



## CAMBRIDGESHIRE AREA GOLF UNION

### THE GODDARD CUP CLUB TEAM SCRATCH MATCH PLAY KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

Trophy presented in 2005 by J. F. Goddard

#### TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The following conditions for this championship must be read in conjunction with CAGU's General Terms of Competition, which are published on the website ([www.cagu.co.uk](http://www.cagu.co.uk)). When entering a competition players/clubs should, in particular, be aware of the General Terms of Competition covering eligibility, entries and withdrawals.

The **Local Rules** applicable for Stages One and Two of the competition are those of the host club. Local Rules for the Final are contained in England Golf's (which is also CAGU's) Hard Card. It also contains the Terms on pace of play and suspension of play due to a dangerous situation.

After entries close, CAGU's Competitions Secretary will e-mail the clubs which have entered, a copy of the draw, including contact details, and these Conditions of Competition. These documents will also be on the website.

#### A. THE COMPETITION: OVERALL TERMS

1. **Entry** to this competition is open to all CAGU affiliated clubs.
2. **The entry fee**, as determined by CAGU's Competitions Secretary, must accompany the entry form.
3. **The draw** will show dates by which a round must be played. If it is not played by the specified date, both teams shall be eliminated. No extensions shall be granted. Exception: If a match cannot be played solely because of adverse weather conditions and it is not possible to re-arrange it by the specified date, the home team must contact CAGU's Competitions Secretary, who has discretion to allow an extension of the deadline by which the match is to be played.
4. **A player** may only represent one club throughout the competition.
5. **Team Captains**, who shall not be professional golfers, and who must be members of the club concerned, may either be a playing or non-playing captain.
6. **Caddies**. A professional golfer may not act as a caddie. In the case of juniors (under 18 on 1 January of the year in which the competition is played), parents or other relatives may not act as a caddie.
7. **A club team** comprises eight members of that club. Team membership may change from one round/stage to another.
8. **Substitutions**. If a player becomes unfit or unable to play through injury, illness or other emergency before the start of either the foursomes or the singles, a substitute shall be permitted. Only one such substitution is allowed.

If team sheets have already been exchanged, the substitute shall be placed in the same position in the playing order in the foursomes or singles as the player who is unable to play. A player so substituted in the foursomes may not play in the singles, the substitute must play.



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9. **At any stage** of this competition, games may be halved. No game shall continue beyond eighteen holes and no further play is permitted once a game has been decided.
10. **This competition** shall be played in three stages (below).

### B. THE FORMAT AND ASSOCIATED ARRANGEMENTS

#### 1. Stage One: Preliminary Round

- a. **Format.** The match shall comprise six games, each played over 18 holes, two games of match play foursomes, followed by four games of match play singles i.e. four team members will play in the foursomes and the other four in the singles.
- b. **In the event of a tied match:**
  - i. The total of each side's "holes up" over the six games will decide the winner. The result of each individual match is recorded as the number of hole "up" or "down" at the conclusion of the match. (i.e. individual matches conclude when the match is decided)
  - ii. If there is still a tie, the team with the biggest margin of victory in any of the six games shall be the winner.
  - iii. If the teams are still tied, then the second, then the third etc. biggest margin of victory in the other games shall decide the winner.
  - iv. Thereafter, if necessary, the winner shall be decided by lot: the toss of a coin.
- c. **Arranging preliminary round matches.**
  - i. The home club must offer their opponents a minimum of three dates, either at weekends and/or midweek.
  - ii. Contact should be initiated by the home club's team captain, at least one week before the start date for the preliminary round.
  - iii. There shall be no courtesy practice rounds. iv. Each host club is responsible for any catering arrangements.
- d. **Adverse weather.**
  - i. If it is not possible to start play in the match or play is suspended and subsequently abandoned before completion of all six games, the match shall be cancelled and re-arranged as soon as possible by mutual agreement. Team composition and/or the order of play of team members may be changed.
  - ii. In such circumstances, CAGU's Competitions Secretary must be notified immediately.

#### 2. Stage Two: Subsequent Rounds

- a. **Format.** A match shall comprise four games of match play foursomes over 18 holes in the morning, followed by the same players playing eight games of match play singles over 18 holes in the afternoon.
- b. There shall be a **minimum 30 minute** interval between the conclusion of the foursomes and the start of the singles.
- c. **Team captains** must (at the same time) exchange team sheets, including the order in which team members will play, at least 15 minutes before the foursomes and 15 minutes before the singles.
- d. If, at the conclusion of the singles games, **the match is tied**, the team captains shall nominate one player from each team to play-off on a hole-by-hole ("sudden death") basis, playing holes consecutively and commencing at the tee from which the singles games started.



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### e. Arranging matches.

- i. The home club must offer their opponents at least two dates on different weekends. Such dates must not clash with any other dates of CAGU matches or competitions, unless both team captains agree and the date is sanctioned by CAGU's Competitions Secretary.
- ii. Contact should be initiated by the home club's team captain as soon as possible before the start date of the round concerned.
- iii. There shall be no courtesy practice rounds.
- iv. Each host club is responsible for any catering arrangements.

### f. Adverse weather.

- i. If it not possible to start foursomes play, or the foursomes are abandoned before all four are complete, the match shall be cancelled and re-arranged as soon as possible by mutual agreement. Team composition and/or the order of play of team members may be changed.
- ii. In such circumstances, CAGU's Competitions Secretary must be notified immediately.
- iii. If play is abandoned after completion of the foursomes or during play of the singles, the match result shall be determined by the results of the foursomes, unless the match has already been decided. Note: The foursomes shall always be completed before the singles begin.
- iv. Having applied the procedure in iii above, if the teams are tied, there shall be a play-off on a hole-by-hole ("sudden death") basis (See 2d above). If weather or course conditions prevent such a play-off taking place that day, the two nominated players shall return for a sudden death play-off as soon as practicable on another day. The host club's team captain shall notify CAGU's Competitions Secretary of the situation as soon as possible.

### 3. Stage Three: The Final.

- a. The Final shall be played at Saffron Walden GC on a date decided by CAGU's Competitions Secretary and published in CAGU's fixture list on the website. Every effort will be made to ensure the date does not clash with any England Golf or Midlands fixtures.
- b. CAGU's Competitions Secretary will notify the two team captains of arrangements for the day, including tee times, catering arrangements and officials on duty.
- c. The winning club shall be presented with the trophy after the match and each team member shall be presented with a memento.
- d. In the event of a tie, there shall be a sudden death play-off between one player from each team nominated by the respective team captains (see 2d above)