

BURNHAM AND BERROW GOLF CLUB LTD
WEST OF ENGLAND OPEN WINTER FOURSOMES
Conditions of Competition

1. Rules of Golf – The tournament will be played in accordance with The Rules of Golf as approved by The R&A and the local rules of Burnham and Berrow Golf Club as approved by the Captains committee.
2. Entry Qualifications – Any combination of partnership male, female, amateur or professional may enter. Amateur (Men) limited to handicap 18 or under CONGU UHS. Amateur (Ladies) limited to handicap 30 or under CONGU UHS. Amateurs must be in possession of a “competition” CONGU handicap with a CDH ID number at the time of entry. Professionals must be members of The PGA or other recognised professional tour, and for entry and competition purposes will play off the following handicaps:
 - PGA Professionals +2,
 - PGA Euro Pro (or equivalent) +3
 - European Tour Pro +4
3. The Tournament will be played in two stages. The first stage will consist of sixteen pools of up to four pairs in each pool. In the pool stage each pair will play all the other pairs in their pool on a ‘Round Robin’ basis on dates determined and notified in advance
4. If entries exceed more than 64 pairs, there will be a ballot with the 32 pairs with the lowest combined exact handicap gaining entry into the first stage. The remaining 32 places will be decided by an 18 hole prequalifying tournament on dates to be determined and notified in advance
5. The prequalifying tournament will be played as foursomes stableford from the men’s card with competitors playing off ½ combined handicap. Men will play from white tees, Ladies will play from red tees. Ladies will concede one shot before the handicap calculation for the difference in SSS.
6. The 32 pairs with the highest points over the 18 holes will qualify for the pool stages of the Tournament. In the event of a tie for 32nd place the result will be decided by a card playoff with the pair with the highest points total over last 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes. If a tie still exists the result will be decided over the first nine of the second round with the team scoring the highest points total over the last 9, 6, 3, and 1 holes.
7. The Pool matches will be foursomes matchplay over 18 holes. Handicap allowance will be 3/8ths of combined difference with shots taken against the men’s card. Men will play from white tees, ladies from red tees. Ladies will receive one equalising shot before the calculation.
8. In the pool stage the winner of each match will receive 3 points. If a match is halved each pair will receive one point each. The pair with the highest number of points of each pool will progress to the second stage.

9. In the event of two teams being tied for the lead with equal points at the pool stage the team to progress to the next stage will be decided by the result of the match between the tied teams with the team that won the match progressing to the next stage.
10. If the result of the two tied teams match was a half the result of the pool will be decided by the difference of the number of holes won/lost of the three matches played in the pool with the pair winning the greatest number of holes progressing to the next stage.
11. If more than two teams are tied the result will be decided as above with the pair winning the greatest number of holes progressing.
12. A team not being present and ready to play at the allotted time in one of the pool matches will result in the loss of the first hole. If a team is not present within 5 minutes of their allotted time the match will be forfeited and the result will count as a 10 and 8 victory for the opponents.
13. The second stage will be a knockout stage with matches being played as foursomes matchplay over 18 holes except for the final which will be played over 36 holes. Handicap allowances and equalising shots will be the same as in the pool stages ie. 3/8ths of combined difference and one equalising shot for ladies.
14. In any round of the knockout stage a match is all square after 18 holes, or in the case of the final all square after 36 holes, competitors shall continue to play until one pair wins a hole, when the match will be considered won. If extra holes are played strokes will be conceded at the same holes as in the first round.
15. Withdrawal – Any pair wishing to withdraw at any stage of the tournament must make their intention known to the Committee as soon as possible so a replacement can be made if possible. No shows without any notice may be excluded from future events.
16. Any withdrawal made after the closing date will not be entitled to any refund of the entry fee
17. If a pair withdraws before the first round matches of the pool stages the vacancy will be offered to the next available pair from the prequalifying tournament.
18. If a pair that has qualified for the knockout stage from the pools withdraws before the first round of the knockout matches the available place will offered to the next available pair from the relevant pool.
19. Substitution/ replacement of players – A player may be substituted or replaced for another player before any rounds are played. Players may not be substituted between rounds of the qualifying tournament, or once a pair has qualified for the pool stages.
20. A player who has gained an exemption into the pool stages by virtue of a ballot may be replaced (a) only before any matches have been played and (b) by a player with an equal or lower handicap than the player they are replacing.

21. Round abandoned/ suspension of play. – Prequalifying Rounds – if during one of the prequalifying rounds it is necessary to suspend play and it is not possible to complete the full round on that day and if less than half the field have completed the round, the round will be abandoned. If more than half the field have completed the round the round will stand and the points total for each pair will be for the number of holes completed by the last pair on the course before play was abandoned for the day.
22. Round abandoned/ suspension of play – Pool Stage – if during one of the pool stage matches it is necessary to suspend play and it is not possible to complete the round for any reason the result of the match will be taken as the result of how the relevant match stands at the point when play was abandoned for the day. Eg Player A&B were 2up on players C&D after 11 holes players A&B will be recorded as winning the match by 2holes. In the event of a match being all square when play was abandoned the match will be recorded as a half.
23. Round abandoned/ Suspension of play – Knockout stage – Except for the final, if during the knockout stage it is necessary to suspend play and it is not possible to complete the round players will in conjunction with the Captains committee agree to finish the match at a mutually agreeable time but before the next scheduled round of the tournament. If agreement cannot be made to an agreeable time the result of the match will be decided by the toss of a coin.
24. The losing semi-finalist will be invited to play for 3rd and 4th places in a match over 36 holes on the same day as the final for the Plate
25. If it is not possible to play the final due to the course being closed due to inclement weather an alternative date will be arranged by the Captains committee after consultation and in conjunction with the finalists.
26. All entries are subject to the approval of the Captains Committee that reserves the right to disqualify and accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry at its discretion without giving reasons for its decision
27. The Captains Committee reserve the right to amend or alter any of the competition conditions above at its discretion at any time.