

THE ASH CUP

(Pairs Handicap Match Play Knockout)

COMPETITION RULES

1. The ASH CUP is a team match play competition, played with a partner on the basis of elimination and on handicap (i.e. net score) according to the Rules of Golf and these competition rules. The competition is open to members of Willowbend Ladies Golf Association (WLGA) in possession of a GHIN handicap. Sign up will begin at the Spring Meeting and the closing date will be before the Eclectic Tournament. The draw will be made after the presentation at the Eclectic tournament.
2. The competition fee will be \$5.00 each payable in the Pro Shop before the first round.
3. All players shall use their FULL handicaps at the time of the match. The higher-handicapped players shall be allowed the difference (rounded 0.4 and below down, 0.5 and above up) in the handicap between them and the lowest handicap player in the group. These handicap strokes will be available on the individual holes according to the Ladies Stroke Index on the scorecard. It is the responsibility of the higher handicap player to confirm with one of the PGA Professionals that these have been annotated correctly before the start of the match.
4. Matches will be played at Willowbend but may be played over 9 or 18 holes as preferred but must be agreed between competitors before commencement of that round. If the match is between 9 hole golfers and 18 hole golfers, priority is given to the 9 hole golfer's choice. Matches standing all-square after completion of the stipulated round shall continue a sudden death playoff until one team wins a hole.
5. All rounds MUST be completed on or before the dates shown at the top of the respective column in the draw, (i.e. approximately one per month) which will be posted on the notice board in the Ladies Locker Room after the draw. The team whose name appears second (below) in the draw shall be responsible for arranging the match. It is the responsibility of the second team in a match to contact the first team with three dates/times that they are available within the timescale. These times must vary (i.e. cannot be the same day and time of the week). If these prove to be unsuitable then the first team must suggest three alternatives and if these are not suitable then a date must be mutually agreed in whatever way possible. All competitors are urged to be flexible and accommodating to reach agreement on a date. The flipping of a coin will be used as a last resort. If a date is agreed and then one of the teams is not available, they must forfeit the match unless their opponents agree to an alternative date. Any decisions or rulings will be made by the competition organizer.
6. If a player becomes injured or unable to play for whatever reason then their partner either has to play the match alone or forfeit the match and their opponents progress to the next round of the competition. However, if no previous play has been made in the tournament by the player (i.e. it is the first round), and the opponent agrees, then a substitute can be found to play with the partner but the substitute would continue to

play throughout the tournament until they lose or win the competition. N.B. The substitute must not have already played in the competition (i.e. with another partner).

7. Matches related to this tournament cannot be played at the same time as the Ladies Day weekly game. Separate team times must be reserved.

8. On completion of the individual matches, it is the responsibility of the winning team to update the draw sheet with their result. It is then the responsibility of the second team to complete their match in the draw to contact the first to arrange the next round within the timescale: -

- (16)*First round – on or by June 30th
- (8) Second round - on or by July 31st
- (4) Semi Final rounds – on or by August 31st
- (2) Final round - on or by September 30th

depending on number of entries – an earlier round maybe necessary

THESE DATES MUST BE ADHERED TO STRICTLY