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A national team tournament for golfers under the age of 18 on 1 January 2025.  
Finals to be played at Staverton Park, Daventry on Saturday 27 September and Sunday 28 September 2025.



# About the National Junior Golf Knockout 2025

The National Junior Golf Knockout Tournament is open to teams from any Golf Club in England and Wales. All team members must be under 18 on 1 January 2025. As this is a handicap competition, all team members (4 Juniors per team) must have a CDH number. Maximum handicap is 28 for boys and 36 for girls. Players with a higher handicap may play, but play will be off the maximum stated.

With in excess of 100 clubs from all over the country taking part, the tournament is great fun and gives junior golfers of all abilities the opportunity to represent their clubs, play competitively against other golf clubs not necessarily in their usual catchment area or junior programme, make new friendships, and help a very worthy child-focused charity in BCCS.



The 2024 Winners  
Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club

As far as is feasible, matches will be organised on a regional basis to minimise travel as much as possible. However, this is a national tournament so some travel can be expected, especially in the later rounds. Teams are responsible for their own travel and related costs. Semi-finals and final will be in one location and teams (including one adult organiser per team) will be hosted by BCCS.

Photos and a summary of the Finals Weekend from the 2024 competition can be found here:  
<https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/national-junior-golf-knockout-2024/national-junior-golf-knockout-2024-winners/>



The four teams contesting the finals weekend at Staverton Park - 2024

## How to enter

The rules governing this competition are clearly set out and we would ask that all clubs have read them and are happy to comply with them before entering the tournament.

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Entries for the tournament are limited so in order to avoid disappointment we would encourage you to register early.

Entering a team is very easy – just visit <https://form.jotform.com/243033352566352> to complete the simple entry form and submit.

Each club may enter up to three teams, which can be all boys, all girls or mixed. If clubs wish to enter a fourth team, this MUST be all girls.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with entry closing once the tournament is at capacity. Please ensure your entry has been confirmed before you proceed to payment.

Once your entry has been confirmed you will need to pay the £85 per team entry fee.

Payment should be made by BACS as follows:

Account Name: Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society  
Sort Code: 401322  
Account Number: 31094130

Please reference your payment as Junior Golf and the name of the golf club you represent.

Thank you.

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### Contact Details:












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Woodbridge Golf Club versus Ipswich Golf Club













## National Junior Golf Knockout – Rules

*Please read these Rules carefully and keep a copy of them.*

-  The tournament is open to teams from any Golf Club in England and Wales.
-  Each Club may enter up to THREE teams of four players each, though you may name and register any number of reserve players. Clubs are allowed to enter a fourth team if that team is all-girls. No boys may play in that fourth team.
-  Players must be under 18 years of age on January 1st of the year of the tournament. Maximum handicap is 28 for boys, 36 for girls. Players with a handicap higher than that can play, but plays off the maximum stated (28 or 36).
-  Please ensure you have Handicap certificates (or other proof) when you turn up for a match - your opponents are entitled to ask for it (and you can ask them as well).
-  If you enter more than one team you may nominate a 'pool' of reserves who can play for any of your teams. However, once a player has played for one team he/she cannot play for another team in the same season.
-  Players for the teams must be pre-registered for the tournament before they play, though players can be added at any time as we appreciate that some may not be available for the entire season (through travel, education or illness, for example). However, all players must be bona fide Junior Members of the Club and have a registered handicap at that Club. You will need to email me at [ian.restall@ford-sinclair.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@ford-sinclair.co.uk) the names, CDH numbers and handicaps of your squads before the commencement of the competition. Each competitor must have registered six qualifying rounds in the period 1 January 2024 to 1 March 2025, the latter date being the date of the first round draw.
-  If a junior is a member of more than one golf club, he or she may only represent one club in any one year in the National Junior Golf Knockout.
-  The match between two competing clubs MUST be played over two matches, with the aggregate score of the two matches determining the winner. If a club cannot field four players but can only field three, then one of the matches will be two players versus one. If a club can only field two players, then both matches will consist of two players versus one.
-  Matches are to be played as adapted pairs betterball matchplay. In line with the recent introduction of the World Handicapping System (WHS) changes, 90% handicap difference is allowed. The back marker concedes strokes to the other three players based on 90% of the difference between the full handicaps.
-  Play shall be from the tees determined for junior competition (for either boys or girls) by the home Club Committee for that day. The normal rules apply re the difference in the Course Rating between men's and ladies' scorecards. This can result in girls receiving one or more courtesy shots. In some cases the opposite will apply if the men's Course Rating is higher than the Ladies'.
-  If the Course Rating is higher for the girls then the difference is added to their handicap BEFORE shots are awarded and then the girls take these shots from the MENS card. Conversely, if the boys Course Rating is higher (it does occur) then the reverse applies and the boys take their shots from the LADIES card.







## National Junior Golf Knockout – Rules continued

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-  When you arrive at the course for a match (home or away) you should give details of your pairings to the opposite Junior Organiser. Once these details have been exchanged you CANNOT change the pairings.
-  Courtesy of the course must be extended to visiting players on the day of the match.
-  There is no requirement for a home club to offer courtesy of the course for a practice round for the away team. However, it is customary for away teams to be allowed access to the course for a practice round on payment of a normal junior guest fee per team member.
-  The away side will always have the honour on the first tee. Each pair shall play their opponents over 18 holes. The overall number of holes won decides the winner (so you could win by 5 holes rather than the more normal matchplay situation where one team might win 5 & 3 for example). So keep going right to the 18th!
-  The winner in each match will be the team winning most holes overall.
-  The home team MUST contact their opponents ASAP to arrange the match.
-  If you cannot raise a team to play a fixture, please withdraw when you realise this, rather than keep everyone hanging around waiting.
-  In the event that, after both sets of pairs have completed their games, the total of holes won is the same for each Club, the two lowest handicap players of the home side will pair up and take part in a sudden-death play-off against the two lowest handicap players of the opposing side (with the same 90% difference). The holes to be played shall have been decided prior to the start of play, though can be in any order (for example, if the routing of the golf course makes it easy to play holes 1, 2, 17 and 18 for example, then that is fine) – the away side will have the honour on the first tee played. The stroke indices for the play-off holes MUST be the same as stated on the card and used during normal play - no changes to these indices can be made, even if local rules allow. Our rules take precedence.
-  Caddies are only permitted if they are juniors, but must not be professional golfers. Golf carts (caddy cars) are not permitted for players though golf trolleys (including motorised) are.
-  Parents may NOT caddy or give any advice to their team's players at any time during the match. Parents/guardians should also keep a suitable distance between themselves and the players and are not allowed to walk on the fairways or on the greens. This is in accordance with R&A Rules (Rule 8-1b. The penalty for breaching this rule is loss of hole).
-  Distance finders, if in accordance with the rules laid down by the R&A, are permitted. This is a local Rule for the competition, irrespective of the Club policy. If they are on a mobile phone which also allows calculation of wind, slope or other conditions, they are banned. In accordance with R&A Rules mobile phones may be used for communications on the course. Please use them only in emergencies. This applies to accompanying adults or colleagues too.
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## National Junior Golf Knockout – Rules continued

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-  All other rules are those of the R&A or any local rules in place. These local rules must be fully explained to the visiting players before the start of play.
-  Any disputes which arise on the day should be resolved by the players/officials of both teams. In the case that they cannot agree, the home Club PGA Professional should be asked to make a decision in accordance with the Rules of Golf. If an outcome is still not possible the matter should be referred to the Tournament Manager.
-  Once the draw for each round is made the home team is responsible for contacting their opponents to make mutually convenient arrangements for the match to be played. You must make contact with your opponents within four days of the draw having been sent out.
-  Each round will have a final date by which it must be played.
-  If one team cannot play the match within the time limit they shall forfeit the match, unless express permission has been given by the Tournament Manager.
-  If any problems are encountered in fixing a suitable date you should contact the Tournament Manager as soon as possible. His decision is final.

Tournament Manager: **Ian Restall** Email: [ian.restall@ford-sinclair.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@ford-sinclair.co.uk)



# Mixed Golf – 4BBB Handicap Calculations

Things get slightly more complicated when the group is a mix of male and female golfers.

In mixed golf, different tees will be used, typically the competition tees for the men and the red tees for the ladies. This is where the Course Rating is used.

**Strokes are taken against the stroke indexes of the course with the highest Course Rating. This usually results in the ladies receiving courtesy shots, then taking strokes against the men's stroke index, however if the men's Course Rating is higher, this is reversed and strokes are taken against the ladies stroke index.**

There are 4 steps to calculating the matchplay handicaps.

## Step 1: Course Handicaps

For each player, convert their Handicap Index into a Course Handicap

## Step 2: Handicap allowances

For individual matchplay, the allowance is 100%. For pairs, it is 90%.

If you are playing pairs matchplay, adjust each handicap to 90% of the Course Handicap.

## Step 3: Course Rating adjustment

The players who are on the tees with a higher Course Rating get an adjustment based on the Course Rating difference.

The Handicaps should now be rounded.

## Step 4: Handicap difference

Adjust each Playing Handicap so the lowest handicap plays off zero.

## Example:

White Tee: Slope Rating: 133, Course Rating: 72.3

Red Tee: Slope Rating: 125, Course Rating: 73.7

Player 1: White Tee, Handicap Index 6.8

Player 2: White Tee, Handicap Index 15.4

Player 3: Red Tee, Handicap Index 16.7

Player 4: Red Tee, Handicap Index 22.6

## Step 1: Course Handicaps

Player 1:  $6.8 \times 133 / 113 = 8.00$ , rounded = 8

Player 2:  $15.4 \times 133 / 113 = 18.13$ , rounded = 18

Player 3:  $16.7 \times 125 / 113 = 18.47$ , rounded = 18

Player 4:  $22.6 \times 125 / 113 = 25.00$ , rounded = 25

## Step 2: 90% Allowance

Player 1:  $8 \times 90\% = 7.2$

Player 2:  $18 \times 90\% = 16.2$

Player 3:  $18 \times 90\% = 16.2$

Player 4:  $25 \times 90\% = 22.5$

## Mixed Golf – 4BBB Handicap Calculations (continued)

### Step 3: Course Rating adjustment

The Red tee has a higher Course Rating. The difference is 1.4, so this is added on to players using the Red tees.

Player 1: 7.2, rounded to 7

Player 2: 16.2, rounded to 16

Player 3:  $16.2 + 1.4 = 17.6$ , rounded = 18

Player 4:  $22.5 + 1.4 = 23.9$ , rounded = 24

### Step 4: Adjusted for lowest handicap

Player 1:  $7 - 7 = 0$

Player 2:  $16 - 7 = 9$

Player 3:  $18 - 7 = 11$

Player 4:  $24 - 7 = 17$





## About BCCS



We are an established children's charity delivering vital mental health and emotional wellbeing services in schools across Essex and East London.

We work to improve the lives and life chances of these children and young people, by offering a wide range of highly professional support and advice. Our diverse team is made up of professionally qualified counsellors, therapists and social workers who provide support services to thousands of children and their families each year.

We know that one in ten children have a diagnosable mental health condition – that's roughly three children in every classroom. We are there for young people when they need us – to listen to them, support them, counsel them, guide them and nurture them. Building resilience in ourselves and others is so important – it gives us the tools, skills and strategies to overcome life's difficulties and do even better than we expected to. Support from a child therapist can have a huge impact on a child's positive development; emotionally, academically and socially. We have counsellors trained to help children and young people, who have experienced loss, bereavement, anxiety, low self-esteem, bullying, depression, aggression, domestic violence and other emotional health related issues.

Children and young people with mental health problems are at the heart of everything we do and with your support and the funds raised from the tournament we will continue to reach out to the young people who most need our help. Incredible things happen when you believe in children, and every day, we witness the amazing resilience, strength and potential of the children and young people we work with.

Find out more about our work by visiting – [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

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We would also like to thank all the Golf Clubs and organisers, who through participation have underpinned the success of the tournament.

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## Testimonials

Sadly any aspirations we had to mirror our form last year were quickly squashed by Waterton Park today who played very well on their picturesque and challenging course today. A deserved 4-up victory and the results sheet is attached.

A special thank you to Kevin their junior organiser who really looked after us superbly. Whilst we may not have won we were made to feel very welcome by all the Waterton Park parents and team and left very well-fed and watered. A typically good-natured and fun BCCS-type event.

*Colin, York GC*



Dear Ian,

Our match: Thorndon Reds vs Upminster, was played in a very good spirit and at the end the two teams all sat together with drinks and food and were chatting and laughing, which is how it should always be.

Thanks,

*Rob, Upminster GC*



RND v Tiverton- 28th May 2023

We had a very close match, with great golf being played across both teams. The course was playing very tough, with winds gusting to over 20 mph.

Having quadruple checked the cards...Tiverton won the match by one hole – thanks Mark for your help with this!

Thanks for keeping this tournament running for another year, and long may it continue.

*Julian, Royal North Devon GC*



Hello Ian,

Please find attached the results sheet for today's match between Ipswich Golf Club and Woodbridge GC. Woodbridge came out with the victory, winning by 6 holes on the day.

Many thanks to the Ipswich team for hosting the day. The course was in fantastic condition, and the home team was very welcoming. There was some great golf played by all juniors of both teams.

Kind regards,

*Ken, Woodbridge GC*



Hi Ian

I wasn't there but I know that Childwall won on the 1st Extra Hole, I'm sure Stephen will send in the form soon.

From what I heard it was a fantastic match and played in great spirit – no surprises that the juniors absolutely loved the opportunity to play Hillside.

Stay Safe.

Kind Regards

*Malcolm, Childwall GC*



Thanks again for your organisation of this competition. Greetham Valley boys are a credit to their club. A great bunch of boys.

*John, Southport Old Links GC*



*Greetham Valley Golf Club versus Southport Old Links Golf Club*

Just to say thank you, once again for you organising of the National Junior Championship.

Really enjoyed our time in reaching the last 16. For our small squad, they have been a credit to our club. Especially in the way they handled their defeat. Great experience for them.

*John, Southport Old Links GC*

We had a close hard fought, but very friendly match.  
Belton Woods we're a pleasure to play against.

Thanks.

*Penny, Ashby Decoy GC*



Belton Woods Golf Club versus Ashby Decoy Golf Club

Wow what a game we had last night with West Derby, talk about swings and roundabouts, it all came down to the last hole, we had to win it to force extra holes, which we managed to do, then we hole a monster putt for a win on the first extra hole, my nerves are shot.

Fantastic competition and great comradery between all the teams we have played is magnificent.

Kind Regards

*Lee, Ashton Under Lyne GC*

