East Anglian Croquet Federation
Golf Croquet Inter-Counties Tournament

Regulations

Outline:

The tournament is a team competition between the six counties comprising the E.A.C.F., taking place over a single day and including singles and doubles games for all players. All games will be level play.

Note: the trial Wrong Ball Law will be used.

Team Composition:

Each team will comprise four (4) players with a total aggregate handicap not less than 8 (as at 1st May). The Team Captain will designate which players will play as doubles pairs during the first five rounds (see Format). Pairings may not thereafter be changed.

Format:

Block Phase.

Each team will play a match against each other over the first five rounds (i.e. one American Block). A Match will comprise two (2) singles Games and one (1) doubles.
In the first round a team may elect to allocate players in any role (singles or doubles) irrespective of handicap.
In the second round the singles/doubles roles will be reversed.
In the third round roles will revert to those of the first round etc.

e.g.	Round 1	A1 v B1;	A2 v B2;	A3/A4 v B3/B4	
	Round 2	A3 v C3;	A4 v C4;	A1/A2 v C1/C2	
	Round 3	A1 v D1;	A2 v D2;	A3/A4 v D3/D4	etc.

(Thus, after five rounds each player will have played either 3 singles and 2 doubles or 2 singles and 3 doubles).

On completion of the Block Phase the three leading teams will qualify for the sixth "Gold Medal Round". The leading teams will be decided on Match wins with any tie being resolved by "who-beat-whom".

"Gold Medal Round".

Each team will carry forward Games won (each Game scoring a single point).
Each team will now comprise two doubles pairs. The pairings may differ from the Block Phase. Pairs will be drawn to play a single Game in the following Format:

X1 v Y1; X2 v Z1; Y2 v Z2

A Game win will score two (2) points and be added to the aggregate carried forward.

The winning team is that with the most points. Any tie is resolved by the Match result in the Block Phase.

Eligibility:

To qualify for a county the team member must either be born, reside or be registered with a club within that county. (For this tournament the county of Bedfordshire includes the clubs of Northampton and Stony Stratford).

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