

## LADIES HIGHLAND 5 DAY OPEN 2027

### Format & Competition Rules:

The decision of the Tournament Committee in all matters relating to the tournament is final.

1. The competition, played over Pitlochry Golf Course, shall be open to all amateur ladies and girls golfers {minimum age 13 years} who are members of a recognised Golf Club and hold a WHS Index.

2. Competitors must lodge their name, and current handicap index and membership number with Tournament Secretary. Entries will be accepted until the 21st of June or earlier if the limit of 120 has been reached.

3. **The entry fee** is £125 for golfers over the age of 21 years on the first day of the qualifying competition. Members of the Perth and Kinross & Ladies County £105. The entry fee is £55 for those aged 21 years & under on the first day of the qualifying competition. Members of The Pitlochry Golf Club are entitled to a discounted entry fee, £65 and £45 for 21 years and under. Entrants will have the courtesy of the course from Monday to Friday.

On Monday, a stableford competition for the **Starters Cup** will be played (**optional**). The Starters Cup will be awarded to the best overall score. Prizes also awarded to the best scores in Scratch, Division 1 & Division 2. Entry times can be requested for the Starters Cup on the Monday by entering a time zone on the entry form. You may also take part in the Starters Cup but not submit a score and use it as a practice round.

4. **Qualifying Rounds:** 18 holes, stroke play will be played on Tuesday and Wednesday. The top 16 qualifiers in the Scratch and in each of Division 1 and Division 2 who have the lowest aggregate score over the two rounds will go forward into the Championship Matchplay Rounds. In the event of a tie, the score from the second day shall decide. **NO PLAY** allowed on the course during qualifying rounds.

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best scores from each section from the 2 days qualifying rounds. Winners of scratch prizes will not be eligible for handicap prizes. Scratch takes precedence over handicap.

5.1 **Match Play** – Thursday and Friday: The 16 players with the lowest aggregate Scratch Scores will play for the **Atholl Cup**.

5.2 **Matchplay** – Thursday and Friday: Of those not qualifying for the Atholl Cup, the 16 players with the lowest aggregate Nett Scores in Division 1 will play off under handicap for the **Pecairn Cup**.

5.3 **Match Play** – Thursday and Friday: The 16 players with the lowest aggregate Nett Scores in Division 2 will play off under handicap for the **Craigower Trophy**.

5.4 **Cuddies:** Caddies will only be allowed for the Semi-finals and finals.

6. **On Thursday**, for those who have not qualified for the match play, an **optional** Greensomes competition will be played.

7. **On Friday** an optional **3 man Texas Scramble** competition for those who have not qualified for the matchplay and any competitor who has been knocked out of the Thursday matchplay.

## 8. **Handicapping:**

8.1 Strokeplay: Max Handicap Index 36.

8.2 Matchplay: Max Course Handicap 36.

8.3 The Tournament Committee reserve the right to stipulate the qualifying handicap for Division 1 and Division 2 if it is found there is a disproportionate number of players in either section. A notice indicating the handicap divisions will be posted on the LHO Whatapp Group by Monday morning.

## 9. **Transportation.**

9.1 **In the Qualifying rounds and Matchplay:** It shall be a condition of this competition that players must walk at all times during a stipulated round, unless permission to ride a golf cart/buggy has been authorised by a member of the Tournament Committee. If a player wishes to use a golf cart/buggy she must:

9.2 Provide a valid **medical certificate**.

9.3 Request to use the golf cart/buggy prior to the start of the competition.

9.4 **A buggy may be used for without a medical cert on:** Monday - Starters Cup, Thursday - Greensomes, Friday - Texas Scramble.

10. The committee reserves the right to reject any entry, to alter or amend any of the foregoing rules and to resolve finally, any dispute which may arise in connection with the tournament.

10.1 The committee reserves the right to alter the format of the tournament, as laid out, should the tournament be affected by inclement weather etc.

## **Tournament Committee**