**Match Play Knockout Rules:**

i) The draw sheet on the noticeboard and How Did I Do clearly states the closing date for each round of competition.

* If neither side appears on the tee by the 6pm, designated last tee time on the advertised deadline date, and the match has not been conceded - both sides will be disqualified.
* If the match has not been played or conceded, the player or pair appearing on the tee ready to play will be adjudged the winner(s).

ii) On the draw sheet, the top match name(s) become the challenger(s) and the bottom one the opponents(s). As soon as the opponent(s) are known it is the responsibility of the challenger(s) to make arrangements to play the match at a date and time convenient to both sides. The challenger(s) should seek to offer the opponent(s) at least 3 days and/or date choices ideally within the first 7 days of their opponent(s) being known. This should be inclusive of midweek evening and/ or weekend choices to suit all lifestyles.

iii) If both sides cannot arrange a suitable and agreeable date for the match to be played the matter should be referred to the Match and Handicap Committee at least one week before the closing date. They will seek to act as an independent arbitrator, where possible to do so taking into account any related information provided from both sides.

Note: Competitors are expected to make every effort to play matches, whether they are the challenger or opponent. Players whose other commitments make it difficult to arrange games should consider whether or not they should be entering the competition! Early contact is strongly recommended at each round of competition and match dates and times should be confirmed as early as possible, leaving it until the very last week for game play may be occasionally necessary but reasons stated below is better avoided.

iv) Once a date / time has been agreed between two sides, that date / time has the same status as a starting time fixed by the M&H Committee. A change to this date/ time is only allowed if it is mutually agreeable to both sides.

For example, if the course is open for play, one side cannot expect or demand that the match be rearranged to suit just because it is raining or due to something else in their personal or work life having cropped up. That said, members are asked to observe the Etiquette of the Game and show consideration for others wherever possible. The match result based upon a toss of a coin or other method as a very last resort may apply on limited occasions if agreed by both parties.

(Within the last 7 days of a deadline date approaching, any change of match play date should be considered non-negotiable)

v) If a match is all square after 18 holes it may, by the consent and agreement of both parties, be deemed desirable to re-play on another date and time over 18 holes due to darkness, otherwise it must be decided by “sudden death”. In the case of sudden death strokes will apply as if a new round had been started and the first to win a hole is the winner. (Handicap shots to be taken as per the stroke index allocation)

vi) On completion of the match it is the responsibility of the winner(s) to ensure that their name(s) are put though on the next round of the draw sheet before end of day on the closing date of each round. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

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