
 - v. The Captain and Secretary from each Associated Club, only one of whom shall have the right to vote at Council Meetings. If either or both are unable to attend they may appoint a substitute (also being a member of the Association) to attend Council Meetings.
 - vi. The Association's Representative of the Northern Region Committee of the E.W.G.A. and the elected member or deputy of E.W.G.A. and L.G.U. (when applicable) who must be a member of the Association.
 - vii. The County Area Authority.
 - viii. The Junior Organiser appointed by the Association.
- b) The Council may delegate all or any of the powers of Management to any of its Committees.
- c) The Council shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising on it or on any Committees or Sub-Committees during the Association year.
- d) All Officials of the Association shall be ex-officio Members of all Committees or Sub-Committees excepting the Selection Committee.
- e) The President of the Association shall be entitled to vote at all meetings which she attends with the exception of the Executive Committee Meetings. Vice-Presidents and all Officials of the Association shall be entitled to vote at all meetings which they attend. Past Presidents and ex-Captains of the County may attend Council Meetings but may not vote.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

- 5.a) The Officials of the Association, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting shall consist of the Captain, Vice Captain, Honorary Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary.
- b) Nominations for these offices shall be in writing addressed to and received by the Honorary Secretary on or before 1st October of each year.
6. The Association shall have a President (who shall hold office for not more than three years whether consecutive or in the aggregate) and such number of Vice-Presidents as the Council may from time to time determine. Nominations for these offices must reach the Honorary Secretary on or before 1st October in any year.
7. a) The Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officials of the Association, the Immediate Past Captain, the County Training Officer, the Junior Organiser and two (hereinafter called Divisional Members) to be elected from each of the Divisions into which the County may from time to time be divided. The two Divisional Members from each Division shall each serve on the Committee for four years. One Divisional Member shall retire every other year and upon retiring shall not be eligible for re-election until the next A.G.M. If any Division fails to elect a Member before an A.G.M. of the Association such vacancy or vacancies may be filled by the Executive Committee.
- b) Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall consist of a Chairman, the County Captain, the Vice-Captain, the County Junior Organiser and three other members ("Ordinary Members"). The Chairman shall be the County Training Officer. The Ordinary Members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve for a period of three years. An Ordinary member shall not serve on the Selection Committee in that capacity for a continuous period of more than three years. The Executive Committee shall, when appointing Ordinary members, take into consideration the recommendations of the Chairman for the time being. An Ordinary Member on retirement shall not be eligible for re-election within 12 months.
- c) Shields Committee. The Committee shall consist of one representative (to be elected annually) from each division and the County officials.
- d) Elections. All elected representatives shall be proposed and seconded by two separate clubs within their own Division.
- e) Junior Golf. The Junior Organiser and her junior committee shall be responsible for the organisation of Junior Golf and the Lancashire Girls' Golf Association within the County.

MEETINGS

8. a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during November of each year, on a day and at a place to be fixed by the Council for the purpose of:

- (i) Confirmation of previous minutes.
- (ii) Adoption of Accounts.
- (iii) Captain's Report.
- (iv) Election of President and Vice-Presidents.
- (v) Election of Officials.

Any other business shall be deemed special and any notice of the same shall be in writing and received by the Honorary Secretary on or before August 31st of each year.

b) Financial Year of the Association shall close on the 30th day of September in each year and the Honorary Treasurer shall prepare a Statement of Accounts for such year which shall be audited and sent out with the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting to each Associated Club.

c) Fourteen days notice of such Annual General Meeting shall be sent in writing to the Secretary of every Associated Club and any other members of the Association who are not members of Associated Clubs.

d) Special General Meetings may be called by the Council and shall be called on receipt of a request in writing signed by the Secretary or other authorised official of at least ten Associated Clubs and lodged with the Honorary Secretary of the Association. Such meeting shall be forthwith convened by the Honorary Secretary who shall give at least fourteen days notice to each Associated Club Secretary and all other Members of the Association who are not Members of Associated Clubs.

e) At all General Meetings fifty persons present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum.

f) The Council shall meet when it is deemed advisable by the Captain or Honorary Secretary or upon a request in writing from any five members of the Council lodged with the Honorary Secretary. At all Council Meetings thirty persons present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum.

g) The Captain shall be Chairman at all Meetings except that of the Selection Committee. In her absence the Meeting shall elect a Chairman. The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote at all meetings.

h) All nominations and resolutions which must be proposed and seconded by separate Clubs shall be in writing and received by the Honorary Secretary on or before 31st August in any year. All amendments to resolutions (which must be proposed and seconded) shall be in writing and received by the Honorary Secretary at least two days prior to the meeting.

i) The Council may over-rule any decision of any Committee or Sub-Committee of the Association.

- j) All Committees and Sub-Committees shall keep minutes of their proceedings and shall submit the same to the Council whenever called upon by the Council to do so.
- k) The method of election of Divisional Members and members of Shields Committees shall be the one determined by the Council to be the most appropriate.

An Associated Club is only entitled to one vote which must be cast only for candidates in its own Division. If the number of candidates for each Division is the same as or less than the number of vacancies in that Division, those candidates shall be deemed to have been elected. The decision of the Council as to whether any candidate has been elected shall be final.

9. GENERAL

- a) The Rules of the game shall be those of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, subject to the local rules in force where the matches or competitions are played.
- b) The Council shall have power from time to time to make such regulations and bye-laws as it deems advisable.
- c) These rules may be altered at the Council Meeting or at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose. Notice of any proposed alteration (excepting those suggested by the Council) must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 28 days before such meeting. No alterations shall be deemed to have been passed unless it is carried by the vote of at least two-thirds of the persons present and entitled to vote thereon.
- d) In the event of any dispute arising as to the interpretation of these Rules, the interpretation of the Council shall be final.
- e) The regulations of the E.W.G.A. with regard to County Golf shall be deemed to be incorporated in these Rules, and if any rule or regulation of the Association is or shall be inconsistent with the Rules and Regulations of the L.G.U. and/or E.W.G.A. the Rules and Regulations of the L.G.U. and/or E.W.G.A. shall prevail.
- f) The County Captain, Officials and Members of Committees, Handicap Advisers and the Junior Organiser of the County shall be reimbursed for any expenses necessarily incurred in the course of conducting the affairs of the Association.

COUNTY MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

- 10.a) Inter-County Matches shall be played under County Rules and Regulations as laid down from time to time by the E.W.G.A.
- b) No person shall play in any County Match or Competition promoted by the Association unless she is a member of the Association.
- c) The Council or any Committee authorised by the Council for that purpose shall make such rules and regulations as may be deemed advisable for the regulation of all County Matches and Competitions.
- d) All decisions or rulings made by the organising Committee of the County Championship shall be final. The organising Committee shall consist of any two or more of the following:

The Captain, and such other Officials as shall be determined from time to time by the Council.

L.L.C.G.A. COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

REGULATIONS

All competitions will be played under R. & A. Rules of Golf.

All competitions except the County Championship, the Junior Championship and Lady Derby Finals to be played from the Host Club ladies' permanent tee markers.

The County Championship, the Junior Championship and Lady Derby Finals are played from County tee markers.

County Subscriptions must be paid by 31st March at the latest, or, in the case of new members, before play. **All Competitions must be entered from the Club where this subscription is paid. If a person is a member of more than one club she must notify the Hon. Treasurer which club she wishes to represent for all County Competitions.**

Entrance fees (at a rate fixed by the Organising Committee) to be paid before play. These are not returnable after the closing date of the competition. When a draw decides the order of play, no entry will be accepted after the closing date of the competition.

The committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason for its decision which shall be final.

Juniors are eligible to play in all County Competitions and all Club qualifying competitions leading to County events.

The committee reserves the right to alter or rearrange starting times. Proof of handicap must be produced at all events before the completion of the player's round - penalty - disqualification.

All ties in handicap competitions to be decided on card play off over the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes.

No player may engage as a caddie anyone who is a Professional or Assistant Professional. Penalty - disqualification.

Motorised buggies may be utilised by competitors who have sought permission from the Executive Committee before the competition, on presentation of a current medical certificate of disability and then only if the host club permits the use of such buggies. The buggy may only be used by the person named on the certificate and may only carry the player, her caddie and equipment. The use of the buggy would, of course, be at the player's own risk and she would need to have personal insurance cover.

The committee reserves the right to alter the stipulated round of any competition should conditions make this necessary.

Prizes for Competitions shall be determined as appropriate by the Committee.

It is the player's responsibility to ensure that she complies with all regulations.

All disputes shall be settled by the Committee whose decision shall be final.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries will be accepted from players holding a certified CONGU handicap of 15.4 or under at the date of entry for the competition, who also fulfil one of the following conditions:

Birth in the County, one year's residence in the County or one year's Club Membership in the County.

Entries will be limited to 60. If more than 60 entries are received, the 60 lowest handicaps on the closing date will be accepted. Ties for the 60th place will be decided by ballot.

It will be obligatory for all competitors to use a ball named on the current R. & A. or U.S.G.A. list of approved 1.68 balls (copy at the course).

Driving Clubs: The model and loft of any driver that the player carries must be listed on the current Conforming Driver Head List issued by the R&A Rules Limited.

There will be two rounds of 18 holes strokeplay on the first day for which a draw shall decide the order of play.

The best 16 aggregate gross scores shall qualify for match play in the Championship proper, ties to be decided on the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes, and in the case of a further tie, on the penultimate round.

The next best 16 aggregate gross scores shall qualify for match play in the Plate, which is the second flight of the Championship, ties to be decided on the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes, and in the case of a further tie, on the penultimate round.

The draw for the match play stages shall be determined according to the Automatic Draw and shall be posted as soon as possible at the termination of play of the Qualifying rounds.

Each match, including the Finals shall consist of one round of 18 holes matchplay. The stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

The winner of each match must give the result card to the appointed official directly the match is finished or sign the card and send it by a reliable person. Failure to comply renders the player liable to disqualification.

Proof of current handicap will be required for nett prizes awarded in conjunction with this championship.

The Championship Trophy shall be held for one year by the winner who will receive the County Captain's prize.

The Carr Gold Medal for the best scratch score of the morning round of the qualifying day shall be held for one year.

Ties for the Carr Gold Medal to be resolved on a card playoff on the last 9,6, 3 or 1 holes.

A player may only take one prize from the qualifying round and one from the matchplay. Exception – Carr Gold Medal

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There will be a qualifying round which will consist of a maximum of 18 holes strokeplay, off handicap.

Ties will be resolved on card play-off over the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes.

There will be 16 qualifiers in total, who will play knock-out match play at a date to be set by the Committee.

The draw for the match play stages shall be an automatic draw, to be made as soon as possible after the receipt of the results. Each match including the final shall consist of 18 holes match play. The stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

The winner of each match must give the result to the appointed official directly the match is finished or sign the result card and send it by a reliable person. Failure to comply renders the player liable to disqualification.

The winner will hold the Lady Derby Challenge Cup for one year and will receive the President's Prize.

The runner-up will hold a silver replica of the Challenge Cup for one year.

The winner of the Best Gross in the qualifying round will hold a silver replica of the Challenge Cup for one year.

All prizes, including prizes for the qualifying round, will be presented to the players after the finals.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries will be restricted to girls who have not reached their 18th birthday before 1st January in the year of the Championship. The winner will receive the Junior Challenge Cup and the Captain's prize.

It will be obligatory for all competitors to use a ball named on the current R. & A. or U.S.G.A. list of approved 1.68 balls. (Copy at the course).

Driving Clubs: The model and loft of any driver that the player carries must be listed on the current Conforming Driver Head List issued by R&A Rules Limited.

The Championship will be played over 36 holes of strokeplay and there shall be an 18 hole competition for bronze players.

In the event of a tie for the Championship there shall be a hole by hole playoff immediately after the final card has been returned to determine the winner.

All other ties to be decided by a card playoff over the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes, and, if not resolved, over the first 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes.

No competitor may take more than one prize - gross prizes to take precedence over nett prizes.

Competitors are **not allowed** a caddie.

INTERCLUB SCRATCH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

This shall be competed for by a team of four players per club to be named on the day of the competition. Teams must be registered 30 minutes prior to their first tee time. Once named, the team may not be altered.

Play shall consist of a maximum of 18 holes stroke-play. The three best gross scores in each team to count and the fourth score to be disregarded.

There will be a draw to decide the order of play.

The Trophy will be held for one year.

In the event of a tie, the Clubs concerned will share the Trophy. Club Captains should agree the period for which the Trophy will be held by each between themselves.

INTERCLUB HANDICAP TEAM TROPHY

This shall be competed for by a team of four players per club to be named on the day of the competition. Teams must be registered 30 minutes prior to their first tee time. Once named, the team may not be altered.

Handicap limit **genuine** 24.4

Play shall consist of a maximum of 18 holes stroke-play, off handicap. The three best nett scores in each team to count and the fourth score to be disregarded.

A Qualifying round shall be played in each Division of the County. The two best team scores and any ties at each Qualifying round shall qualify for the Finals.

The Trophy will be held for one year. In the event of a tie, the Clubs concerned will share the Trophy. Club Captains should agree the period for which the Trophy will be held by each between themselves.

INTERCLUB BRONZE TEAM TROPHY

This shall be competed for by a team of four players per club to be named on the day of the competition. Teams must be registered 30 minutes prior to their first tee time. Once named, the team may not be altered.

Minimum handicap 20.5

Play shall consist of a maximum of 18 holes *Stableford*, off handicap. The three best scores in each team to count and the fourth score to be disregarded.

A Qualifying round shall be played in each Division of the County. The two best team scores and any ties at each Qualifying round shall qualify for the Finals.

The Trophy will be held for one year. In the event of a tie, the Clubs concerned will share the Trophy. Club Captains should agree the period for which the Trophy will be held by each between themselves.

THE ELSIE CORLETT SUMMER MEETING

This is an 18 hole strokeplay competition, played off handicap, in two divisions.

There will be a prize for the Best Gross score of the day.

There will be 1st and 2nd nett prizes in Division 1 (handicap 20 and under) and 1st and 2nd nett prizes in Division 2 (handicaps 21 to 36)

No player may take more than prize

A salver, donated by Royal Lytham and St. Annes Golf Club in memory of Miss Elsie Corlett, is presented for the best nett score of the day.

FRANCES SMITH TROPHY

A qualifying round off handicap shall be played in each club, in conjunction with any nominated 18 hole stroke play competition. The player with the best nett score shall be deemed to be the Club's representative in the final, providing that this is the club from which she pays her County Subscription. **If a player is a member of more than one club she must notify the Hon. Treasurer which club she wishes to represent for all County Competitions,** (If she is not available or eligible, the second best nett etc.). Two reserves must be nominated, in the event that the original representative is unable to take part in the Final. Please note that any club who cancels its entry once the draw has been finalised or who does not send a representative on the day will be excluded from taking part in this competition for 12 months.

Handicap limit 36

The Club's representative will play a maximum of 18 holes stroke-play off handicap in the final, the best nett score being the winner.

Ties to be resolved on card playoff over the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes.

There will be no entrance fee, but there will be a gratuity, payable by the club at the time of entry. This gratuity will rise with inflation, to cover any increases in the cost of facility fees.

The winner will hold the trophy for one year.

The donors of the Trophy expressed a wish that it should be kept at the Club of the winner and, as it is a Rose Bowl, be used for floral arrangements, so that all may enjoy it.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd nett

SCOTT LEGGATT COUNTY FOURSOMES

This competition is a Foursomes Stableford Competition off handicap over a maximum of 18 holes.

Handicap limit - any combination of current handicap, half of which does not exceed 30.4 in the club qualifying round. In the event that half the combined handicap exceeds 30.4 on the Divisional or County Finals dates, the competitors may compete, but will play off the handicap limit of 30.

A player must choose her own partner who must also be a member of the same club, **MUST PLAY WITH THE SAME PARTNER THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION AND BE AVAILABLE FOR THE COUNTY FINAL. Players belonging to more than one club must enter the qualifying round at the club which they have notified the County Hon. Treasurer they wish to represent for all County Competitions.** Individual members of the County who are not members of an associate club shall be permitted to qualify on application to the Divisional Executive Representative.

A QUALIFYING ROUND will be played on the home course, and the number of couples to qualify from each club will be:

One couple per every 20 members of the County Association provided that a club with less than 40 County Members shall always be entitled to send two couples.

DIVISIONAL FINALS will be played on a course in the division. The number of couples to qualify from Divisional to County Finals shall be one fifth of the couples actually playing in each divisional final.

In the event of the course being unplayable on the date of the Divisional Final, there will be an instant ballot to determine which competitors will go through to the County Final.

Prizes based on the results of the Divisional qualifying rounds will be awarded to the players who take part in the final.

Ties in the County Final will be decided according to E.W.G.A. Regulations, i.e. on last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes.

The names of the winning couple will be engraved on the Cup which will be held for six months respectively by each winner.

Players unable to play in the County Final **MUST DECLARE** at the Divisional Final, as there will be no substitutes after the Divisional Final.

LANCASHIRE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION SCRATCH, HANDICAP AND BRONZE SHIELD REGULATIONS

GENERAL

1. **A player must play for the Club through which she has paid her County Subscription. If a person is a member of more than one club she must notify the County Hon. Treasurer which club she wishes to represent for all County Competitions. A player may change her club representation at any time prior to playing her first match in that years competition.**
2. No member of any team nor any reserve is eligible to play in any match unless her Individual Subscription to the County Association has been paid. **There is no limit to the number of reserves which may be taken and played in any Group Finals or Final.**
3. Each Club shall play all other Clubs in the same division or group at home and away. For all matches the Home Team must offer three dates when the course is available, one of which must be accepted by the Away Team. If possible please try and offer a weekend date. In the event of any dissension, the Shield Committee will make the final decision. Away Teams must conform to the Home Teams starting time as these are governed by the Club Councils.
4. Confirmed match dates and the Team Captains' names and telephone numbers must be notified to the Shield Representative by the date set down in the January mailing to all clubs. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.
5. The Captain of the Home Team **must, within two days of the match or receiving a walkover,** forward on the official form the result to their Divisional Representative on the Lancashire Shield Committee.

The Club unable to play on the fixed date must concede the match. Once the fixture has been confirmed in writing, a match may only be postponed if the Home Course be deemed unplayable by the Captain of the Home Club or her Deputy, a Trolley ban is in place or the Club Management decides that the course is unavailable. The Captain of the home club to notify the visiting team Captain by telephone. If the two Teams are present at the Club at the scheduled starting time and the conditions are unfavourable, the Captains of the respective Teams or their Deputies shall be empowered to postpone the fixture by mutual consent to a mutually agreed date. **In this situation, the team may differ from the original team.** Should however, the Captains fail to come to such an agreement, the match must be played forthwith.

If the match begins, and players are out on the course, and for any reason the course is deemed to be unplayable by the club or the two team Captains, then play **must be suspended.** (Rule 33-2d.)

At this point, under Rule 6-8b., if the players are in the process of playing a hole, they may finish out that hole, provided they do so without delay. In a potentially dangerous situation, however, i.e. thunder and lightning, players must discontinue play immediately (Rule 6-8a.), lift and mark their balls (Rule 6-8c.). When play is resumed, matches must resume from exactly the same point at which play was discontinued. So if, for example, play was suspended in the middle of the 15th hole, players must return to that point to resume their match (Rule 6-8d.).

Because of the practical difficulties of being able to identify the exact spot at which balls were marked, and being able to resume matches at a later date, if suspension of play is invoked, teams must complete their match within **two** days, with exactly the same players.

In the event that a match is suspended, and that a player's handicap has decreased or increased by the time the match is resumed, the player will play off the original handicap, even if she would normally no longer be eligible to play in that particular shield.

In the event that it is not possible to resume the match within two days, the R&A has issued guidelines which allow Team Captains leeway to adopt alternatives. The main alternatives are:

- a) The match can be abandoned and replayed with an entirely different team on a rearranged date.
- b) If certain individual matches have been completed, those results will stand, and the rest of the matches will be replayed, again not necessarily with the same team. The only stipulation is that no team member who has already completed an individual match will be able to take part in the rearranged matches.

Team Captains should make every effort to reach a mutual decision. If they cannot, the matter must be referred to the appropriate Shields' Representative, who may have to refer it to the Shields and Executive Committees. Each situation would then have to be looked at individually, because the permutations are endless, and the decisions to be made are difficult and occasionally apparently unfair to somebody. The Shields and Executive Committees therefore reserve the right to make an equitable decision when it is impossible to complete a match or matches in accordance with the Rules of Golf and their decision is final. If rearrangement is not possible, then no points are awarded to either team.

7. In the event of a full Team not being available on an arranged match date the Club concerned must send as many players as possible to play.
8. *The results of a Club giving a complete walkover (i.e. 5-0 or 7-0) in any match shall be null and void and the Club will be ineligible to compete in that competition the following year.*
9. It shall be the responsibility of the Club Secretaries to inform the local Divisional Representative wherever conditions are such that they are likely to disrupt the playing of Shield Matches.
10. Team lists must be exchanged at least 10 minutes prior to the first match teeing off, after which time no reserve may be substituted. If a player fails to put in an appearance for whatever reason, at the scheduled time for her match to tee off, then her opponent on the list will receive a walkover. This rule applies to all first round matches only. Clubs who qualify for Divisional Finals and Finals will be notified by the Shield Representative of the time by which they have to submit their team. Once a team list has been submitted, the team may not be changed, irrespective of the time that it has been submitted.
11. Players in **all** Shield Matches shall be arranged in order of playing handicap. This is the responsibility of the Team Captain. A player in any Shield Match must produce proof of **current handicap (either an up to date handicap certificate or an up to date club list)** at all matches prior to play – penalty disqualification.
12. The Finals shall be a Knockout Tournament, to be played no later than 30th September, in each Division by rotation. The dates and greens shall be fixed by the Lancashire Shields Committee. If there is a problem with the course or inclement weather, the LLCGA Reps/Officials present on the day will consult all 4 team captains stating the options available. The team captains will then consult their players and report back in 10 minutes with their decision. If the captains cannot agree, the LLCGA Reps/Officials will make the decision. All decisions or rulings made by the LLCGA Reps/Officials present on the day shall be final.

13. All matches except those in the divisional finals, semi-finals and final will be decided over 18 holes. A match halved at the eighteenth hole will be recorded as such. The scoring for matches will be as follows:

A win	1 point
A half	½ point
A loss	0 point

Divisional winners will be decided on the number of points gained from matches. In the event of ties, winners will be decided on the results of individual matches, i.e. how many points have been gained from individual matches, and, finally, the number of holes by which individual matches have been won.

14. The Shields shall be held for one year by the winning Clubs.

15. All protests must be made in writing to the Divisional Representative of the Lancashire Shields Committee, within one week of the date of the match. Prior to lodging the protest she must notify the Captain of the opposing Team of her intention to appeal and of her grounds for doing so.

SCRATCH SHIELD REGULATIONS

A team shall consist of five players.

A team receiving a walkover for a match shall be deemed to score a win of five points. A player receiving a walkover shall be deemed to have won by 10 & 8.

All matches shall be played from the tee of the day and shall finish at the 18th hole except in the **County Finals**, which will be played to a finish. Once a clear team result has been established the organising Committee may authorise the winning Team to concede remaining matches if they so wish.

Matches must be completed by 7th August each year.

The initial draw made at the Council Meeting shall carry through to the Finals.

HANDICAP SHIELD REGULATIONS

A team shall consist of seven players.

One single figure handicap player may compete in the Handicap Shield matches.

In order for a single figure player to participate in the Divisional Finals and beyond, she must have played in a minimum of three first round Divisional Group Handicap Shield Matches.

A player who has played in 3 or more group matches and who then reduces their handicap to less than the allowed handicap limit will be eligible to play in the finals. Evidence of the matches they have played in (match record sheets) must be produced by the team captain on the day of the finals.

The upper limit for handicaps is 24. Higher handicaps may compete, but must play off 24.

Teams playing for the Handicap Shield shall complete Divisional Group Matches by 24th July of each year. Divisional Finals are to be completed by 31st August each year.

A team receiving a walkover for a match shall be decreed to score a win of seven points. A player receiving a walkover shall be deemed to have won by 10 & 8.

All matches shall be played from the tee of the day and shall finish at the 18th hole except at **Round Robin, Divisional and County Finals**, where each match shall play to a result. Once a clear team result has been established the Organising Committee may authorise the winning Team to concede remaining matches if they so wish.

In the Round Robin matches, once a result has been established playing the remaining match is not required.

The draw made at the Council Meeting shall carry through to the County Finals.

BRONZE SHIELD REGULATIONS

The Bronze Shield is for players with handicaps of 20.5 to 36. As players handicaps will fluctuate at the lower levels, the only stipulation is that on the original fixed date of each match all players must be no lower than 21 playing handicap.

A team shall consist of five players.

One player, handicap 10-20, may compete in the Bronze Shield matches.

In order for a player handicap 10-20, to participate in the Divisional Finals and beyond, she must have played in a minimum of three first round Divisional Group Bronze Shield Matches.

A player who has played in 3 or more group matches and who then reduces their handicap to less than the allowed handicap limit will be eligible to play in the finals. Evidence of the matches they have played in (match record sheets) must be produced by the team captain on the day of the finals.

Teams playing for the Bronze Shield shall complete first round Divisional Group Matches by 24th July of each year. Divisional Finals are to be completed by 31st August each year.

A team receiving a walkover for a match shall be deemed to score a win of five points. A player receiving a walkover shall be deemed to have won by 10 & 8.

All matches shall be played from the tee of the day and shall finish at the 18th hole except in the **Round Robin, Divisional or County Finals**, which will be played to a finish. Once a clear team result has been established the organising Committee may authorise the winning Team to concede remaining matches if they so wish.

In the Round Robin matches, once a result has been established playing the remaining match is not required.

The initial draw made at the Council Meeting shall carry through to the Finals.