

## Pyecombe Pitcher

### Rules 2024

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Pitcher is to provide:

- a. A breeding ground for fringe Wellesley Trophy players.
- b. Scratch golf but in a slightly more relaxed atmosphere in the format of 4 ball better ball medal.
- c. The chance to play on some excellent courses.

#### 2. Format

The format is 4 Ball Better Ball Stroke Play.

#### 3. Teams

Each Club should field a team of 10 players, in 5 pairs.

#### 4. Handicap limitations

- a. Teams can comprise a maximum of 5 players with a handicap index ('HI') of 5.4 or below.
- b. The remainder of the team can be drawn from players with a HI of 5.5 or above.
- c. No stipulation is given on how pairings need to be arranged. This is at the discretion of the team captain to arrange pairings. For example, 2 x 5.4 or less HI players are permitted to play together, as well as other variations employed within the overall limitation of a maximum of 5 x 5.4 or less HI players in the team.
- d. The category under which a player participates is deemed to continue for a period of 10 days from selection (e.g. a player selected, who drops from 6.0 HI to 5.4 in the 10 days prior to a fixture, may remain in the side as a higher handicap player). Captains should advise the opposition as a matter of courtesy.

#### 5. Limitations on eligibility to play

- a. If a player takes part in the Pitcher for one team they are 'Club tied' and therefore unable to play for another team during that season.
- b. There is no age limit. In other words, subject to the standard handicap requirements, under 18's are able to take part.

#### 6. Jack & Jill League arrangements and arrangements for the finals

- a. The 2024 competition will be played out between 10 teams established into 2 leagues playing 2 matches at home and 2 away.
- b. On completion of all matches within the leagues, the first placed club in each league will play the second placed club in the other league in each of the two semi-finals.
- c. Semi-finals venues will only be determined following identification of the 'final 4', and all these clubs must be prepared to host a semi-final or final.

## 7. Scoring

Teams amass points as follows:

- a. 1 point for each pair winning their game.
- b. Half a point for a halved game.
- c. 2 additional points awarded for a Club winning the match overall.
- d. 1 additional point awarded for an away Club halving the match overall.

Example 1: A 5-0 win results in a 7 point to 0 point haul.

Example 2: A 4-1 win results in 6 points for one team and 1 for the other.

Example 3: A draw results in 2.5 points for the home Club and 3.5 points for the away Club.

## 8. Final league places

Final league places will be decided by:

- a. Points – then
- b. Away points – then
- c. The match between the 2 sides – then if still equal
- d. The away team in that match should be awarded the higher place
- e. In the event of a draw in the Semi Finals or Final, the result shall be determined, by the lowest aggregated medal scores of the 5 pairs. If tied then the result is decided on countback for the 5 pairs over last 9, 6, 3 holes.

## 9. Practise rounds

- a. Courtesy rounds are not permitted in advance of standard Jack / Jill league fixtures.
- b. Courtesy rounds are permitted in advance of semi-finals and the final.
- c. Host clubs should seek confirmation from their Golf Club committee / Managing Sec to facilitate any courtesy rounds requested for up to 10 players preceding any fixture hosted at their club.
- d. Rounds may only be played in the preceding weeks, by prior arrangement with the host club, and be limited to twilight/evening periods.

## 10. Match fees

- a. Match fees levied to support after match fare, should be at a rate of £10.00 per head.
- b. Host clubs should provide appropriate food within this price bracket (e.g. sandwiches and chips). This in some way encourages players to stay and socialise and to support the home club.

## 11. Results

- a. A match sheet has been circulated to all constituent Clubs for use.
- b. Before the commencement of each match, the following sections should be completed by the team captains:
  - i. Home Club
  - ii. Away Club
  - iii. Home captain

- iv. Away captain
- v. Player names for all matches.
- vi. Handicap indices for all players.
- c. After the match, the following sections should be completed by the team captains:
  - i. Result (W = win / H = half / L = loss).
  - ii. Points (1 = win / 0.5 = half / 0 = loss).
- d. Having completed the sheet, a photograph of the same should be posted on the designated Pyecombe Pitcher whatsapp group.
- e. Pyecombe GC will arrange for updated league tables and results to be posted on the main web page for Pyecombe via <http://www.pyecombegolfclub.com/comp-PPitcher.aspx>

## 12. Entry fee

The agreed entry fee per Club is £40.00, payable by BACS to Pyecombe Golf Club.