



# Bradford and District Ladies Championships

## Conditions for Players

1. General: The Bradford and District Ladies Championship is a tournament played annually by members of golf clubs in the Bradford Union. It consists of 2 stages, a stroke play round to determine match play entrants and match play knock-out to determine the Gross and Nett Champions for the year. In addition, it shall normally incorporate a team stableford competition for non-championship qualifiers.

The Championship Organising Committee shall comprise of volunteers from the host clubs plus other invited members. It shall be hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee'.

2. Eligibility: The Championship shall be open to all female playing members who must;

2.1 Be a playing member of a club in the Bradford Union as defined on the 'Bradford Union of Golf Clubs' website.

2.2 Have a handicap index of 36.4 (WHS) or below at the time of entry

2.3 Players eligible for the Young Player Award shall be under 18 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year in which the Championship is played.

### 3. Championship

#### 3.1 Format and Organisation

a. The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

b. Local Rules in addition to those stipulated by the host club and agreed by the Committee must be observed.

c. If a referee has been appointed by the Committee, his/her decision is final. In the absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the rules must be referred to the Committee whose decision is final.

d. All play shall be from Red Tees

e. Liability: Neither the host club or Committee shall be responsible for the loss or damage to equipment or personal possessions. Players are encouraged to have their own 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance.

#### 3.2 Entries and Starting Times

a. Entries to be submitted by post on the entry form provided to golf clubs or available on the Championship website, [www.bdlgc.org](http://www.bdlgc.org). Entries will be accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

b. The maximum number of players is 72. If oversubscribed the entries will be decided on handicap order

c. All refunds shall be at the discretion of the Committee. A refund of entry fees shall not be made after the draw has been published.

d. Players shall start at the times laid down by the Committee as indicated by the draw for the qualifying round, the match play stages and the team event.

#### 3.3 Registration:

a. Players must register with the Committee prior to playing

b. Registration shall be in person and if a CDH number has not been provided on the entry form, proof of a current WHS handicap must be provided.

### 3.4 Qualifying Round:

- a. The qualifying round shall be 18 holes stroke play.
- b. Play shall normally be in 2 or 3 balls
- c. After the round has finished players must check their own cards and hand them in to the Committee without delay.

### 3.5 Match Play Knock-out Stages

- a. The 8 lowest gross scores returned from the stroke play round shall qualify for the Gross Championship match play knock-out stage. The 8 lowest nett scores, other than those qualifying for the Gross Championship match-play, will qualify for the Nett Championship match play knock-out stage.
- b. Players in each flight shall be seeded according to their gross or nett qualifying score.
- c. Ties for the strokeplay stage shall be decided on the last 9,6,3,1 hole. If this does not resolve the tie then the first 6, 3 or 1 hole on the front nine shall be used. If still unresolved then the final match-play places shall be decided by lot.
- d. All matches shall consist of 18 holes match-play in accordance with the Rules of Golf. In the Gross Championship matches they will be played as scratch match-play. In the Nett Championship matches they will be played with full handicap difference. If any match finishes 'all square' after 18 holes play shall continue from the stipulated play-off holes as agreed by the Committee on a 'sudden death' basis until a player wins a hole.
- e. No further play shall be permitted once the match has finished and a result obtained. The winner must report the result to the Committee without delay.

### 3.6 Consolation Event

- a. Players who do not qualify for the match-play stages shall normally have the opportunity to play in a consolation team event. Places shall be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- b. The match-play stages shall have priority over the consolation event if there are delays due to inclement weather.

## 4. Pace of Play

4.1 Each player is responsible for playing without delay

4.2 The Committee may establish and enforce 'pace of play' guidelines to help prevent slow play in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

## 5. Suspension of Play due to bad weather or a dangerous situation

### 5.1 Suspension of Play

- a. Suspension of play by the Committee due to bad weather shall be applied in accordance with the Rules of Golf. This shall be signalled by one prolonged blast for a dangerous situation (play must be discontinued immediately)
- b. Resumption of play shall be signalled by two short blasts of the klaxon.
- c. Players may discontinue play under the Rules of Golf if they believe there is a danger from lightning.
- d. If play is suspended the position of the balls shall be marked at the point where play ceased. Play shall be recommenced at the same point as soon as conditions improve and resumption of play is signalled by the Committee.

5.2 Championship Delays: If in the opinion of the Committee it becomes impossible to complete the Championship in accordance with these Conditions because of adverse weather or other circumstances, the Committee may vary the conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

## 6 Use of caddies

6.1 Caddies are not allowed during the qualifying round.

Junior members may be accompanied by a chaperone during the qualifying round. A chaperone can not coach or give advice to the junior player.

6.2 Caddies are permitted, in accordance with the Rules of Golf, for the match-play rounds.

6.3 A player is prohibited from having a professional golfer serve as a caddie during the tournament.

## 7 Use of Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs)

7.1 DMDs are permitted if they obtain distance information only.

## 8. Mobile Phones

8.1 The use of mobile phones is not generally permitted on the course. However, it is recommended that players take a phone onto the course for use in an emergency, for contacting the office or for calling a referee.

8.2 Emergency contact numbers shall be supplied at registration.

8.3 All mobile phones must either be switched off or put on to silent mode setting.

## 9. Trophies and Prizes

### 9.1 Trophies

a. All trophies shall be held for one year

b. Responsibility for engraving shall rest with the Committee.

c. Individual trophies will be awarded to the Gross Champion, the Nett Champion and the Young Player Award.

### 9.2 Prizes

a. The Committee reserves the right to determine how prizes shall be allocated in a weather interrupted Championship