

McDONALD GOLF CLUB

STRACHAN TROPHY (Mixed Greensomes Competition)

COMPETITION RULES (In Addition To The General Rules)

1. Members wishing to play in the Strachan Trophy must enter their names on the entry sheet posted on the notice board, pairs will then be drawn (as the competition is open to all seven day members Gents/Ladies/Juniors with handicaps each pair can be of any combination). The qualifying round and all subsequent rounds shall take the format of a Greensomes Competition (all players tee-off the most advantageous drives will be chosen and alternative shots will then be played until the ball is holed out). The net score being recorded at each hole.
2. The top 32 pairs with the lowest net scores will go forward to the match play stages. 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.
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 handicap allowance for this competition will be 28 for gents and 36 ladies/juniors. Ladies & Junior Girls add 3 strokes on handicap **MAXIMUM 36**. Each sides handicap for the qualifier and all ties 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 (0.5 will be rounded up). All gents/male juniors will play off the white tee markers all lady/girl juniors will play off the red tee markers.
5. Handicap strokes are to be given at the holes indicated on the stroke index.
6. In the event of a tie in the qualifying round the qualifiers 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 18 th 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 be date.

8. 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.
9. 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!**
10. 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.
11. 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.