

McDONALD GOLF CLUB

PARS TROPHY (Gents Four Ball Better Ball Match Play)

COMPETITION RULES (In Addition To The General Rules)

1. Members wishing to play in the Pars Trophy must enter their names in pairs on the entry sheet posted on the notice board, and also their preferred tee time for the 18 hole qualifying round which shall be played on the date shown on the fixture card (although every effort will be made to accommodate their preferred tee time the M&H cannot guarantee that the tee times requested will be allocated). The qualifying round and all subsequent rounds shall take the format of a four ball better ball, with the better net score being recorded at each hole. All qualifiers will be drawn on a seeded basis and a match play format will ensue, the winners of each tie going forward to the following round.
2. The top 32 pairs will go forward to the match play stages on a seeded basis.
3. All entries must be included by the closing date shown on the fixture card, no entries will be accepted after that date.
4. The maximum individual handicap allowance for this competition will be 18, **but not limited** to those with a handicap of 18 or less.
5. Handicap strokes are to be given at the holes indicated on the stroke index.
6. In the event of a tie the match play places will be decided on a count back system:-

Better inward nine holes	(net)
Better last six holes	(net)
Better last three holes	(net)

If still equal a single hole count back (net) from the 18th will be used to determine the qualifiers.
7. It is the responsibility of both parties to ensure that the ties are played by the dates stipulated on the competition draw sheet.
- 7a. 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.

8. Handicap Calculation for Matchplay Stages

“The back marker (lowest handicap player) is to concede strokes to the other 3 players based on 90% of the difference between the full handicaps”.

Example for reference :-

The normal playing handicap of A is 4, B is 11, C is 13 and D is 20.
During 4-ball better ball matchplay:

- A : has the lowest handicap – is the “back marker” and plays off scratch.
B : gets $\frac{9}{10}$ of $(11 - 4) = 6.3$ rounded down to 6 (gets strokes at holes with stroke index 1 through 6).
C : gets $\frac{9}{10}$ of $(13 - 4) = 8.1$ rounded down to 8 (gets strokes at holes with stroke index 1 through 8).
D : gets $\frac{9}{10}$ of $(18 - 4) = 12.6$ rounded up to 13 (gets strokes at holes with stroke index 1 through 13).

Note that D’s handicap is restricted to 18, the maximum allowed for this competition (see Competition Rulebook page 22).

9. 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.
10. 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!**
11. 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.
12. 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.