

CURRY CUP 2009

RULES

1. Entry is by invitation of Colne Valley Golf Club and a fee of £35 per club will be payable towards the cost of keepsakes for the players in the final.
2. Each club shall play a maximum of four league matches, two home and two away, followed, where appropriate, by semi-final and final. The host club **must** reserve tee times accordingly, ideally allowing a minimum of 20 minutes between the last general tee time and the first of the Curry Cup.
3. League matches shall be played on dates agreed mutually between clubs, but not later than 23rd August 2009. There will be no extensions to this date. The semi-finals shall be played not later than 6th September 2009. The final will be held on Saturday, 26th September 2009 at Colchester Golf Club with foursomes commencing no later than 8.30am and singles matches no later than 1.30pm.
4. The dates shown above (Rule 3) will be changed only in the most exceptional circumstances, and then only with the complete agreement of both clubs and the Curry Cup Competition Secretary. It is therefore imperative that Curry Cup Organisers input the dates of the final and semi-finals to their clubs' fixture lists.
5. In arranging fixtures Organisers should bear in mind their expected/potential involvement in County competitions, the dates for which are usually immutable. It is the responsibility of the home clubs organiser to make contact with their "away" opponents to arrange the fixture.
6. Those clubs which qualify for the final stages will be required to confirm their availability to the Competition Secretary at least one week before the matches are due to be played. If, despite best efforts (Rule 4), it is not possible to arrange the match the defaulting club will be replaced by the highest scoring club, from all three leagues, which did not qualify for the semi-finals. In the event that this club is also not available then the next highest scorer, etc. Should two teams have identical scores then Rule 21 will be implemented.
7. If two clubs fail to agree a date for a league fixture they should refer the matter to the Competition Secretary at the earliest possible opportunity.
8. A team shall consist of 12 male, full members of each club. Six will play in Category 1 – playing handicaps of a minimum of 0 to a maximum of 10, with the total of the six being not less than 40. The remaining six will play in Category 2 – a minimum playing handicap of 10 to a maximum of 18, with the total of the six being not less than 75.

NOTE 1: Higher handicap players are eligible to play but for the purpose of calculating the totals the maxima of 10 and 18 must be used.

NOTE 2: Handicaps shall be those posted by the participating clubs 10 days before the match

9. A player will be eligible to play for only one club in any one year.

10. Any club which declares a wrong handicap(s) for a player(s), taking (8) above into account, will forfeit that league match with 12½ points being awarded to the opponents. Should this occur in knock out rounds, the match will be won by the opponents.

11. All matches will be played off scratch with the nominated Category 1 players taking the first six places.

NOTE: Players must remain within the same category throughout any particular match.

12. The match format will be foursomes (six games) in the morning followed by singles (12 games) in the afternoon. The singles may be played in 2 or 4 ball games, at the discretion of the home club, however, in the semi-final and final stages of the competition they will always be played as two-balls. All games will be matchplay over 18 holes – with a halved game being acceptable. Before the start of the afternoon singles games each Captain shall nominate a Category 2 (see 8 above) player to compete in a “sudden death” play-off in the event of the match being drawn. This will decide the outcome of the match, which will then be scored 12-9, if the winners are the “away” team but only 10-9 if they are the “home” team.

13. If a team is a player short for the foursomes they are entitled to arrange for a reserve to play in the singles. A reserve may also be brought in to play in the singles if a player has been injured in the foursomes. In neither case may the replacement compromise the handicap restrictions (see Rule 8).

14. Captains should exchange their playing orders, which will include players handicaps, at least 15 minutes before the agreed starting time of each session. It is the Captains' responsibility to ensure compliance with the rules on handicaps and to resolve any disputes, eg, by dropping the offending player(s) and losing his (their) potential points for the day.

15. No professional golfer shall be allowed to caddie. Only caddies and the Team Captain may provide “advice” to any player. A player may have only one caddy, at any one time, in any one round, but this may be a fellow team-mate who has already completed his round. The use of GPS Rangefinders is permitted.

16. Rules for the interruption of play shall be as follows:-

(i) if play is unable to start because of adverse weather conditions, eg thunder and lightning, or the state of the course, the match should be played as soon as possible on another date by mutual agreement;

(ii) if play is suspended before the completion of the morning foursomes and cannot be resumed on the day, the round shall be cancelled and played as soon as possible on another day by mutual agreement, with each club free to alter its original team and playing order:

(iii) if it proves impossible to fix a date to play or complete the match the Committee should be advised and they will make the final decision regarding how to proceed.

(iv) if play is suspended after the completion of the morning foursomes, the result of the foursomes will stand, as will the results of any of the afternoon singles matches if more than 9 holes have been played. If 9 holes or less have been completed in the singles matches, these matches will be halved. Only in these circumstances will a draw be acceptable. In the case of a semi final result being a draw the team with the highest handicap will be the winning team.

NOTE: Should play need to be suspended players should be aware that a claxon or similar will be sounded. Players should complete any hole they are playing. Players should not tee off after the claxon has been sounded.

17. The R & A Rules of Golf will apply.

18. Home clubs must extend the courtesy of the course for the day for each match and no green fee shall be payable. Further privileges are optional.

19. The result of each match MUST be declared to the Competition Secretary by email or fax (01787 224126) within 48 hours of it being played. In addition the two team Captains must each complete a result sheet (which will be provided by the organisers) and return them, at the earliest opportunity (and in any case within 5 working days), to the Competition Secretary by post or email, details below:-

20. The competition shall be run on a league basis with each winning game within a match scoring one point, a draw half a point and an away match win scoring three bonus points. The winner of each of the three leagues shall be the club which, after playing four matches, or completing its fixtures (see Rules 23 and 24), has most points. In the event that two clubs within a league share the highest number of points then the winner of the match between those two clubs shall be

declared the winner of that league. The winners of each of the three leagues, plus the runner up with the highest score overall will go into the semi-finals. There will be a draw to decide which semi-final teams play each other.

21. In the event that there is a tie for the fourth place in the semi-finals one of two methods may be applied to decide a winner. If the two clubs are in the same league then the rules in 20, above, will apply, otherwise the team with the highest points total for the 48 singles games (ie 4 matches x 12 games) will be declared the winner. If these totals are identical then normal "count-back" rules will apply, ie the total points scored in the last 4 x 9 singles, the last 4 x 6 singles or last 4 x 3 singles will be used. In the unlikely event that this does not provide a winner the decision will be based on the winning margins in the singles games throughout the series, ie wins of 4 & 2 and 6 & 5 would count as 10.

22. The winner shall hold the trophy for one year, or until the completion of the following year's competition, whichever is the earlier.

23. The use by players of buggies in any match shall not be allowed under any circumstances.

24. Teams which fail to attend on a date and time which has been agreed will score zero points and be disqualified from the competition. Those teams that have already played the offending team will retain their points. Any clubs due to play the offending team will be awarded 12½ points.

25. Clubs which, for what ever reason, are unable to field a team for a fixture must give their opponents at least one week's notice of their situation; failure to do so will result in disqualification. Compliance with this rule will result in the withdrawing team scoring zero points and their opponents awarded 12½ points.

26. The semi-finals and final will be refereed by a distinguished representative of the host golf club, or other impartial official if the host club is playing in the final, and every attempt will be made to eliminate slow play. It is considered that 4½ hours is ample time for the completion of a game and action may be taken against those who take longer.

27. One club in each of the three groups will be asked to nominate an individual to sit on an adjudication panel, chaired by Colne Valley, to decide upon penalties which may not be covered by the above. The decision of the panel will be final.

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