

The N.L.C.G.A. Scratch League Rules – revised – 2003

This competition is played under the rules of the N.L.C.G.A. and is open to all Clubs affiliated to the Northamptonshire Ladies County Golf Association.

1. An entry fee of £7.00 per team must be sent to the County Treasurer to be received before 1st February.
2. A Team shall consist of three players (not necessarily the same throughout the competition). A player may not represent different clubs in the Cecil Leitch and Scratch League in any one season.
3. Clubs entered shall be divided into sections, to be decided by the Executive Committee of the N.L.C.G.A. and a draw made at the Delegates meeting in March of the preceding year. The Executive Committee of the N.L.C.G.A. must be notified of withdrawal from the competition by 31st January.
4. All matches, both home and away, are to be completed by 31st August, the Scratch League Organiser having been informed of those fixtures by 30th April. Fixtures may be altered up to seven days before they are due to be played, but thereafter only upon the agreement of the Captains of both teams. Scratch League Organiser to be notified of new date.
5. Each team must appoint a Captain (playing or non-playing) who is responsible for the whole match. Match sheets must be exchanged 15 minutes before the start of the match. The order of play is not dependent upon the players' handicaps as it is a Scratch competition, under the R. and A. and Local Rules.
6. All matches are to be played from the L.G.U. markers and the visiting team shall have the honour on the first tee.
7. If a visiting team member fails to arrive on the first tee at the time allotted for her game, a walkover for her game will be awarded to the opposing team and is to be scored 1 up.
8. Individual matches must be played to a finish. Full details of individual matches must be recorded so that Sectional ties can be decided on the aggregate of points in all matches played. In the event of a team forfeiting a match under these rules the opposing team shall, for the purposes of resolving Sectional ties, be regarded as having won all three individual matches.
9. The results of all matches, recorded on the Official match sheet, signed by both team Captains, must be sent immediately by the **HOME CAPTAIN** to the Scratch League Organiser.

10. The SEMI-FINALS and FINAL will be played in the AUTUMN, on a neutral course or courses, to be nominated by the Executive Committee, for a trophy to be held for one year (whenever possible the semi-finals and final will be played on the same day).
11. If it is necessary to have three sections, the semi-finalists will be the winners of the three sections plus the runner-up with the best ratio of team matches played. If this results in a tie, the team with the best ratio of individual matches won per individual matches played will be the fourth semi-finalist.
12. If, for any reason, play is suspended and the course is no longer playable, the continuation of play must be arranged, if possible, before the team Captain's leave the Club. This must be within two weeks of the original date and no extension beyond 31st August can be granted unless a course is still unplayable.
13. Any Club whose course has ceased to count for L.G.U. Handicap purposes may not enter, or continue to compete in the competition, and any matches played shall be treated as if they had not been played.
14. All questions arising under these Rules shall be decided by the Executive Committee of the N.L.C.G.A. in accordance with Rule 5 (b)
15. The winner of a section will be the team having won the most team matches. Ties will be decided on the best aggregate of holes up in individual games.
16. All players in Scratch League team matches must be members of the NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION (effective 1994 onwards).
17. Competitors may not engage a PROFESSIONAL or ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL GOLFER as a caddy.

Penalty for breach of rule: DISQUALIFICATION