

THE LYTHAM ST ANNES TROPHY

FORMAT AND PLAY: The Lytham & St Annes Trophy is played over 18 holes from our competition tee markers. The Lytham & St Annes Trophy is a Mixed Greensomes Matchplay competition.

TERMS OF ENTRY: **The Lytham & St Annes Trophy is open to both male and female members including Juniors. A maximum of one junior is permitted to play in the same pair, and it is a recommendation of the competitions committee that juniors refrain from playing with another family member.** The maximum playing handicap is 24 for men and 36 for ladies. A substitution is permitted prior to the draw being made, but players must notify either the Club Professional or the Chair of Competitions.

1. KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

1.1 Fees for knockout competitions must be paid at the time of entering the competition in the professional's shop.

1.2 Members signing up to knockout competitions must be aware of, and available to play on, the set date for Finals Day.

1.3 If, during the knockout schedule, a member becomes unavailable to play on Finals Day, they must not arrange further matches and must immediately inform the Competitions Committee. The member will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition.

If this occurs at any stage up to and including the semi-final, their opponents will receive a walkover and progress to the next round. If this occurs after a semi-final has been played, the losing semi-finalist will take their place in the final. Competition entry fees are non-refundable, regardless of the reason for withdrawal.

Members should make every effort to play knockout matches, as withdrawals after entry fall outside the spirit of the game and are discourteous to fellow members.

1.4 If you qualify for more than one knockout final, ties will be played over the weekend of the set date for Finals Day.

1.5 Players are responsible for arranging their matches. The first-named pair must offer three dates/times to their opponents, who should respond within seven days either accepting a date/time or suggesting alternatives. Once a date/time is agreed, the first-named pair must book the tee on BRS and confirm the details to their opponents.

If no agreement is reached, the first-named pair must inform the Competitions Committee, who will specify a date and time for the match. Both pairs must then play at that time.

If the match is still not played by the required date, the Competitions Committee will decide the next steps, considering how both pairs followed the process. The Committee's decision is final.

Members are advised to confirm suggested dates by text or email when arranging matches verbally.

1.6 In the event of a tied match after 18 holes, a sudden-death play-off starting from hole one will determine the winner.

1.7 No extensions will be granted beyond the play-by date.

1.8 Players are responsible for confirming the match result with either the Club Professional or the Chair of Competitions.

HANDICAP ALLOWANCES

The handicap allowance for each partnership is calculated as follows: 60% of the lowest course handicap and 40% of the highest course handicap. Please use the Ladies Red and Men's White handicap tables provided in the Pro Shop for this calculation.

- Add together the handicaps for each pair.
- Calculate the difference between the two pairs' handicaps.
- Apply the handicap allowance of 100% to the difference.
- Round handicaps up if the difference is not a whole number.

FINALS DAY: The final will be played over 18 holes with referees for each match. In the event of a tied match after 18 holes, a sudden-death play-off will decide the winner using holes 1, 2, and 9.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION: This is a Board Competition and there will be a 1st and 2nd prize. Prizes will be issued as vouchers redeemable through the Club Professional's shop. The value of these vouchers will be set and reviewed each year by the Competitions Committee.

All winners are expected to attend the Presentation Evening, and a letter or email will be sent inviting them. In exceptional circumstances, if a winner is unable to attend, they should inform the Captain or the Chair of the Competitions Committee and nominate someone to receive the prize on their behalf.