

McDONALD GOLF CLUB

McDONALD TROPHY (Mixed Two Ball)

COMPETITION RULES (In Addition To The General Rules)

1. Members wishing to play in the McDonald Trophy must enter their names in pairs (1 man & 1 woman) on the entry sheet posted on the notice board. The entered names will then be drawn and a matchplay format will ensue, the winners of each tie going forward to the next round.
2. All entries must be included by the closing date shown on the fixture card, no entries will be accepted after that date.
3. It is the responsibility of both parties to ensure that the ties are played by the dates stipulated on the competition draw sheet.
- 3a. If a tie cannot be arranged & played amicably by the due date both parties will be eliminated from the competition. If there are exceptional circumstances which prevail an appeal may be lodged with the tournament officer, however this must be done before the specified play by date.
4. In General **no** extensions to the **dates** given will be granted by the M&H committee. However dates may be adjusted at the discretion of the M&H committee to take into consideration outside influences such as the weather etc. This will be at the sole discretion of the M&H.
5. It is the responsibility of **both** parties to ensure that the **result** of any match is **posted** on the competition sheet, otherwise the M&H committee will assume that the tie has **not** been played and **disqualify** both parties from the competition. It is unlikely that this decision would be reversed so please ensure that as soon as the tie has been decided, the victors are posted to the next round. **Don't leave it to the other party!**
6. The maximum handicap allowance for this competition shall be 28 for men and 36 for ladies.
 - 6a. Each sides handicap will be half of their combined playing handicaps. The difference in handicap for each side with regard to strokes given or received shall then be calculated (0.1 to 0.4 will be rounded down, 0.5 and up will be rounded up).
 - 6b. Handicap strokes are to be given at the holes indicated on the **gent's** stroke index.
 - 6c. Gents will play from the white tee markers and all Ladies will play from the red tee markers.

- 6d. No party has the right to tee off first regardless of their position on the competition sheet. The right to tee off first should be decided amicably and fairly, such as the tossing of a coin.
7. In the event of a tie after a match in any round, that tie shall be decided by mutual agreement such as:

Playing another complete round or sudden death starting at the first hole etc. etc.
In the event of extra holes strokes shall again be allocated at the appropriate holes.

Note: Any agreed second round must be played by the due dates on the competition sheet, no extensions will be granted for the replay of any tie.

8. The players of each team will take it in turn to tee off at alternate holes (1 @ odds & 1 @ evens). Taking shots in turn until they have holed out, it is optional which team member plays off at the 1st tee.
- 8a. Once the relevant player has teed off, the ball shall be considered in play until they have holed out. i.e. If a ball lands out of bounds or is declared lost etc. the next player up will take the next shot (the ball is to be dropped as per the rules of golf, as near as possible to the place where the last shot was played but not nearer the hole), the appropriate number of penalty shots will be added in the normal way as per the rules of golf. If a ball lands out of bounds from a tee shot the next player up will play from that tee, (they may or may not tee the ball up as they wish).