

# Metropolitan Trophy and Provincial Towns Challenge Cup Rules 2018

## **1. General**

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.
- b) The Tournament shall be under the control of Leinster Golf.
- c) The Provincial Council of Leinster Golf shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournaments and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries. The Committee shall have authority to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete a match in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

## **2. Eligibility**

- a) The Metropolitan Trophy is open to all clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland in the Province of Leinster inside the Metropolitan area viz: a radius of 18 miles from the G.P.O. in Dublin.
- b) The Provincial Towns (Leinster) Challenge Cup is open to all clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland situate in the Province of Leinster outside the Metropolitan area.
- c) Each club is entitled to enter one team.
- d) In order to be eligible to compete in the tournament, a player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event.

Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.

## **3. Format**

- a) Each team shall consist of 9 members and play shall be by singles match play.
- b) All matches to be played off scratch.
- c) The team matches shall be played in accordance with the draws made by the Provincial Council.
- d) In each round, with the exception of the final, 5 matches shall be played on the course of the club drawn first and the remaining four matches on the course of the club drawn second on the same day. In the event of any round falling on or near a date fixed for any other Union Tournament, the Provincial Council may alter the dates for the playing of those rounds and the Clubs concerned must abide by its decision.
- e) All matches must be played on the same day.
- f) The final shall be played on a home and away basis and in the event of a tie after the second leg the number one pairing that have played in the second leg shall immediately play match play over three holes in such sequence as shall be prescribed by the Branch before the final. If still tied shall engage in sudden death play-off over the same prescribed holes.

## **4. Handicaps**

- a) For the purpose of this Tournament the handicap eligibility shall be that the player's lowest playing handicap in the preceding calendar year shall not have been less than nine.

## **5. Submission of Teams**

- a) The respective Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously the names of members of their teams in their order of play, together with the names of reserves, not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.
- b) A copy of the "Cups & Shields Handicap Report" generated from *Golfnet* which provides evidence of the lowest handicap held and the number of qualifying scores for each member of the team, in the previous calendar year, must be exchanged with the team sheet between the team managers. If the report is not available on the day of the match, it must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and Branch Office within one working day. **Penalty for Breach of (b) = Disqualification of the team concerned.**

## **6. Sudden Illness / Other Emergency**

- a) No alteration may be made in the list handed in – either in the matter of players or the order of play – except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency deemed sufficient justification for such an alteration by the Championship Committee.
- b) A Team Captain may nominate two reserves. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted, shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
- c) Any competitor who is unable to continue a match will forfeit the remaining holes to be played.
- d) Penalty for Breach of Rule 6 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

## **7. Prizes**

- a) The Trophies shall be called the 'Metropolitan Trophy' and the 'Provincial Towns (Leinster) Challenge Cup' and shall be competed for annually.
- b) Each Trophy shall be held for one year by the winning club and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Leinster Golf Office before the final in the following year. The winning club shall also receive a Pennant and the runner-up shall receive a Plaque. All other prizes shall be determined by the Championship Committee.

## **8. Results**

- a) The winning club in each round must notify the results to the Branch Office not later than one working day after the conclusion of the match.

- 9. The penalty** for breach of Rules 2, 4, 6, shall be disqualification of the team concerned.