

**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 50 miles radius of the host club, for example including Chichester in the east, Honiton in the west and Warminster to the north. Clubs outside this area may make written application for inclusion which will be considered by the Committee. Application forms should be returned to Knighton Heath GC by the 1st March, the closing date for entries. A club may submit two teams.
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 handicap is 18 with full stroke allowance. Players with a handicap above 18 may play but would have to assume the maximum handicap allowed. The order of play shall be in handicap order. 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 2018. Finals are to be played at Knighton Heath Golf Club using both starting tees at 13.00 on Thursday 13th September 2018. The Plate finalists will start at the 11th tee and the Trophy finalists from the 1st tee.

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	Trophy	Plate
6th Apr	Preliminary	
11th May	1 st Round	
8th Jun		Preliminary
22rd Jun	2 nd Round	
6th Jul		1 st Round
3rd Aug	3 rd Round	2 nd Round
31st Aug	Semi-final	Semi-final
13th Sep	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 and two reserve players will be offered a practice round upon payment of the Knighton Heath member’s ‘guest rate’. If Knighton Heath reaches the final then the championship is to be decided on a “home and away” simple aggregate basis with the last match always to be played at Knighton Heath on the set date in September.
11. If the final finishes in a tie then the result is to be determined by “sudden death” between two pre-nominated players.
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. The President of the Dorset County Golf Union will also be invited to attend. Each team of ten plus one extra place 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 winners for one year. The members of each winning team and their reserve will receive a memento.
13. Any dispute is to be referred in writing to the Committee whose decision is final