

East Riding & District of Yorkshire Golf Alliance

Rules of Association

The participating clubs shall be Beverley, Bridlington Belvedere, Brough, Burstwick, Cave Castle, Cottingham, Drifffield, Easingwold, Filey, Forest Park, Fulford, Ganstead Park, Hainsworth Park, Hessle, Heworth, Hornsea, Hull (Kirk Ella), Kilnwick Percy, Kirkbymoorside, Malton & Norton, Pike Hills, Sandburn Hall, Scarborough North Cliff, Scarborough South Cliff, Sutton Park, and York (Strensall). All participating club will pay an association fee agreed at the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.)

Visiting clubs will enter 3 pairs of players with 2 Pairs during the middle season as indicated on fixture list. (Clubs may enter extra pairings on the request of the Honorary Secretary).

All team entries must be forwarded to the hosting club no later than seven days prior to the meeting taking place.

To be eligible to participate in the East Riding & District of Yorkshire Golf Alliance (ER&DYGA) you must have a WHS handicap index of 14.4 or less; and be a member of an affiliated club. Players with a higher handicap index may still participate but will play using the maximum HI of 14.4. The Course Handicap applicable to the venue will apply. The format of the competition will be four ball better ball medal, with a handicap allowance of 85% of the Course Handicap. This will be your Playing Handicap for the day.

Teams may consist of an Amateur with a Professional; an Amateur with an Assistant Professional or two Amateurs. Junior Golfers may participate but must have attained the age of 14 at entry. Entry fees will be decided at the A.G.M. of the association each year. The competition is 4BBB Medal play, there will be Prize Vouchers for leading pairings along with numerous placings at each event subject to event having the correct entry. In the event of a tie all winners will be decided via a countback over the back 9, back 6 etc (the winning pair at each event may not play together for the remaining fixtures of the current Hull Daily Mail Season)

Hosting a Winter Alliance will be agreed prior to the A.G.M. of the Association. Winter rules will be adopted in consideration of the host club's policy on play in winter. ***Because of host clubs winter policy and reduction in measured length, all competitions will be deemed as non-qualifiers for handicap purposes.***

Preferred Lies in operation in accordance with **R&A ruling E-3**. When any part of a player's ball touches part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area. **Reference point** – Spot of original ball, **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point** – one scorecard length or 6 inches from the reference point. **Limits on Location of Relief Area** – Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, must be in the general area. In proceeding with this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for placing a ball under **Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e**. But, for the purposes of applying **Rule 14.2e**, the player has only chosen the spot on which to place the ball once the ball has been set down, and the player has let the ball go with intent for that to be in play. After a ball has been placed and is in play under this Local Rule, if the player then proceeds under another Rule that provides relief, this Local Rule may be used again. Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under **Rule 14.7a**.

Each host club shall be responsible for providing at least one Marshal to assist in ensuring that the pace of play is reasonable. Pace of play is the responsibility of players and their clubs. Should the pace of play interfere with the smooth running of the competition penalties may be taken against competitors and/or clubs.

At each event, the lowest two scores of the day from each club will count toward the Hull Daily Mail Trophy. The Trophy will be presented to the club with the lowest total score over the events at the final hosted event of the season. The scores recorded by "extra teams" provided will only count for prize vouchers at each event.

The Penultimate meeting of the Winter Alliance series shall be for the "Presidents Salver" which will take place at a venue previously arranged at an A.G.M. Each club shall enter three two-man teams all scores shall count in deciding the winner of that trophy. Prize Vouchers shall be presented (along with the team prize) in accordance with the decision of the Association's A.G.M. The Final meeting of the Winter Alliance series shall be for the Chiltern Championship Gross (Scratch) & Fairhurst Trophy (Nett), which will take place at a venue previously arranged at an A.G.M. Each club shall be eligible to enter individuals, providing they have played or deemed to have played in Hull Daily Mail current seasonal fixture. The format of the competition will be an Individual Medal, players competing in "Chiltern Championship" play off Scratch, players with handicap index of 6.4 and above will compete in the "Fairhurst Trophy" handicap allowance of 95% of the Course Handicap. This will be your Playing Handicap for the day. Prize Vouchers shall be presented in accordance with the decision of the Association's A.G.M.

All clubs are expected to provide a full complement of, players/teams, at each event. Any club failing to send part, or their full complement, of players, will have to make a re-imbursement to the ER&DYGA the entry monies of part, or all the team, not submitted.

If an event is cancelled owing to adverse weather conditions, the fixture will not take place, with the exception of the Presidents Salver, Championship & Fairhurst Trophy these meetings will take place seven days after the original fixture date. (Clubs are asked to make note of this when fixing their diary of events.)

Clubs will have the right to appeal such sanction, providing that a formal letter is sent to the Honorary Secretary, the reasoning for non-compliance, of the fielding part, or full team. This appeal will then be heard by the Honorary Secretary, Treasurer and President in attendance (additional person in attendance maybe requested from non-associated club), alternatively at the following A.G.M. Where the decision of the appeal being heard, will be decided, any decision made at either meeting will be final.

**THESE RULES HAVE BEEN AGREED BY ALL CLUBS REPRESENTED BY OFFICIALS OF THE ASSOCIATION
AMENDMENTS BY PROPOSAL AT THE A.G.M. OF THE ASSOCIATION**