



# Myerscough Golf Club



## Matchplay (Club knockout) Competition – Revised 2026

### Terms of the competition

#### All entrants must comply with the Gender and Fairness in Competition Policy.

Entrants Must:

1. Be a paid-up Member of Myerscough Golf Club.
2. Have an 'active' handicap.  
(Active means a minimum of 8 x 18 hole or equivalent 9-hole qualifying scores on their WHS scoring record within the previous 18 months).
3. Have been a member of the club for a minimum of **3 months** in the competition year.
4. If there are outstanding entry fees, competitors will not be eligible to continue in the competition or enter future club competitions.

The Club Match Play competition is an 18-hole Stroke play non qualifying competition with each round being played between nominated dates.

#### All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity – for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Showing consideration to others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
- Taking good care of the course – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.

#### Applying the Rules

- Player Responsibility for Applying the Rules. Players are responsible for applying the Rules to themselves:





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### Meaning of “Rules”;

The “Rules” means:

- Rules 1-25 and their Definitions in the Rules of Golf, and
- Any “Local Rules” the Committee adopts for the competition or the course.

It is recommended that players read up on some of the more useful rules such as, but not limited to.

- Abnormal course conditions.
- Embedded Ball.
- Red Penalty areas.
- Ball unplayable.
- Loose impediment.

For anyone with an interest it is also recommended that you download the Rules App.

### Local Rules

If any local rules need to be introduced, they will be communicated by email and posted on the Club notice board

### Competition

All entrants must have registered and paid the entrance fee.

The draw and dates will be published and entrants should contact their opponent to arrange agreed dates to play via email which will be done automatically by the club software.

Members will play using their full official active club handicap.

Shots received, if there is a difference between the player’s handicaps. The highest handicap player will receive the full difference between the competitors.

For example player A has a handicap of 18, player B a handicap of 22. Difference of 4 shots will be afforded to Player B. All handicaps are based on current active handicaps on the day the match is played.

The player drawn first will be responsible for contacting the opponent and arranging the date. If a match cannot be played in the allotted period the first player drawn for the fixture will automatically be progressed to the next round. Each round of matches should be completed by the day prior to the next round starting date.





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Arranging of fixtures, the first drawn player is to offer at least four dates to the opponent that the fixture should be played. It will be the responsibility of the second player drawn to accept one of these dates. It is hoped every effort is made to identify suitable date between both parties, however it is recommended the proposed dates should not all be consecutive and at least two of these dates should be on a Saturday or Sunday.

The R & A rules of match play will apply.

Deciding Issues by Agreement.

During a round, the players in a match may agree how to decide a Rules issue:

The agreed outcome is conclusive even if it turns out to have been wrong under the Rules, so long as the players did not deliberately agree to ignore any Rule or penalty they knew applied. If players do not agree or have doubt about how the Rules apply, either player may request a ruling from the committee.

Local rules apply only for the day they are authorised by the committee.

### Awards

Prizes will be awarded to players placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>..

The winner will be announced on the day and acknowledge at the AGM.

### Issues or concerns during play

Issues or concerns raised during any competition must be reported to either the handicap secretary or member of the committee as soon as is practicable but at the latest on the Monday after the competition closes.

A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty:

- The player must decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and before making a stroke.
- The player should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball, by announcing that choice to his or her marker or to another player before making a stroke.





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### **Amendments**

Myerscough Golf Club reserve the right to make amendments, as agreed by the committee, to any of the above competition rules.

### **The Committee**

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