



## CENTENARY PLATE RULES

This competition shall be an annual Foursomes Knock-out. A pair from any Club affiliated to Somerset shall be nominated by their Home Club and must be Full County members. If a player has already represented her home club in the Centenary Plate and changes club in the same season, then she is ineligible to play for the new club until the following year.

One player must have a WHS Handicap Index less than or equal to 21.0 and the other player must have a WHS Handicap Index of 21.1 - 36.0 on the day of each match. Should either of the chosen pair be unable to play, substitution may be made for any round.

**Note:** If the Club does not have a player in the 21.0 or under category, a player with a higher handicap may be entered but she must play off a WHS Handicap Index of 21.0.

The required entry fee must be paid to the County Competitions Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Each pair should calculate 50% of their combined course handicaps, rounding up if applicable. The difference between the competing pairs' combined handicap should then be used as the basis for play.

Each round of the Centenary Plate shall be played on a neutral course allocated by the Organising Committee after the draw has been made. The top club in each match shall be responsible for arranging a date acceptable to both teams which may be any day of the week including Sundays. Clubs should offer 3 dates to include a weekend.

Normally 6 weeks shall be allowed for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the competition and 4 weeks for the subsequent rounds.

An extension of the time allowed for each Round will not normally be granted.

It shall be the joint responsibility of the two pairs, after contacting the host Club, to decide if weather conditions permit play. This decision must be made not less than two hours before the match is due to start.

Immediately after each match, the result must be notified to the County Competitions Secretary or nominated person by the winning pair.

The Final will be on the course and date allocated when the Draw is made. In the event that the allocated course is represented by either team of finalists, a neutral course will be found and, if possible, the specified date will be maintained.

If a player intends to use a Caddie, please ensure that they are conversant with Rule 10 of the Rules of Golf. Also, Rule 22 applies, regarding giving advice specifically in Foursomes.