

## KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB KNOCK-OUT TROPHY

### COMPETITION RULES

1. The Knighton Heath Knock-Out Trophy is the Dorset Seniors 10-man Team knock-out trophy similar to the Beckford Bowl and the Stoke Salver. It was founded in 1996 by a Knighton Heath Seniors Captain with a view to encouraging competitive team play for seniors aged 60 and over.
2. The competition is to be played in accordance with the R & A Rules of Golf and administered by a committee from the host club Seniors' Section, comprising a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and one other member, referred to hereafter as the Committee. The competition is for both a Knock-Out Trophy and a Knock-Out Plate. The Plate is competed for by all teams knocked out in their first match and proceeds on a similar basis to the Trophy competition. The Committee will determine the entry fee.
3. The competition is open to all EGU affiliated clubs within a 50 miles radius of the host club. Application forms should be returned to Knighton Heath GC on or before the closing date of March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. A club may submit two teams, but once nominated a player may only represent the team he was originally nominated for.
4. A team shall comprise 10 male players aged 60 or over on the day of the match. The format is match-play and each match is played as 10 singles using the home club's tees of the day – NOT the championship tees. The maximum WHS index is 17, adjusted for Course Handicap, with full stroke allowance. Players with a WHS index above 17 may play but would have to assume the maximum WHS index allowed. The order of play shall be in handicap order [lowest first]. In the event of a draw the visiting team will be awarded the match. The host club is invited to supply a post-match meal to be paid for by the individual players.
5. The dates by which matches are to be played have been determined by the Committee and are tabled below for 2024. Finals are to be played at Knighton Heath Golf Club teeing off at 13.00 hrs on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. The Trophy finalists will start from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, the Plate finalists at the 11<sup>th</sup> tee.

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Play by	Trophy	Plate
5th Apr	Preliminary	
10th May	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	
31st May		Preliminary
21st June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	
21th June		1 <sup>st</sup> Round
2nd Aug	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
13th Sept	Semi-final	Semi-final
3rd Oct	Final	Final

7. The Committee will arrange the draw for the preliminary and first round matches of the Trophy, on an East-West basis, and participants will be informed within one week of the closing date. The first drawn will be the home club who should provide three available dates to its opponent. If a “home” club cannot accommodate a match it may be played at the “away” venue.
8. For all subsequent matches, Trophy and Plate, the two teams will determine the match venue using the Lottery Bonus-ball method. The result of each match is to be emailed or telephoned to the Committee as soon as possible after the match date giving the winner, the actual result and the venue at which the match was played.
9. The 2nd round of the Trophy and the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Plate will be drawn by the Committee in the form of a ladder structure. For all matches in the ladder structure the two teams will determine the match venue using the Lottery Bonus-ball method.
10. The final of both the Trophy and Plate will be played at Knighton Heath Golf Club on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Each team plus a reserve player will be entitled to a practice round arranged through the KHGC Pro Shop upon payment of the KHGC member’s ‘guest rate’, should they wish to do so.
11. If a final finishes in a tie then the result is to be determined by “*sudden death*” between two pre-nominated players.  
In the case of the host club reaching the final, and the result is a tie, then the away team will win based on the away team rule.
12. There will be a match meal for all the finalists at the conclusion of the finals, attended by the Seniors’ Captain and Club Captain of Knighton Heath Golf Club. Each team of ten plus one reserve from the club will dine free of charge. Additional places at the meal will be limited and may be booked on payment of the appropriate meal charge. The presentation after the meal will comprise the Knighton Heath Knock-Out Trophy and Plate, inscribed and retained by the host club. All finalists and their reserve player will receive a memento of the day.
13. Any dispute is to be referred in writing to the Committee whose decision is final