



Knock-Out Cup

Rules & Regulations 2026

1. LGA will make the draw and display it on www.lanarkshiregolf.com and all LGA social media outlets (Facebook, X and Instagram). Teams to consist of 5 pairs (i.e. 10 players) playing 4 ball, better ball, handicap match play. Clubs are permitted 2 reserves, but their match will be considered friendly and will not count towards the overall score of the match.
2. Team members must not have played for their gent's team in that calendar year, and a player's handicap index must not be less than 6.0 on the day of the match.
3. **Handicap Limit & Allowance:** Maximum **course** handicap is 24. The handicap allowance is 100% of the full course handicap and then all players receive 90% of the difference between their course handicap & that of the lowest course handicap member within the group. A player with a higher course handicap than 24 may play, but they will only receive the maximum course handicap of 24.
4. Each home club will determine the date of the home leg (within the published draw timeframe) and the starting time for matches must be mutually agreed. If there are any disputes, LGA will decide the outcome.
5. A match will be won based on the aggregate score from the 2 legs in rounds 1-3, and on the 5 matches in the semi-final and final. Each individual rubber will be awarded 1 point for a win and ½ point for a half match.
6. All matches must be played from the recognised gents medal tees over 18 holes.
7. **Rounds 1,2 and 3 will be played home and away.** In the event of a tie after 2 legs, (a) the biggest "goal difference" (total holes up/total holes down) will decide the winner, (b) if still level most holes up will decide the winner, and (c) if still level the biggest individual match win will decide the winner. If after this, the match remains tied, each team will nominate a pairing and play handicap sudden death from the first hole until a winner is declared. **The Semi-Final & Final will be a 1 leg knockout match at a neutral venue.**
8. In the event of a match being postponed or abandoned by reason of weather, both teams must, without delay, plan for the match to be played and the new date (where possible) should be before the completion date, as per the published round draw. The LGA Events Convenor must be fully advised.
9. Immediately after a match, team managers must complete, sign and screen shot and email or WA the match result form to events@lanarkshiregolf.com
10. LGA will organise the venue for the semi-final and final matches and will cover the cost of teams' match day food on both days. The semi-final matches will normally be held in the last week in August with the final being played early in September.
11. Should any disputes arise, an LGA committee shall be convened, comprising the secretary, events convenor and one non-involved executive committee member, and their decision shall be final and binding.
12. The winning squad is expected to attend the LGA Annual Prizegiving to receive the Knockout Cup.