NAPGC COMPETITIONS 2026

NAPGC Championships - Terms of Competition

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 £50. Green fees for the national final shall be paid 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 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 will 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 £40. Green fees for the national final shall be paid 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 Siemens Bowl and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Men's Better Ball Team 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). Area finals and national semi-finals shall be played on a neutral course. 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. 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 course handicaps, the lowest player in each game will play off zero, with all other players receiving 90% of the difference in course handicaps from this player. All strokes to be taken as per the stroke index table. The maximum number of shots a player can receive is capped at 18.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £30. Green fees for the national final shall be paid 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 Ballantyne Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Men's Better Ball Match Play – (formerly the 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). Area finals and national semi-finals shall be played on a neutral course. Multiple club entries are permissible, and substitute players are allowed as long as players have not played in another team in the competition. *(This is a weekday event unless both parties otherwise agree).*
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. 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 course handicaps, the lowest player will play off zero, with all other players receiving 90% of the difference in course handicaps from this player. All strokes to be taken as per the stroke index table. The maximum number of shots a player can receive is capped at 18.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £20. Green fees for the national final shall be paid 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 Tournament Trophy 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 from January with the area draws confirmed before the end of April and played in July on a weekday. The national final is on a weekday in early September. *(Late entries will be accepted if spaces are available).*

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 £40. Teams will also be required to pay a playing fee to cover the green fee/running costs of area events. Green fees for the national final shall be paid 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 Mitchell-Thomson Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Women's Better Ball Match Play	
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). Area finals and national semi-finals shall be played on a neutral course. Multiple club entries are permissible, and substitute players are allowed as long as players have not played in another team in the competition.
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. 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 course handicaps, the lowest player will play off zero, with all other players receiving 90% of the difference in course handicaps from this player. All strokes to be taken as per the stroke index table. The maximum number of shots a player can receive is capped at 18.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £20. Green fees for the national final shall be paid 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). Area finals shall be played on a neutral course. 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. Green fees for the national final shall be paid 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 White Webbs Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Women's Greensomes Match Play (formerly the 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). Area finals and national semi-finals shall be played on a neutral course. Multiple club entries are permissible, and substitute players are allowed as long as players have not played in another team in the competition. *(This is a weekday event unless both parties otherwise agree).*
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. 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.
Allowance:	Having established playing handicaps, the pair with the lowest playing handicap shall concede the full difference in handicaps to the other pair. All strokes to be taken as per the stroke index table. The maximum number of shots a team can receive is capped at 18.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £20. Green fees for the national final shall be paid 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 Tournament Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

Mlxed Team Greensomes – Hawtree Trophy	
Format:	Mixed team aggregate greensomes event with eight players, four men and four women, playing as four mixed 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 from January with the area draws confirmed before the end of April and played in June/July. The national final is on a weekend day in early September. *(Late entries will be accepted if spaces are available).*
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. 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 initial team entry fee shall be £40. Teams will also be required to pay a playing fee to cover the green fee/running costs of area events. Green fees for the national final shall be paid 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 Hawtree Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up will receive individual prizes.

Mixed Better Ball Match Play	
Format:	Mixed better ball match play event, with a man and woman 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). Area finals and national semi-finals shall be played on a neutral course. Multiple club entries are permissible, and substitute players are allowed as long as players have not played in another team in the competition. *(This is a weekday event unless both parties otherwise agree).*

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. The last two teams will compete at the national final.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index limit of 24.0 for men and 36.0 for women (players with higher handicaps may play, but handicap indexes will be capped). Individual playing handicaps will be rounded course handicaps.
Allowance:	Having established course handicaps, the lowest player will play off zero, with all other players receiving 90% of the difference in course handicaps from this player. All strokes to be taken as per the stroke index table. The maximum number of shots a player can receive is capped at 18.
Fees and costs:	The team entry fee shall be £20. Green fees for the national final shall be paid 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 Tournament Trophy and individual prizes. The runners up shall also receive individual prizes.

MENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Team Stroke Play Championship – Bourne Vanneck Cup and Shield	
Format:	Men's team aggregate stroke play event, gross and handicap, 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. 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 from January with the area draws confirmed before the end of April and played in May/June. The national final is in July. *(Late entries will be accepted if spaces are available).*
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 handicap basis. The top placed teams at each event (best gross and then handicap 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 will also be required to contribute up to £60 per team towards the national final green fee and running costs.
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 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 (this is subject to handicap limits). The defending champions gross and net shall be invited directly to the following year's final (subject to payment of the competition entry fee).

Men's Stroke Play Championship of England	
Format:	Men's individual stroke play event, gross and handicap, 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 stoke 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 handicap stroke play championship over 18 holes. Subject to entries, the players with the best overall gross and handicap scores from club qualification and divisional winners, along with the club's gross and handicap 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 will also be required to contribute up to £30 towards the national final green fee and running costs.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Best gross score (limited to players with a 9.9 or lower HI) - 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 handicap champions will be granted direct entry to the following year's championship final 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 £110 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 (this is subject to handicap limits).

WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's Stroke Play Championship of England	
Format:	Women's individual stroke play event, gross and handicap, 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 stoke 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 handicap stroke play championship over 18 holes. Subject to entries, the players with the best overall gross and handicap scores from club qualification and divisional winners, along with the club's gross and handicap 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 also be required to contribute up to £30 towards the national final green fee and running costs.
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 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 (this is subject to handicap limits).

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 as they wish, 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 January with entries for the national final confirmed by the end of April. The national final is in July. *(Late entries will be accepted if spaces are available).*
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 contribute £90 towards the national final green fee and running costs.
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. The gross champion club shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champions event (this is subject to handicap limits).

SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Men's Stableford Championship of England (55+)	
Format:	Senior men's individual stableford event, gross and handicap, plus handicap 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 handicap stableford championship over 18 holes. The handicap 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 towards green fees, prizes and running costs shall be £35.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes shall be awarded as follows: Seniors Gross Trophy; Riley Trophy (best handicap); over 70s Dave Saveall Shield; additional handicap placings at the discretion of the competition organiser. The handicap 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 event (this is subject to handicap limits).

Senior Women's Stableford Championship of England (50+)

Format:	Senior women's individual stableford event, gross and handicap, plus handicap 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 handicap stableford championship over 18 holes. The handicap 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 towards green fees, prizes and running costs shall be £35.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes shall be awarded as follows: Seniors Gross Trophy; Barbara Rainey Bowl (best handicap); additional handicap placings at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. The handicap 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 event (this is subject to handicap limits).

UK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Stableford UKPCC Championship	
Format:	Men's individual stableford event, handicap 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. *(Special arrangements will apply in parts of the UK not covered by regional events).*
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, July and August. Qualifiers for the national final are confirmed after each event with any additional places confirmed after the final area event. The final is played in September/October.
Scoring:	Singles handicap and gross stableford championship over 18 holes. Subject to entries, the players with the best overall handicap and gross scores from club qualification and handicap 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 will also be required to contribute up to £30 towards the national final green fee and running costs.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Overall National Handicap Champion; Overall National Gross Champion; Divisional handicap winners; Divisional handicap placings at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. The handicap 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 golf club.

Women's Stableford UKPCC Championship	
Format:	Women's individual stableford event, handicap 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. *(Special arrangements will apply in parts of the UK not covered by regional events).*

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, July and August. Qualifiers for the national final are confirmed after each event with any additional places confirmed after the final area event. The final is played in September/October.
Scoring:	Singles handicap and gross stableford championship over 18 holes. Subject to entries, the players with the best overall handicap and gross scores from club qualification and divisional handicap 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 will also be required to contribute up to £30 towards the national final green fee and running costs.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Overall National Handicap Champion; Overall National Gross Champion; Divisional handicap Winners; Divisional handicap placings at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. The handicap 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 golf club.

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 early May.
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. Those qualifying for the national final will also be required to contribute up to £30 (£120) towards the national final green fee and running costs.
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. Those qualifying for the national final will also be required to contribute up to £30 (£90) towards the national final green fee and running costs.
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.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Junior Public Course Championship of England	
Format:	Boys and Girls individual stroke play event, gross and handicap, plus handicap 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 handicap 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 handicap scores.
Handicaps:	There is a maximum handicap index of 28.0 for boys and 36.0 for girls 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 handicap score. Divisional handicap Prizes (one prize only per person). Team handicap prize. The boy and girl gross champions shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG County Champion of Champions events (this is subject to handicap limits). The handicap team winners shall be invited to represent the NAPGC in the EG Junior Champion Club event.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NAPGC Open Championship of England	
Format:	Individual stableford event open to men and women, handicap and gross, with direct entry to the national final. Members of public and proprietary golf clubs 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 handicap and gross stableford scores 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 £50 in total, which includes entry fees, green fees, some food and prizes.

Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes shall be awarded for the best handicap and gross scores for men and women. Additional prizes will be at the discretion of the competition organiser dependent on entries.

NAPGC Presidents Trophy	
Format:	Individual stableford event open to men and women, handicap and gross, with direct entry to the national final. Members of public and proprietary golf clubs 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 handicap and gross stableford scores 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 £50 in total, which includes entry fees, green fees, some food and prizes.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes shall be awarded for the best handicap and gross scores for men and women. Additional prizes will be at the discretion of the competition organiser dependent on entries.

NAPGC Captains Trophy	
Format:	Team am am handicap stableford event open to men, women and mixed teams, with direct entry to the national final.
Timeline:	Competition entries are accepted from January until April. The championship shall be played at the end of May.
Scoring:	Handicap stableford with the best two from four stableford scores at each hole counting for a team and play 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 £50 in total, which includes entry fees, green fees, some food and prizes.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes shall be awarded for the team returning the best aggregate stableford points score and the runners up. Additional prizes will be at the discretion of the competition organiser dependent on entries.

NAPGC I-Golfer Series	
Format:	Men's and women's individual stableford event, handicap and gross, with players competing as individuals in area events and a national final.
Timeline:	Players directly enter area events which are held across June, July and August. Event winners qualify for the national final and are confirmed after each event with any additional places confirmed after the final area event. The final is played in September/October.
Scoring:	Singles handicap stableford championship over 18 holes. 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 is a single division.
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 for each qualifying event shall be £30-£50, which includes entry fees, green fees and as advertised food at some venues. Qualifiers will have their green fees paid at the final.
Trophies and prizes:	Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the national final as follows: Overall National Handicap Champion and runner up. Additional prizes at the discretion of the Competition Organiser.