



# 31st RIBI Rotary Golf Club Championship

Rotary Club of Leicester District 1070

## Championship Rules

Entry to the competition is open to all Rotary Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland.

Initially the competition will be played on a Match Play basis within Districts. Each District Winning Team will be eligible to compete in the National Final at The Leicestershire Golf Club on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Clubs may enter up to **four** teams and any number of players may be used in the competition. In the District knockout rounds, players may play in any of the four teams, but having played in any one of the teams may not then play in another team. All players must have valid current CONGU handicaps and be prepared to produce evidence thereof. **AGAIN THIS YEAR In order to stimulate participation by smaller clubs with few golfing members, entry by members from two different clubs within a District is permissible. Should such a combined team win the National Championship then the accolades and prizes will be shared accordingly.**

### District Competition Format

Matches will be by 4 Ball Better Ball Match Play over 18 holes. In the event of a tie, a sudden death play-off will decide the result. In the preliminary round (if applicable) and the first round, the first named team on the draw sheet is entitled to "home" advantage or choice of the course. Any team with a bye will automatically have an away fixture in the next qualifying round unless the opponent in the next qualifying round also has a bye, in which case the first named team will have a home fixture.

In the Knock out Rounds the competitors may be obliged by the Golf Club to use the tee of the day. In the absence of such a requirement competitors are encouraged to agree the choice of tee. Failing such agreement, the choice of tee shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

It is the responsibility of the winning team to inform the District Organiser immediately after a match has been played. For all subsequent rounds until the District Final the first team to report the result of a match will be entitled to home advantage or choice of the course. The District Final shall be played on a neutral course unless both teams agree otherwise.

Costs of each golf match are to be shared equally by all players concerned. Details of the relevant District draw and additional information will be sent to all competitors and the District Organisers in mid April. The first named club team on the draw sheet will be responsible for contacting their opponents and arranging the match immediately their opponents are known. It is important that all matches are played promptly owing to the shortness of time between rounds. A minimum of three dates must be given to the opponents, one of

which must be a Saturday or Sunday. No extensions of time will be permitted for any reason including injury, bad weather and holidays. In the event of a match not being played for whatever reason by the due date, the result will ultimately be decided on the toss of a coin by the Committee.

Higher handicap players may compete, but the Maximum Handicap Allowance is 24 for men and 30 for Ladies. Strokes should be calculated by reference to the lowest handicap in accordance with match play procedures **(i.e. 90% of the difference as implemented from 1/01/16)**. Matches between men and ladies must be played in accordance with the CONGU recommendations for Mixed Golf. Handicap strokes should be taken from the men's card.

### **National Final**

In the event of a District Winning Team being unable to play in the National Final, the losing finalist or –in turn, semi-finalists may be invited to represent their District at the National Final. Rotary Clubs may select any bona fide member of their Rotary Club to represent them at the National Final. This competition will be an 18 Hole Stableford for teams of 3, maximum handicap allowance 24 for men and 30 for ladies with the best two cards to count.

A **separate individual competition** will be run in conjunction with the Team Championship. Eligibility for the individual competition is:

- All Team Championship Players in the National Finals
- Players losing in the District Finals
- All District Organisers (alternatively their deputies or a nominee)
- National Finalists from the previous year finishing in positions 1 to 3 in both the Team Championship and the individual competitions (alternates are other players from their Rotary Clubs).
- **ANY ROTARIAN GOLFER (THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO HAVE PLAYED IN THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP)**

Prize trophies for finals will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> best Team and individual scores. All players playing on finals day will be required to pay a reduced green fee. Any player may only win one trophy and the Team trophy will have precedence.

The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters of dispute in this competition and the Committee will have the right to disqualify any Club that does not comply with the Rules. By entering and participating in the competition all players and Clubs agree to abide by these Rules and the Rules of Golf as defined by the R&A. Breaches of each of the Rules can be enforced retrospectively up until the following round of the competition has been played. Accounts showing the distribution of all monies received will be available on request.

Website: <http://www.rotary-leicester.org.uk/ribi-golf-championships-2017/>