



Procedure

- 1. Handicap entry qualification.** Players are required to use 90% of their OGC registered handicap or lower. Handicaps can not be increased for any OGC event.
- 2. Responsibility for arranging matches.** Both players/pairs have equal responsibility in arranging matches and should do so as early as possible and not wait until near the end of the time allowed. However, the OGC member **named first** will have choice of course.
- 3. Agreeing a date.** The first player drawn should make contact and offer at least 3 dates, primarily weekends. If the other party is unable to play on the three dates offered, they should counter-offer at least 3 alternative dates including weekends when they can play. If courses are unavailable on the weekend dates agreed, then pairs should seek an alternative.
- 4. Requesting an extension.** If a match is halved and no option to play 'sudden death' is available via the pro shop, the two parties should "countback" with the player with the most holes won over the back 9, then 6, then 3, 2 and 1 being the winner. In the unusual circumstances that this doesn't produce a winner then players should agree on a date for playing their match no later than 7 days after the closing date and request an extension from OGC administering the competition (Competition Overseer). This must be done before the closing date. If the parties are unable to agree to a date no later than 7 days after the closing date, paragraph 8 below should be referred to.
- 5. Granting an extension.** Requests for extensions to play within 7 days of the closing date will usually be granted by Competition Overseer provided an acceptable reason is given for the delay.
- 6. If there is no result by closing date.** Any match without a result recorded by the winner by email prior to the closing date for which an extension has not been requested may result in both parties being disqualified. Alternatively, OGC will decide by a 'virtual coin toss' the result of the match. The first named player will be heads.
- 7. If there is no result by extension date.** Similarly, if no result has been recorded by email on the agreed extension date, both parties may be disqualified or coin toss to decide result.
- 8. Difficulties in arranging a match.** Players are urged to be reasonable when their circumstances make it difficult to agree a date for playing their match and resolve the matter between themselves. So, if a match date can't be agreed even with an extension, players should agree a walkover if one party's limited availability is the main cause of the difficulty, or toss a coin to decide who goes through if the difficulty arises from both parties' limited availability.

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9. Referring disputes to the OGC Handicap Committee. As a last resort, when players are unable to resolve disputes between themselves, description of the difficulty should be emailed to the Competition Overseer before the closing date. Both sides will be asked to confirm that the description is correct, and then the Handicap Committee will decide what action to take - which may be awarding the match to one party, requiring a coin toss, or disqualifying both parties.

10. Competition priority. Players are reminded that playing match play competitions takes precedence over other formats such as medals, swindles, friendlies, etc.

11. Result confirmation. It is usual for the winner to record the winner's name and result by email which will be available to view via the OGC website. However, the loser should check that this has been done by midnight on the day of the match. While the website is the master record of the progress of competitions, players are also requested to email results.

12. Finals. Finalists should do their best to be available to play on Finals Day. However, if this is not possible, the final should be played before Finals Day, or as soon as possible afterwards with extension agreed by the Competition Overseer. In all cases, finals must be played and there must be a winner in good time before the scheduled prize-giving day.