

KENT COUNTY GOLF UNION
TOP CLUB HANDICAP KNOCKOUT
An 18-Hole Inter-Club Four-ball better ball Knockout Competition
Rules

1. **Eligible Clubs:** All Clubs affiliated to the Kent County Golf Union.
2. **Eligible Players:** Subject to the rules regarding handicaps set out below, any male member of the Club may be selected by his Club. Players may be changed from round to round, but no Player may play for more than one Club in a Calendar Year.
3. **The Teams and handicap criteria:** Each club shall field a side of four players. On the day of the match all four players must have active handicaps between 6 and 28.
4. **Draw Arrangements:** The Draw will indicate the "Home" Club and the "Away" Club. It will be the responsibility of the "Home" Club to offer three dates to their opponents within the time allowed, with reasonable consideration for the opponents to be able to meet the dates in good time before the date specified in the Draw Sheet. Failure to do so will result in a walk-over for the team drawn Away. All matches are to be played by the date specified in the Draw Sheet. **Total inability to do so is to be discussed with the County Secretary.**
5. **The Match:** On the same day, at the same time if possible, a team of two players from each club will play four-ball better ball match play over 18 holes at the "Home" Club, and a team comprising the other two players from each club will play four-ball better ball over 18 holes at the "Away" Club. Each game will be played off handicap over the full 18 holes, to determine a result based on the total number of holes up after the 18th hole. The handicap allowance will be $\frac{3}{4}$ of the difference taken from the lowest player at each venue. In the event that both players in a team have to withdraw partway through a match the remaining holes will be awarded to the opponents.
6. The winning Club will be the side which, at the end of the rounds, is the most holes up taking the aggregate of the two matches (i.e. counting the scores from both the "Home" Club and the "Away" Club together). In the event of a tie, the teams playing at the "Home" Club will play sudden death to determine the result.

The Winning Club is to inform the County Secretary, B.L. Sparkes: telephone 01797 367725 or email kcgu@kentgolf.co.uk as soon as possible after the match.
7. **Handicaps:** Players should provide Handicap Certificates signed by the Club Secretary, which must be shown to the opposing Club's Representative before the commencement of play.
8. Play will be under the Rules of the R & A in conjunction with the Local Rules of the course being played. Any disputes shall be referred to the County Secretary as soon as possible after the Match. Decisions by the Championship Committee shall be final.
9. **The Final:** Will be played by sides of four players over the Course of the previous year's Champions and will also be the venue for the Final of the Individual County Members Handicap Championship. This commitment is part of the Entry Conditions. The Final will be followed by sandwiches and cake and a presentation. The County will provide a Referee at the Final.
10. **Team Contact:** Appointed by each Club, to act as contact throughout the season.
11. All entries shall be subject to approval by the Championship Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for their decision, which shall be final.
12. **Practice Rounds:** Competitors should make their own arrangements with the Secretary of the host club. A practice round may be a courtesy offered by the Club but competitors should be prepared to pay a green fee if required.
13. **Ride on Buggies.** Except in cases when Competitors claim exemption under the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005 upon the production of a Medical Certificate signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner, all other Competitors shall be prohibited from riding on motorised buggy carts, except with the explicit permission of the Championship Committee. Penalty for Breach of Condition is Disqualification. Medical Certificates must be provided to the Secretary no less than 5 clear days prior to the start of any competition administered by the Union. Competitors shall always be responsible for providing or arranging a buggy.
14. **Distance Measuring Devices (DMD's)** are permitted but only those that calculate distance. Those providing other information such as wind speed, temperature and elevation, will not be allowed. Any player found using such a DMD will be in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

Competitors must conform in all respects with the dress rules of the host club both on and off the course.

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Entry Form

The Top Club Handicap Knockout Final will be held this year at:

Sundridge Park Golf Club on Saturday 25th September 2010

1. The Championship rules apply (copy held by your Club Secretary or go to www.kcgu.org).
2. **The Closing Date for Entries is Monday 25th January 2010.**
3. The Entry Fee is **£25.00** per Club.

Sent Entry to Kent County Golf Union (date)*(retain for your records)*

Signed

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To: The Secretary, Kent County Golf Union, Littlestone Golf Club, St. Andrews Road, Littlestone, New Romney, KENT TN28 8RB, Tel 01797 367725, Email: kcgu@kentgolf.co.uk

We, **Golf Club** wish to enter the **2010 Top Club Handicap Knockout** and enclose herewith our cheque made payable to **Kent County Golf Union** for the sum of **£25.00** being the Entry Fee.

Signed **Position** **Date**

Team Contact Name:**(PLEASE PRINT)**

Address.....

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Telephone:..... **Email:**

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