



STEARNS TROPHY 2024

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Stearns Rules

A team shall consist of a squad of 8 players. Handicap Index within the range of 8.6 – 19.0 inclusive.

A Player whose handicap has dropped, by no more than 1 shots, below the 8.6 handicap limit are permitted to play in later Rounds (off her current lower handicap) PROVIDED that she has already played in any previous round in the current year. A player with a higher handicap may still play but MUST play off the maximum 19.0 handicap allowed for this competition.

Format: Six Match Play Foursomes competitions played off ½ the difference of combined handicaps.

1. All games shall be decided over 3 x 18 holes am and 3 x 18 holes pm (6 points). Games may be halved. If the completion of any game is impossible, the score after 9 or 12 completed holes shall stand as the result.
2. Up to two substitutes may be introduced for the afternoon matches from the squad of eight, (including a complete pair), provided they have been named on the Match Result Sheet before the morning round commences. The players so named may not play on the course that day until her afternoon match commences.
3. In the event of a tied match, each Team Captain will nominate a pair, from their existing afternoon pairs, to play sudden death commencing at the 1st hole, unless the Team Captains have agreed different holes for the play-off.
4. If an overall result has been reached (3.5 wins) Captains may agree either before play or when a result has been reached that the remaining game shall be halved. If the captains are not in agreement, the captain/player(s) who wish to abandon play should concede their game.
5. All matches in the rounds will be played on neutral venues, as arranged by the Organiser. The neutral venue for each match will be determined to try and reduce travelling times where possible. The venues will be shown in red
6. Matches will be drawn on a “Home” and “Away” basis (see Draw) - H will designate the Team that will be responsible for liaising with the neutral venue (at which they will be playing) to arrange the catering after the match and keeping their opponents informed of choice/price etc.