



The Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union General Rules Relating to All Tournaments

1. All tournaments shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as defined by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. Any such local rules shall be approved by the Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union.
2. (a) All entries must be made on the appropriate official entry form and must be received by the Tournament Secretary on or before the stipulated closing date for entries.
(b) All such entry forms must be accompanied by the stipulated entry fee.
(c) No entry fee will be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing date for entries except for any entrant who may be balloted out and who does not subsequently play.
(d) All entries shall be the subject to the approval of the Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision, which shall be final.
3. The Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union reserves the right to set starting times and alter them as required. Any competitor who is not present and ready to play on the 1st tee at their allocated starting time shall be disqualified.
4. If in any Tournament it becomes impossible to complete the Tournament in accordance with the Conditions thereof because of adverse weather conditions or other circumstances which in the opinion of the Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union make impossible or impractical to do so, the Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union shall be empowered to vary such Conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.
5. The specimen conditions regarding clubs and conforming golf balls in the most recent edition of the Rules of Golf are in effect for all Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union Tournaments.
6. Tournaments will only be open to members of clubs belonging to the Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union. The exceptions are
 - (a) The Leicestershire Fox
 - (b) The John Cheatle Foursomes, where invitation is granted by the current Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union president to members of golf clubs affiliated to a Golf Union. There must be one playing partner from the Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union.
 - (c) Professionals may enter the County Open provided that
 - (ci) they are attached an affiliated club of the Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union, or
 - (cii) they are members of the Leicestershire PGA, or
 - (ciii) they are sponsored by a Leicestershire & Rutland based business.
7. All disputes shall be resolved by a panel drawn from any three officers of the Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union.
8. The use of ride on buggies is generally prohibited in Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union events. Players should walk at all times unless permission to ride has been given by the Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union. Permission will only be given in exceptional circumstances.
9. In all Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union Tournaments, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a



stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

Note: Trolleys with a distance-measuring capability: May be used provided any other features, which are non-conforming, are disabled (e.g. 'taped up' or switched off).

- 10 Any competitor who during the course of an event, including practice days, misbehaves by for example swearing, throwing clubs or vandalising the course of clubhouse or acts in any manner which might bring the game in disrepute may be debarred from entering or taking part in any Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union event for such period as the Union may decide.
- 11 The requirements of the host Club regarding dress and general discipline will be strictly observed by players, caddies and supporters.
- 12 Mobile Phones (including pagers and similar devices) may not be used on the course in any Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union Tournaments by players or caddies for making/sending or receiving calls or texts (except in cases of emergency).

Any player found breaking this rule will automatically be disqualified from the Tournament (in the case of a strokeplay event) or forfeit their match (in the case of a matchplay event).