

**KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB KNOCK-OUT TROPHY
COMPETITION RULES**

1. The Knighton Heath Knock-Out Trophy is the Dorset Senior's Team knock-out trophy similar to the Beckford Bowl and the Stoke Salver. It was founded in 1996 by a Knighton Heath Senior's Captain with a view to encouraging competitive team play for seniors aged 60 and over.
2. The competition is to be played in accordance with the R & A Rules of Golf and administered by a committee from the host club Seniors' Section, comprising a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and one other member, referred to hereafter as the Committee. The competition is for both a Knock-Out Trophy and a Knock-Out Plate. The Plate is competed for by all teams knocked out in their first match and proceeds on a similar basis to the Trophy competition. The Committee will determine the entry fee.
3. The competition is open to all EGU affiliated clubs within a 50 miles radius of the host club. Application forms should be returned to Knighton Heath GC on or before the closing date of March 1st.
A club may submit two teams, but once nominated a player may only represent the team he was originally nominated for.
4. A team shall comprise ten male players aged 60 or over on the day of the match. The format is match-play and each match is played as ten singles using the home club's main tees of the day – NOT the championship tees. The maximum WHS index is 17 with full stroke allowance. Players with a WHS index above 17 may play but would have to assume the maximum WHS index allowed. The order of play shall be in handicap order [lowest first]. In the event of a draw the visiting team will be awarded the match. The host club is invited to supply a post match meal to be paid for by the individual players.
5. The dates by which matches are to be played have been determined by the Committee and are tabled below for 2023. Finals are to be played at Knighton Heath Golf Club using both starting tees at 13.00 on Thursday 5th October 2023. The Plate finalists will start at the 11th tee and the Trophy finalists from the 1st tee.

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	Trophy	Plate
3rd Apr	Preliminary	
8th May	1 st Round	
8th May		Preliminary
19th June	2 nd Round	
19th June		1 st Round
31st July	3 rd Round	2 nd Round
11th Sept	Semi-final	Semi-final
5th Oct	Final	Final

7. The Committee will arrange the draw for the preliminary and first round matches of the Trophy, on an East-West basis, and participants will be informed within one week of the closing date. The first drawn will be the home club who should provide three available dates to its opponent. Should a mutually agreeable date not be found then the home team has the right to decide a date to fit in with their fixture list. If a “home” club cannot accommodate a match it may be played at the “away” venue.
8. The second round of the Trophy will be drawn by the Committee in the form of a ladder structure. For all matches in the ladder form the two teams will determine the match venue using the Lottery Bonus-ball method.
9. In the preliminary and first round of the Plate the first drawn will be the home club. For all subsequent matches the two teams will determine the match venue using the Lottery Bonus-ball method. The result of each match is to be emailed or telephoned to the Committee as soon as possible after the match date giving the winner, the actual result and the venue at which the match was played.
10. The finals of both the Trophy and Plate competitions are to be played at Knighton Heath Golf Club in September. Each team plus a reserve player will be offered a practice round upon payment of the Knighton Heath member’s ‘guest rate’.
11. If the final finishes in a tie then the result is to be determined by “*sudden death*” between two pre-nominated players.
In the case of the host club reaching the final, the result if drawn will be decided by the away team rule.
12. There will be a match meal for all the finalists at the conclusion of the finals, attended by the Seniors’ Captain of Knighton Heath Golf Club as a guest. Each team of ten plus one reserve from the club will dine free of charge. Additional places at the meal will be limited and may be booked on payment of the appropriate meal charge. The presentation after the meal will comprise the Knighton Heath Knock-Out Trophy and Plate, inscribed and retained by the host club. All finalists and their reserves will receive a memento of the day.
13. Any dispute is to be referred in writing to the Committee whose decision is final