

Scarborough & District Golf Alliance Rules

The participating clubs shall be Bridlington Belvedere, Bridlington Links, Drifffield, Filey, Kirkbymoorside, Malton & Norton, Scarborough North Cliff, Scarborough South Cliff, and Whitby.

Visiting clubs will enter 7 pairs of gent players with the host club entering 8 gent pairs. The last two meetings of the current year ending, each club will enter 6 gent pairs. (The host club will not enter an extra pairing). All team entries must be forwarded to the hosting club no later than seven days prior to the meeting taking place.

To be eligible to participate in the Scarborough & District Golf Alliance you must have a WHS handicap index of 18.4 or less; and be a member of an affiliated club. Players with a higher handicap index may still participate but will play using the maximum HI of 18.4. The Course Handicap applicable to the venue will apply.

The format of the competition will be four ball better ball (AM/AM for the Millennium Shotgun) medal, with a handicap allowance of 85% of the Course Handicap. This will be your Playing Handicap for the day.

Teams may consist of an Amateur with a Professional; an Amateur with an Assistant Professional or two Amateurs. Junior Golfers may participate but must have attained the age of 14 at entry. Entry fees will be decided at the S&DGA Annual General Meeting each year.

The competition is 4BBB Medal play, there will be Prize Vouchers for leading pairings at each event subject to event having the correct entry. In the event of a tie all winners will be decided via a countback over the back 9, back 6 etc (the winning pair at each event may not play together for the remaining fixtures of the current Pennant season)

Each club shall host a Winter Alliance event on a date that is agreed at the AGM of the Association. Winter rules will be adopted in consideration of the host club's policy on play in winter. Ideally there should be no more than two temporary greens in play.

If an event is cancelled owing to adverse weather conditions, then it shall take place seven days after the original fixture date. (Clubs are asked to make note of this when fixing their diary of events.)

Each host club shall be responsible for providing at least one Marshal to assist in ensuring that the pace of play is reasonable. That pace is the responsibility of players and their clubs. Should the pace of play interfere with the smooth running of the competition penalties may be taken against competitors and/or clubs.

At each event, the lowest four scores of the day from each club will count toward the Scarborough & District Golf Association Pennant Trophy. The pennant will be presented to the club with the lowest total score over the nine events at the final hosted event of the season. The scores recorded by "extra teams" provided by hosts will only count for prize vouchers at each event.

The final Pennant event of the season will incorporate the Ben Fell Trophy event where each club will field eight pairs. All scores on the day will count toward the Ben Fell Trophy which will be presented to the club with the lowest aggregate score at the end of the competition. Prize vouchers will be presented in accordance with the fourth paragraph of these rules.

The final meeting of the Winter Alliance series shall be for the Millennium Trophy which will take place at a venue previously arranged at an A.G.M. That competition will be in the AM/AM format and played using a "Shotgun Start" (at 9.00 am.) Each club shall enter three four-man teams all scores shall count in deciding the winner of that trophy. Prize Vouchers shall be presented (along with the team prize) in accordance with the decision of the Association's A.G.M.

All clubs are expected to provide a full complement of, players/teams, at each event. Any club failing to send part, or their full complement, of players, will have to make a re-imbursement to the S&DGA the entry monies of part, or all the team, not submitted.

Clubs will have the right to appeal such sanction, providing that a formal letter is sent to the Secretary, the reasoning for non-compliance, of the fielding part, or full team. This appeal will then be heard via a special Extra General Meeting (EGM), called by the secretary, alternatively at the following Annual General Meeting (AGM). Where the decision of the appeal being heard, will be decided, any decision made at either meeting will be final.

THESE RULES HAVE BEEN AGREED BY ALL CLUBS REPRESENTED BY OFFICIALS OF THE ASSOCIATION.