

SUFFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION



STEARNS TROPHY 2024

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The Team Captain is required to: -

1. Check the players' handicaps before the day to ensure that the players have a minimum of 5 valid competition cards for their handicap records in a rolling year for the date when the competition is due to be played. Failure will mean disqualification of the player and the points awarded to the other team.
2. On the day of competition, players' handicaps must be active.
3. 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. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of the affected player.
4. Write out the team list ready for simultaneous exchange half-an-hour before the tee time.
5. Ensure that her players in the Stearns know that they must ascertain their opponents' handicaps before play commences and that the calculation of the number of strokes to be given or received is correct.
6. Inform spectators they must not talk to the players or give advice and stay off the fairways. The only advice the players may receive is from their partners, caddies, Captain of the day or referees.

Pace of play

The Team Captain should be responsible for making sure the pace of play is reasonable. Slow play will be penalised under Rules of Golf 6-7

It is expected a two ball should take no more the 2 hours for 9 holes.

The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- a) on a par three hole,
- b) her approach shot and
- c) a chip or putt.

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach her ball, she has had a few seconds to select her club and she is able to play without distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace her ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

The penalty for a breach of Rule 6-7 is loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play

The Course

In the event of Course closure, necessitating the abandonment of the match, the result shall stand at the score after 3 the Foursomes games have been completed.

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES – Go to

<https://www.suffokladiesgolf.org.uk/competitions/rules/>