

THE STEVENS CUP

(Singles Handicap Match Play Knockout)

COMPETITION RULES

1. The STEVENS CUP is a match play competition, played by individuals 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 be 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 before the first round.
3. All players shall use their FULL handicaps at the time of the match. The higher-handicapped player 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. 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 a 9-hole golfer and an 18-hole golfer, 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 player 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. It is the responsibility of the second player in a match to contact the first player with three dates/times that she is 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 person 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 can be used as a last resort. If a date is agreed and then one of the players is not available, she must forfeit the match unless her opponent agrees to an alternative date. The winning player must then claim the match and complete the column in the draw. 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 they have to forfeit the match and their opponent progresses to the next round of the competition. However, if no previous play has been in the tournament by the player (i.e. it is the first round) and the opponent agrees then a substitute can be found 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 player to update the draw sheet with their result. It is then the responsibility of the second player to complete their match in the draw to contact the first to arrange the next round within the timescale: -

- (32) *First round – on or by May 31st
- (16) Second round – on or by June 30th
- (8) Third round - on or by July 31
- (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