

# **CHESHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS**

**President: R G H Fielding (Ringway Golf Club)**

## **CHESHIRE MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**(18 Hole Match Play Competition – Handicap Limit 6)**

## **RINGWAY GOLF CLUB**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> , Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011.**

### **Qualifications for Entry.**

**Entry Fee: £30**

1. Must be an amateur as defined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews
2. Must be in possession of a valid playing handicap not exceeding 6, and a member of an affiliated club in the Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs, or have been born in the County and be a member of an affiliated club in another County Union
3. Must have a valid Central Database of Handicaps (CDH) Number
4. Must not have taken part in a Golf Championship of another County Union, or have represented another County Union during the current calendar year

***CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 12 NOON FRIDAY 6th MAY 2011.***

## A. GENERAL CONDITIONS :

1. All Championships and Tournaments conducted by the CUGC shall be governed by the Rules of Golf of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and subject to these General Conditions and Standing Local Rules; together with any event specific Rules, Safety Information and Pace of Play Regulations issued at a Tournament. These provisions replace any Local Rules and Conditions published by the Host Club including those printed on the normal Club Scorecard. Except where it may be advised to the contrary, all Singles Stroke Play events shall be Qualifying Competitions as defined by the CONGU Unified Handicapping System.
2. All competitors must be of Amateur Status as defined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and meet the eligibility criteria of the Championship.
3. In all cases individual entry shall be made using the County website "On-Line Entry and Payment" facility; or by means of an official Entry Form, available for download from the County website, this may be submitted by post or facsimile. Players must include their "CDH" number with their Entry and :-
  - a.) Both the entry and payment procedure must be fully completed and received by the County Secretary of the Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs at or before 12 noon on the stipulated closing date for entries. Any payment by Cheque should be made payable to the "Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs".
  - b.) No entry fee will be refunded unless firm notice of withdrawal is received in writing or via E-Mail before the published closing date for entries, except for any entrant who may be balloted out and who does not subsequently compete.
  - c.) All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee who reserve the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision, which shall be final. Details of the specific eligibility criteria for individual Championships can be found on the County website.
4. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times. Each Player must start at the time established by the Tournament Committee. If the Player arrives at his Starting Point, ready to play, within five minutes of his Starting Time in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in Stroke Play, or loss of the first hole in Match Play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification. Players should note that start times will not be varied due to individual lateness.
5. All players must report to the Event Registration Desk before play in each round, scorecards will normally be issued at that time. Immediately following completion of their round, players must settle any doubtful points with their marker and if necessary the Tournament Committee; scorecards should be returned by the individual players in their playing groups to a Member of the Tournament Committee at the Event Registration Desk. Any cards not returned within thirty minutes of a player completing his round may be entered as a "Nil-Return" at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. Players are reminded that they alone remain entirely responsible for the entry of the correct playing handicap on the scorecard, that the card is signed by both the player and his marker and for the accuracy of the gross score returned at each individual hole. In Matchplay the result of a Match is deemed to be officially announced when recorded at the Event Registration Desk; in Strokeplay the Tournament is deemed to be closed when the result has been officially announced at the event presentation ceremony.
6. Pace of Play :- Slow play can become an increasingly serious problem during Tournament Play and is a significant area of complaint raised by many players. All CUGC events are therefore subject to Pace of Play Monitoring; guidelines and where relevant specific timing criteria will be issued at each applicable event. Failure to maintain an acceptable pace may result in all members of a group being timed, and where necessary penalties applied, specific details are provided with event pace of play requirements.
7. If in any Championship or Tournament it becomes impossible to complete the Championship or Tournament in accordance with the Conditions thereof because of adverse weather conditions or other circumstances, or which in the opinion of the Tournament Committee make it impossible or impractical to do so, the Tournament Committee shall be empowered to vary such Conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.
8. Player's Equipment and Golf Balls :-
  - a.) All competitors will be required to play with golf balls which are on the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews List of Conforming Golf Balls current at the date of the Championship or Tournament.
  - b.) Any driving club (post 1999 manufacture) carried by the Player, must have a clubhead, identified by model, and loft, that is named on the List of Conforming Driver Heads published by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews current at the date of the Championship or Tournament.
  - c.) For each and every Competition run by or for the Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs and for each days play, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a Stipulated Round a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other Conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

Note :- Motorcaddy S3 Trolleys and similar having a distance-measuring capability may be used; provided that any other features which are non-conforming eg a display indicating temperature; is securely taped over or effectively disabled throughout a Stipulated Round. Players should note the provisions of R & A rulings given in Decision 14-3/16 and the current Joint Statement of the R & A – USGA regarding Electronic Equipment and DMDs. In particular PDAs and similar devices (eg iPhones etc) with distance measuring applications must remain switched off throughout a Stipulated Round unless other non-conforming applications eg inclinometer, temperature etc have been deleted. It is insufficient to not to call up such applications. Mobile phone communications should not be used throughout a Stipulated Round except for a genuine emergency purpose.

The penalty for a breach of these Equipment – Ball Conditions is Disqualification.
9. Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Tournament Committee. The CUGC have adopted the EGU policy with respect to the use of buggies for people with disabilities. See [www.englishgolfunion.org/documents/Transportation\\_Policy-Hard\\_Card.pdf](http://www.englishgolfunion.org/documents/Transportation_Policy-Hard_Card.pdf). The penalty for breach of these transportation conditions is disqualification.
10. Caddies; there are no restrictions on the use of caddies, except in the Boys Championship, Junior Championship and Junior Club Team Championship, where they are not allowed.
11. All disputes shall be settled by the Tournament Committee (3 to form a quorum) whose decision shall be final.
12. Except where otherwise provided In the Conditions of a particular Championship or Tournament, (as set out in the County Handbook) all ties shall be decided on the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes in that order. If a tie still arises it shall be decided by reference to the last 6, 3 or 1 holes of the first nine holes of that final round. If a tie still arises, each of the preceding rounds played shall be treated in the same way (taking each round in the reverse order to that in which they were played) until a decision is reached.
13. A player shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. Attention is drawn to the list of proscribed drugs issued by Sport England. Any competitor who during the course of an event, including practice days, misbehaves by, for example, swearing, throwing clubs, or damaging the golf course or clubhouse, or acts in any manner which might bring the game or the CUGC into disrepute, may be debared from entering or taking part in any CUGC event for such a period as the Tournament Committee may decide. All players must familiarize themselves and comply with all applicable regulations of the Host Club/CUGC regarding dress code, use of mobile phones, both on and off the course; conditions for Practice etc. Competitors shall not wear shorts during any Stipulated Round of a Championship. Competitors are reminded that they are similarly responsible for the conduct of any caddie they may use. Repeated or serious breaches of these regulations may also result in the player being disqualified from the event in progress under Rule 33-7.
14. Any competitor who :- Withdraws from an event after the draw has been published, or for whatever reason fails to appear on the tee at his appointed starting time, or having qualified to continue in an event, fails to do so. Must, without delay, furnish to the Tournament Committee an explanation, in writing, to the satisfaction of the Tournament Committee. If he does not do so, he will be debared from entering or taking part in any CUGC event for such a period as the Tournament Committee may decide.
15. Entry to appropriate CUGC Tournaments is open to "boys" who meet the specific eligibility criteria. Any entry submitted by a boy will be accepted only on the basis that both the boy and his parents understand and agree to the terms of the "County Junior Golf Policy and Operating Practices", which shall apply to his participation in the event. These documents are available for inspection on the County website; [www.cheshiregolf.org.uk](http://www.cheshiregolf.org.uk). The Entry Form submitted by any boy should be countersigned by his parent or guardian and should be marked with his date of birth.

