

# **HKFC Golf Society Matchplay Championship 2017/18**

## **Rules**

The GS is launching a new annual event which will be played as a matchplay event over the course of a year. It is open to all amateur members.

Matches will be played off full USGA handicaps (as verified by the GHIN system). Handicap are netted down so if an 18 handicap plays a 10 handicap the 18 handicap receives 8 strokes on stroke index holes 1 - 8.

Players must have returned a minimum of three scores to the GHIN system in the 6 months preceding any tournament match.

Maximum handicap (before netting down) for any round is 24 for men and 36 for ladies.

Ladies, and boys under 15 to play off ladies tees and men to play off forward men's tees unless otherwise agreed by both parties.

Players are to arrange matches for each round directly. The first named player in the draw is responsible for arranging the match to be played before the round deadline. Players should agree the course to be played where possible otherwise the first named player has the casting vote.

If the match is not played by the deadline the second named player will go through but the first named player may appeal based on his efforts to arrange the game supported by email evidence! The tournament committee will decide on the appeal and their decision is final.

A maximum draw of 64 is allowed on a first come first served basis.

Players should agree in advance how to determine a tie. This may be by count back (last 9, last three, last hole, then hole by hole backwards from 18th), replay (within the deadline for the round), toss of a coin, putt out or any other agreed basis. If players cannot agree on a method a coin toss shall decide the winner.

There will be a trophy for winner and runner up with the winner being recorded on a permanent trophy to be retained at the Club. There will be prizes for the semifinalists and finalists.

Matchplay rounds will have priority for debentures at Lotus Hill and Macau except over GS matches provided they are made before the debenture allocation cut off date.

Any disputes should be forwarded to the Tournament Organiser (Phil Head) for decision by the Tournament Committee. All matches will be subject to the USGA rules in force at the time of each match. Other rules for each match round (not in contravention of the Rules of Golf) to be agreed between players before each match (eg preferred lies, drop zones, gimmes in circles etc).