

TERMS OF COMPETITIONS

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1. TEAM SERIES EVENTS

Men's Team Greensomes – Clapham Common Shield and Ellis Cup

Format:	Men's team aggregate greensomes event with twelve players playing as six pairs, in club v club knock out followed by a national final. Teams will initially compete on a regional basis, with three pairs at home and three away. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through January and February with the knock-out draws issued before the end of March. Knock out rounds arranged between clubs take place from April until August and the national final in early September.
Scoring:	A team's score shall be the aggregate of the six pairs stableford points over 18 holes. The team with the highest aggregate points total shall progress to the next round. Area winners will be invited to the national final where all pairs will compete at a single venue.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 18.0 (players with higher handicaps may play but handicap indexes will be capped).
Allowance:	Playing handicaps for each pair shall be calculated as; lower course handicap x 0.6, plus the higher course handicap x 0.4. After adding the unrounded figures, the aggregate figure is rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £30. Teams qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £10 per player (£120) towards the heavily subsidised green fee.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Clapham Common Shield and individual prizes. The runners up will receive the Ellis Cup and individual prizes.

Men's High Handicap Better Ball Stableford - Siemens Bowl

Format:	Men's team aggregate better ball event with eight players playing as four pairs, in club v club knock out followed by a national final. Teams will initially compete on a regional basis, with two pairs at home and two away. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through January and February with the knock-out draws issued before the end of March. Knock out rounds arranged between clubs take place from April until August and the national final in early September.
Scoring:	A team's score shall be the aggregate of the four pairs stableford points over 18 holes. The team with the highest aggregate points total shall progress to the next round. Area winners will be invited to the national final where all pairs will compete at a single venue.

Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 28.0 (players with higher handicaps may play but handicap indexes will be capped) and a minimum limit of 16.0. At least four of the eight players must have a handicap index of at least 19.0. Players may be paired together in any combination. Teams should be selected to maintain this balance as far as is possible. However, if a player's handicap is reduced after they have legitimately played off a higher handicap index in a previous round, they can continue to be eligible to play. This is true even if the team handicap balance is not met, or the handicap of an individual has reduced below 16.0. If this does occur team arrangements should be agreed and approved by the Competition Organiser in advance of play.
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 85% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £30. Teams qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £10 per player (£80) towards the heavily subsidised green fee.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Siemens Bowl and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Men's Better Ball Match Play – Ballantyne Trophy

Format:	Men's better ball team match play event, with six players playing as three pairs, in club v club knock out followed by a national final. Teams will initially compete on a regional basis, with teams playing at a single venue home or away (dependent on the draw). Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through January and February with the knock-out draws issued before the end of March. Knock out rounds arranged between clubs take place from April until August and the national final in early September.
Scoring:	There shall be three games within a match with play over 18 holes, or less if a side is more holes ahead than holes remain. A point will be awarded to the winners of each game and half a point for a tie. If a match is tied at one and a half points each, the first tied match (based on tee off order) shall play a sudden death playoff from the first tee. The team winning the most games (or play off) in a match shall progress to the next round. Area winners will be drawn into national semi-finals, which shall be played on a neutral course. The last two teams will compete at the national final.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 20.0 (players with higher handicaps may play but handicap indexes will be capped). Individual playing handicaps will be rounded course handicaps.
Allowance:	Having established playing handicaps, the lowest player in each game will play off zero, with all other players receiving 90% of the difference in playing handicap from this player. All strokes to be taken as per the stroke index table.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £30. Teams qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £10 per player (£60) towards the heavily subsidised green fee.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Ballantyne Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Men's Better Ball Match Play Trophy – Top Rock Salver

Format:	Men's better ball match play event, with two players playing as a pair, in club v club knock out followed by a national final. Teams will initially compete on a regional basis, with teams playing at a single venue home or away (dependent on the draw). Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. <i>(This is a weekday event unless both parties otherwise agree).</i>
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through January and February with the knock-out draws issued before the end of March. Knock out rounds arranged between clubs take place from April until August and the national final in early September.

Scoring:	Play shall be over 18 holes, or less if a side is more holes ahead than holes remain. If a match is tied play shall continue, on a sudden death playoff basis, from the first tee. The team winning shall progress to the next round. Area winners will be drawn into national semi-finals, which shall be played on a neutral course. The last two teams will compete at the national final.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 24.0 (players with higher handicaps may play, but handicap indexes will be capped). Individual playing handicaps will be rounded course handicaps.
Allowance:	Having established playing handicaps, the lowest player will play off zero, with all other players receiving 90% of the difference in playing handicap from this player. All strokes to be taken as per the stroke index table.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £20. Green fees for the national final shall be paid in full by the NAPGC.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Top Rock Salver and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Senior Men's Team Greensomes – Mitchell-Thomson Trophy (55+)

Format:	Men's team aggregate greensomes event with eight players, aged 55+ on 1 Jan of current year, playing as four pairs. Teams will compete in area events against teams from other clubs, followed by a national final. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. However, clubs are not permitted to play at their home course.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through January and February with the area draws issued before the end of March and played in mid-July on a weekday. The national final is on a weekday in early September.
Scoring:	A team's score shall be the aggregate of the four pairs stableford points over 18 holes. The team with the highest aggregate points total, at each area event, shall progress to the national final where all pairs will again compete at a single venue.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 24.0 (players with higher handicaps may play but handicap indexes will be capped).
Allowance:	Playing handicaps for each pair shall be calculated as; lower course handicap x 0.6, plus the higher course handicap x 0.4. After adding the unrounded figures, the aggregate figure is rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The initial team entry fee shall be £30. Teams will also be required to pay a playing fee to cover the green fee/running costs of area events. Teams qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £10 per player (£80) towards the heavily subsidised green fee.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Mitchell-Thomson Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Women's Better Ball - Match Play Trophy

Format:	Women's better ball match play event, with two players playing as a pair, in club v club knock out followed by a national final. Teams will initially compete on a regional basis, with teams playing at a single venue home or away (dependent on the draw). Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through January and February with the knock-out draws issued before the end of March. Knock out rounds arranged between clubs take place from April until August and the national final in early September.
Scoring:	Play shall be over 18 holes, or less if a side is more holes ahead than holes remain. If a match is tied play shall continue, on a sudden death playoff basis, from the first tee. The team winning shall progress to the next round. Area winners will be drawn into national semi-finals, which shall be played on a neutral course. The last two teams will compete at the national final.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 30.0 (players with higher handicaps may play, but handicap indexes will be capped). Individual playing handicaps will be rounded course handicaps.

Allowance:	Having established playing handicaps, the lowest player will play off zero, with all other players receiving 90% of the difference in playing handicap from this player. All strokes to be taken as per the stroke index table.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £20. Green fees for the national final shall be paid in full by the NAPGC.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Match Play Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Women's Better Ball Team Stableford – Whitewebbs Trophy	
Format:	Women's team aggregate better ball event with four players playing as two pairs, in club v club knock out followed by a national final. Teams will initially compete on a regional basis, at a single venue home or away (dependent on the draw). Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through January and February with the knock-out draws issued before the end of March. Knock out rounds arranged between clubs take place from April until August and the national final in early September.
Scoring:	A team's score shall be the aggregate of the two pairs stableford points over 18 holes. The team with the highest aggregate points total shall progress to the next round. Area winners will be invited to the national final where all pairs will compete at a single venue.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 30.0 (players with higher handicaps may play, but handicap indexes will be capped).
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 85% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £30. Teams qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £10 per player (£40) towards the heavily subsidised green fee.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the White Webbs Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Women's Greensomes Match Play – Top Rock Bowl	
Format:	Women's greensomes match play event, with two players playing as a pair, in club v club knock out followed by a national final. Teams will initially compete on a regional basis, with teams playing at a single venue home or away (dependent on the draw). Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. <i>(This is a weekday event unless both parties otherwise agree).</i>
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through January and February with the knock-out draws issued before the end of March. Knock out rounds arranged between clubs take place from April until August and the national final in early September.
Scoring:	Play shall be over 18 holes, or less if a side is more holes ahead than holes remain. If a match is tied play shall continue, on a sudden death playoff basis, from the first tee. The team winning shall progress to the next round. Area winners will be drawn into national semi-finals, which shall be played on a neutral course. The last two teams will compete at the national final.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 36.0 (players with higher handicaps may enter but indexes will be capped). Playing handicaps for each pair shall be calculated as; lower course handicap x 0.6, plus the higher course handicap x 0.4. After adding the unrounded figures, the aggregate figure is rounded to provide the playing handicap. The pair with the lowest playing handicap shall concede the full difference in handicaps to the other pair.
Allowance:	Having established playing handicaps, the lowest player will play off zero, with all other players receiving 90% of the difference in playing handicap from this player. All strokes to be taken as per the stroke index table.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £20. Green fees for the national final shall be paid in full by the NAPGC.

Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Top Rock Bowl and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.
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Mixed Team Greensomes – Hawtree Trophy	
Format:	Mixed team aggregate greensomes event with eight players, four men and four women, playing as four mixed pairs, in club v club knock out followed by a national final. Teams will initially compete on a regional basis, with two pairs at home and two away. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through January and February with the knock-out draws issued before the end of March. Knock out rounds arranged between clubs take place from April until August and the national final in early September.
Scoring:	A team's score shall be the aggregate of the four pairs stableford points over 18 holes. The team with the highest aggregate points total shall progress to the next round. Area winners will be invited to the national final where all pairs will compete at a single venue. The women's score card for par and stroke index should be used to compute stableford points.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 18.0 for men and 30.0 for women (players with higher handicaps may play but handicap indexes will be capped).
Allowance:	Playing handicaps for each pair shall be calculated as; lower course handicap x 0.6, plus the higher course handicap x 0.4. After adding the unrounded figures, the aggregate figure is rounded to provide the playing handicap. Tee adjustments shall also be applied to handicaps.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £30. Teams qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £10 per player (£80) towards the heavily subsidised green fee.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Hawtree Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up will receive individual prizes.

2. MENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Team Stroke Play Championship – Bourne Vanneck Cup and Shield	
Format:	Men's team aggregate stroke play event, gross and net, with three players playing as individuals in an area event followed by a national final. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish at each of the area venues, and all teams will be competing in both the gross (cup) and net (shield) events. In the event of entries exceeding 20 teams at any area event, a ballot may take place with teams offered places at alternative venues if necessary.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through February and March with the area draws issued before the end of April for play at the end of May/start of June. Qualifiers for the national final are confirmed by mid-June and the final is played in mid-July.
Scoring:	A team's score shall be the aggregate of the three players stroke play scores over 18 holes. Scores will be calculated on both a gross and net basis. The top placed teams at each event (best gross and then net aggregate) will progress to the national final. Additional qualifiers shall be dependent on entries and pro-rata to entries across the area events.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 18.0 (players with higher handicaps may play but handicap indexes will be capped).
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The initial team entry fee shall be £30. Teams will also be required to pay a playing fee to cover the green fee/running costs of area events. Teams qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £25 per player (£75) towards the green fee (which shall be subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final in the following order: best team gross Bourne Vanneck Cup with individual prizes; best team net Bourne

	<p>Vanneck Shield and individual prizes; gross team runner up individual prizes and net team runner up individual prizes. Individual best score prizes will also be awarded. The gross champion club shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champions event.</p> <p>The defending champions gross and net shall be invited directly to the following year's final (subject to payment of the competition entry fee).</p>
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Men's Stroke Play Championship of England	
Format:	Men's individual stroke play event, gross and net, with players competing as individuals in a club qualifier and then area events and a national final. Clubs entering may hold a qualifying round before the end of May, which may be held in conjunction with another club competition stroke play round.
Timeline:	Clubs complete a qualifying round and return results by the end of May. Area qualifiers are confirmed at the start of June and events played at the end of June/ start of July. Qualifiers for the national final are confirmed by mid-July and the final is played in mid-August.
Scoring:	Singles gross and net stroke play championship over 18 holes. Subject to entries, the players with the best overall net and gross scores from club qualification and divisional winners, along with the club's gross and net champions, progress to one of the area finals (additional qualification spaces will be dependent on numbers of entries). From the area finals players can qualify to compete in the national final.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index of 28.0 (players with higher handicap indexes can enter but will have their index capped). There are four handicap divisions: Division 1 - handicap index 4.0 and below; Division 2 – 4.1 to 12.0; Division 3 – 12.1 to 20.0; Division 4 – 20.1 to 28.0.
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The initial club level entry fee shall be £4 per player. Players will also be required to pay a playing fee to cover the green fee/running costs of area events. Those qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £25 towards the green fee (which shall be heavily subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Best gross score - J H Taylor Shield; Championship Trophy – Best net score; Piccadilly trophies – Best remaining net scores in each division; second and third place divisional net prizes (subject to entries). The overall gross and net champions will be granted direct entry to the following year's championship final in order to defend their titles, subject to still being playing members of a club affiliated to the NAPGC.

Men's Stroke Play Scratch Championship	
Format:	Men's individual gross stroke play event. Eligible players can enter directly to the final. In the event of entries exceeding 21, players will be balloted out on handicap index at time of the draw.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted from April until early July and entries for the final are confirmed by mid-July. The final is played in mid-August.
Scoring:	Singles gross stroke play championship over 36 holes. Play is over two consecutive days, 18 holes each day with the gross score combined.
Handicaps:	Players must hold a handicap index of 9.0 or lower at time of entry.
Allowance:	There is no allowance, all play is off scratch.
Fees and costs:	The entry fee shall be £100 to cover entry fees and green fees. Players qualifying for the men's championship will not be required to additionally pay the final fee for that event. (The green fees for this flagship event are heavily subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Best Gross Score – Scratch Trophy; Regional Trophies - Best remaining gross scores from Southern, Midlands and Northern region clubs; further prizes will be dependent on entries and at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. The scratch champion shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions.

3. WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's Stroke Play Championship of England	
Format:	Women's individual stroke play event, gross and net, with players competing as individuals in a club qualifier and then a national final. Clubs entering may hold a qualifying round before the end of May, which may be held in conjunction with another club competition stroke play round.
Timeline:	Clubs complete a qualifying round and return results by the end of May. National finalists are confirmed by the end of June and the final is played at the end of July.
Scoring:	Singles gross and net stroke play championship over 18 holes. Subject to entries, the players with the best overall net and gross scores from club qualification and divisional winners, along with the club's gross and net champions, progress to the national final (additional qualification spaces will be dependent on numbers of entries).
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index of 36.0 (players with higher handicap indexes can enter but will have their index capped). There are two handicap divisions: Division 1 handicap index 18.0 and below; and Division 2 handicap index 18.1 and above.
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The initial club level entry fee shall be £4 per player. Those qualifying for the national final will additionally be asked to contribute up to £25 towards the green fee (which shall be subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Division 1 – Best gross, best nett, best remaining gross, best remaining nett; Division 2 – Best nett, second best nett; further prizes will be dependent on entries and at the discretion of the competition organiser. The divisional trophy winners will be granted direct entry to the following year's championship final in order to defend their titles, subject to still being playing members of a club affiliated to the NAPGC. The Division 1 gross champion shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions.

Women's Team Stroke Play Championship – JHB Cup and Shield	
Format:	Women's team aggregate stroke play event, gross and net, with three players playing as individuals. Entry is direct to a national final. Clubs may enter as many teams and all teams will be competing in both the gross (cup) and net (shield) events. However, if there are more than twenty teams, each club shall be awarded one place with any remaining places decided by way of ballot.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted from February until mid-April with entries for the national final confirmed by the end of April. The national final shall be played in late July.
Scoring:	A team's score shall be the aggregate of the three players stroke play scores over 18 holes. Scores will be calculated on both a gross and net basis.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 30.0 (players with higher handicaps may play but handicap indexes will be capped).
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The initial team entry fee shall be £30. Teams will also be required to make a contribution towards the national final costs of up to £25 (£75 per team) which is towards the green fee (which shall be subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final in the following order: best team gross JHB Cup and individual prizes; best team net JHB Shield and individual prizes; runner up gross individual prizes; and runner up net individual prizes.

4. SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Men's Stableford Championship of England (55+)	
Format:	Senior men's individual stableford event, gross and net, plus net pairs team event for those aged 55+ (on or before 1 January of the current year), with direct entry to national final. Entries will be capped at 72 players on a first come basis.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted from April until early July and entries for the final are confirmed by mid-July. The final is played in mid-August.
Scoring:	Singles gross and net stableford championship over 18 holes. The team event shall comprise two players, from the same club, with their team score the aggregate of their individual stableford points.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index of 36.0 (players with higher handicap indexes can enter but will have their index capped).
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The entry fee shall be £30 to cover entry fees and green fees (which shall be subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes shall be awarded as follows: Seniors Gross Trophy; Riley Trophy (best net); over 70s Dave Saveall Shield; additional net placings at the discretion of the competition organiser. The net team trophy, the Burdett Trophy, and prize shall be additionally awarded. The gross champion shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions.

Senior Women's Stableford Championship of England (50+)	
Format:	Senior women's individual stableford event, gross and net, plus net pairs team event for those aged 50+ (on or before 1 January of the current year), with direct entry to national final. Entries will be capped at 30 players on a first come basis.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted from April until early July and entries for the final are confirmed by mid-July. The final is played in mid-August.
Scoring:	Singles gross and net stableford championship over 18 holes. The team event shall comprise two players, from the same club, with their team score the aggregate of their individual stableford points.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index of 44.0 (players with higher handicap indexes can enter but will have their index capped).
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The entry fee shall be £30 to cover entry fees and green fees (which shall be subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes shall be awarded as follows: Seniors Gross Trophy; Barbara Rainey Bowl (best net); additional net placings at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. The net team trophy, the Reg Pugh Shield, and prize shall be additionally awarded. The gross champion shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions.

5. UK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Stableford UKPCC Championship	
Format:	Men's individual stableford event, net and gross, with players competing as individuals in a club qualifier and then area events and a national final. Clubs entering may hold a qualifying round before the end of May, which may be held in conjunction with another club competition stableford round. (<i>Special qualifying arrangements will apply in parts of the UK not covered by regional events</i>).
Timeline:	Clubs complete a qualifying round and return results by the end of May. Area qualifiers are confirmed at the start of June and events played during June and July. Qualifiers for the national final are confirmed by late-July and the final is played in September or early October.
Scoring:	Singles net and gross stableford championship over 18 holes.

	Subject to entries, the players with the best overall net and gross scores from club qualification and divisional winners, progress to one of the area finals. Additional qualification spaces will be dependent on numbers of entries. From the area finals players can qualify to compete in the national final.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index of 36.0 (players with higher handicap indexes can enter but will have their index capped). There are three men's handicap divisions: Division 1 – handicap index 9.0 and below; Division 2 – 9.1 to 16.0; and Division 3 – 16.1-36.0.
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The initial club level entry fee shall be £4 per player. Players will also be required to pay a playing fee to cover the green fee/running costs of area events. Those qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £25 towards the green fee (which shall be heavily subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Overall National Champion Net; Overall National Champion Gross; Divisional Winners; Divisional net placings at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. The net and gross champions will be granted direct entry to the following year's championship final in order to defend their titles, subject to still being playing members of a public or proprietary club.

Women's Stableford UKPCC Championship	
Format:	Women's individual stableford event, net and gross, with players competing as individuals in a club qualifier and then area events and a national final. Clubs entering may hold a qualifying round before the end of May, which may be held in conjunction with another club competition stableford round. (<i>Special qualifying arrangements will apply in parts of the UK not covered by regional events</i>).
Timeline:	Clubs complete a qualifying round and return results by the end of May. Area qualifiers are confirmed at the start of June and events played during June and July. Qualifiers for the national final are confirmed by late-July and the final is played in September or early October.
Scoring:	Singles net and gross stableford championship over 18 holes. Subject to entries, the players with the best overall net and gross scores from club qualification and divisional winners, progress to one of the area finals. Additional qualification spaces will be dependent on numbers of entries. From the area finals players can qualify to compete in the national final.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index of 40.0 (players with higher handicap indexes can enter but will have their index capped). There are two women's handicap divisions: Division 1 – handicap index 18.0 and below; and Division 2 – handicap index 18.1 and above.
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The initial club level entry fee shall be £4 per player. Players will also be required to pay a playing fee to cover the green fee/running costs of area events. Those qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £25 towards the green fee (which shall be heavily subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Overall National Champion Net; Overall National Champion Gross; Divisional Winners; Divisional net placings at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. The net and gross champions will be granted direct entry to the following year's championship final in order to defend their titles, subject to still being playing members of a public or proprietary club.

6. WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Men's Winter Team Aggregate – Gordon Forster Bowl	
Format:	Men's team aggregate stableford event, with four players playing as individuals in club v club knock out followed by a national final. Teams will initially compete on an

	area basis, with two players at home and two away (playing in a four ball). Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through October and into November with the area draws issued before the end of November. Knock out rounds arranged between clubs take place from December until mid-April and the national final in late April.
Scoring:	A team's score shall be the aggregate of the four players stableford points over 18 holes. The team with the highest aggregate points total shall progress to the next round. Area winners will be invited to the national final where all pairs will compete at a single venue.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 24.0 (players with higher handicaps may play but handicap indexes will be capped).
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap. Nb. Players from the same team when playing individually are not partners and in accordance with Rule 10.2a of the Rules of Golf. They may not therefore give or ask for advice from another team member.
Fees and costs:	The initial team entry fee shall be £25. Teams qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £25 per player (£100) towards the green fee (which shall be subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Gordon Forster Bowl and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Women's Winter Team Aggregate – Mary Forster Bowl

Format:	Women's team aggregate stableford event, with three players playing as individuals in club v club knock out followed by a national final. Teams will initially compete on a round robin basis, with each club in an area hosting one qualifying round with all teams playing together at each venue
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted through October and into November with the area draws issued before the end of November. Knock out rounds arranged between clubs take place from December until mid-April and the national final in late April.
Scoring:	A team's score shall be the aggregate of the three players stableford points over 18 holes, from each of the qualifying rounds The area winners (most stableford points) will progress to the national final where all players will play at a single venue.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 36.0 (players with higher handicaps may play but handicap indexes will be capped).
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap. Nb. Players from the same team when playing individually are not partners and in accordance with Rule 10.2a of the Rules of Golf. They may not therefore give or ask for advice from another team member.
Fees and costs:	The initial team entry fee shall be £25. Teams qualifying for the national final may additionally be asked to contribute up to £25 per player (£75) towards the green fee (which shall be subsidised).
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: The winning club shall be awarded the Mary Forster Bowl and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

7. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Junior Public Course Championship of England

Format:	Boys and Girls individual stroke play event, gross and net, plus net three player team event for those aged under 18 (on 31 December of the previous year). Entries will be capped at 72 players on a first come basis.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted from through April and May with entries confirmed in June. The final is played in June/July.

Scoring:	Singles gross and net stableford championship over 18 holes. The team event shall comprise three players, from the same club, with their team score the aggregate of their individual net stroke play scores.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index of 28.0 for boys and 36.0 for women for the main trophies and prizes. Players with higher handicaps can still enter and will be placed in a separate prize division.
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	There is no entry fee, this event is subsidised in full by the NAPGC.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes shall be awarded as follows: Championship Sword awarded to the best gross score; Pegrum Cup awarded to the best nett score. Divisional Prizes (one prize only per person). The boys and girls gross champions and the net team winners shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions events.

8. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

NAPGC Open Championship of England	
Format:	Individual stableford event open to men and women, gross and net, with direct entry to the national final. Members of public and proprietary golf clubs and courses and i-golfers can enter this competition. Entries will be capped at 100 players on a first come basis.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted from January until April. The championship shall be played at the end of May.
Scoring:	Singles gross and net stableford championship over 18 holes.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index of 36.0 (players with higher handicap indexes can enter but will have their index capped).
Allowance:	Individual handicaps shall be 95% of the unrounded course handicap, which is then rounded to provide the playing handicap.
Fees and costs:	The entry fee shall be £40 in total, which includes entry fees, green fees, food and prizes. (tee times will run from 7am-9am with atwo tee start)
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes shall be awarded for the best gross and net scores for men and women. Additional prizes will be at the discretion of the competition organiser dependent on entries.
Special note:	<i>It is anticipated that tee times will run from 7am-9am with a two tee start. Price includes a roll and drink available prior to play and a meal after play.</i>