



# 2020

This is a National team tournament for golfers under the age of 18 on 1 January 2020. Finals to be played at Staverton Park, Daventry on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September 2020

## About BCCS



At BCCS, we know that one in ten children have a diagnosable mental health condition - that's roughly three children in every classroom. We are there for young people when they need us – to listen to them, support them, counsel them, guide them and nurture them. Building Resilience in ourselves and others is so important – it gives us the tools, skills and strategies to overcome life's difficulties and do even better than we expected to.

Support from a child therapist can have a huge impact on a child's positive development; emotionally, academically and socially. We have counsellors trained to help children and young people, who have experienced loss, bereavement, anxiety, low self-esteem, bullying, depression, aggression, domestic violence and other emotional health related issues

Children and young people with mental health problems are at the heart of everything we do and with your support and the funds raised from the tournament we will continue to reach out to the young people who most need our help.

Incredible things happen when you believe in children, and every day, we witness the amazing resilience, strength and potential of the children and young people we work with.

Find out more about our work by visiting – [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

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## About The BCCS National Junior Golf Knockout 2020

The BCCS National Junior Golf Knockout Tournament is open to teams from any Golf Club in England and Wales. All team members must be under 18 on 1 January 2020. As this is a handicap competition, all team members (4 Juniors per team) must have a CDH number. Maximum handicap is 28 for boys and 36 for girls. Players with a higher handicap may play, but play will be off the maximum stated.

This tournament is reckoned to be the largest junior knockout competition in Europe, with in excess of 100 clubs from all over the country taking part. On top of this, it is great fun! It gives junior golfers of all abilities the opportunity to represent their clubs, play competitively against other golf clubs not necessarily in their usual catchment area or junior programme, make new friendships, and help a very worthy child-focused charity in BCCS.

As far as is feasible, matches will be organised on a regional basis to minimise travel as much as possible. However, this is a national tournament so some travel can be expected, especially in the later rounds. Teams are responsible for their own travel and related costs. Semi-finals and final will be in one location and teams (including one adult organiser per team) will be hosted by the BCCS.

Photos and a summary of the Finals Weekend from the 2019 competition can be found here:

<https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/national-junior-golf-knockout>



**The 2019 Winners! Thorpe Hall G.C.**



**Two teams from the same club made the finals weekend in 2019. Step forward West Lancs. "A" and West Lancs. "B". A great effort!**

## How to enter

The Rules governing this competition are set out in this brochure.

If you wish to enter, please reply to this email detailing the name of your club, contact names and email addresses. Each club may enter up to three teams, which can be all boys, all girls or mixed. If clubs wish to enter a fourth team, this MUST be all girls.

Payment must be made via bank transfer direct to BCCS as indicated.



## Notes from 2019

**From Phil Marsh, Junior Organiser, West Lancashire GC**



















"Everyone who attended the weekend from West Lancashire GC, the Organisers, players and parents all agreed that it was a fantastic weekend and thoroughly enjoyable. The Golf Course and Staverton Park was in excellent condition and the service and hospitality in the hotel was second to none.

The whole tournament from day one, has been so well organised, with excellent communication, which made organising fixtures so much easier.

We are already looking forward to taking part next year, all our Juniors love the format, so thank you for stepping in and making sure this competition goes from strength to strength."





















## BCCS National Junior Golf Knockout — Rules

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-  The tournament is open to teams from any Golf Club in England and Wales.
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-  Each Club may enter up to **THREE teams of four players each**, though you may name and register any number of reserve players. Clubs are allowed to enter a **fourth team** if that team is all-girls. No boys may play in that fourth team.
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-  Players must be under 18 years of age on January 1st of the year of the tournament.
-  Maximum handicap is 28 for boys, 36 for girls. Players with a handicap higher than that can play, but plays off the maximum stated (28 or 36).
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-  Please ensure you have Handicap certificates (or other proof) when you turn up for a match - your opponents are entitled to ask for it (and you can ask them as well).
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-  If you enter more than one team you may nominate a 'pool' of reserves who can play for any of your teams. However, once a player has played for one team he/she cannot play for another team in the same season.
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-  Players for the teams must be pre-registered for the tournament before they play, though players can be added at any time as we appreciate that some may not be available for the entire season (through travel, education or illness, for example). However, all players must be bona fide Junior Members of the Club and have a registered handicap at that Club. You need to email me at [ian.restall@fathillplc.com](mailto:ian.restall@fathillplc.com) the names and handicaps.
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-  Matches are to be played as adapted pairs betterball matchplay. In line with the recent CONGU changes, **90% handicap difference** is allowed. The back marker concedes strokes to the other three players based on **90%** of the difference between the full handicaps.
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-  Play shall be from the tees determined for junior competition (for either boys or girls) by the home Club Committee for that day. The normal rules apply re the difference in the SSS between men's and ladies' scorecards, which normally results in the girls receiving one or more "courtesy" shots - this is in accordance with normal practice. In some cases the opposite will apply if the men's SSS is higher than the Ladies'.
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-  If the SSS is higher for the girls then the difference is added to their handicap **BEFORE** shots are awarded and then the girls take these shots from the **MENS** card. Conversely, if the boys SSS is higher (it does occur) then the reverse applies and the boys take their shots from the **LADIES** card.


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-  When you arrive at the course for a match (home or away) you should give details of your pairings to the opposite Junior Organiser. Once these details have been exchanged you CANNOT change the pairings.
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 **Courtesy of the course must be extended** to visiting players on the day of the match.
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 There is no requirement for a home club to offer courtesy of the course for a practice round for the away team. However, it is customary for away teams to be allowed access to the course for a practice round on payment of a normal junior guest fee per team member.
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 **The away side will always have the honour on the first tee.** Each pair shall play their opponents over 18 holes. The overall number of holes won decides the winner (so you could win by 5 holes rather than the more normal matchplay situation where one team might win 5 & 3 for example). So keep going right to the 18th!
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 The winner in each match will be the team winning most holes overall.
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 **The home team MUST contact their opponents ASAP to arrange the match.**
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 If you cannot raise a team to play a fixture, please withdraw when you realise this, rather than keep everyone hanging around waiting.
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 In the event that, after both sets of pairs have completed their games, the total of holes won is the same for each Club, **the two lowest handicap players of the home side will pair up and take part in a sudden-death play-off against the two lowest handicap players of the opposing side** (with the same 90% difference). The holes to be played shall have been decided prior to the start of play, though can be in any order (for example, if the routing of the golf course makes it easy to play holes 1, 2, 17 and 18 for example, then that is fine) – **the away side will have the honour on the first tee played.** The stroke indices for the play-off holes **MUST** be the same as stated on the card and used during normal play - no changes to these indices can be made, even if local rules allow. Our rules take precedence.
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 **Caddies** are only permitted if they are juniors, but must not be professional golfers. Golf carts (caddy cars) **are not permitted** for players though golf trolleys (including motorised) are.
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 **Parents may NOT caddy or give any advice to their team's players at any time during the match.** Parents/guardians should also keep a suitable distance between themselves and the players and are not allowed to walk on the fairways or on the greens. This is in accordance with R&A Rules (Rule 8-1b. The penalty for breaching this rule is loss of hole).



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 Distance finders, if in accordance with the rules laid down by the R&A and CONGU Unions, are permitted. This is a local Rule for the competition, irrespective of the Club policy. If they are on a mobile phone which also allows calculation of wind, slope or other conditions, they are banned. In accordance with R&A Rules mobile phones may be used for communications on the course. Please use them only in emergencies. This applies to accompanying adults or colleagues too.

  
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 All other rules are those of the R&A or any **local rules** in place. These local rules must be fully explained to the visiting players before the start of play.

  
 Any disputes which arise on the day should be resolved by the players/officials of both teams. In the case that they cannot agree, the home Club **PGA Professional** should be asked to make a decision in accordance with the Rules of Golf. If an outcome is still not possible the matter should be referred to the **Tournament Manager**.

  
 Once the draw for each round is made the home team is responsible for contacting their opponents to make mutually convenient arrangements for the match to be played. You must make contact with your opponents within four days of the draw having been sent out.

  
 Each round will have a **final date by which it must be played**.

  
 If one team cannot play the match within the time limit they shall forfeit the match, unless express permission has been given by the **Tournament Manager**.

  
 If any problems are encountered in fixing a suitable date you should contact the Tournament Manager as soon as possible. His decision is final.

**There is an entry fee of £50 per team to be paid before the first round draw is made.**

Payment should be made by BACS as follows:

Account Name: .....BCCS

Sort Code: .....401322

Account Number:.....31094130

Please reference your payment as Junior Golf and the name of the golf club you represent.

**(Tournament Manager: Ian Restall Email: [ian.restall@fathillplc.com](mailto:ian.restall@fathillplc.com))**

## More from BCSS

### Case Studies



#### Jacks Story ...

My son Jack was struggling to deal with everyday situations at school and outside of the home. He was often unable to talk when he felt uncomfortable and relationships with teachers and unfamiliar adults were difficult. This sometimes resulted in angry or aggressive behavior toward his family, after school or following uncomfortable situations he'd had to deal with during his day.

Jack had various assessments with speech and language specialists prior to counselling. We were told he may be suffering from selective mutism and social anxiety and were given various worksheets and advice, but nothing seemed to help him.

We first met with BCCS in January following a recommendation from our son's school. My husband and I were both open minded and hopeful but as we had already failed to find help for Jack, we were also a little dubious about what counselling would achieve. Our counsellor immediately put us at ease and quickly got an understanding of our situation and after a few sessions, strategies were put in place to alter our behaviour at home to benefit Jack.

After just a few weeks we realised this was not only helping Jack but also the whole family. The family environment became calmer as we put into practice the strategies suggested. With a new insight into Jack's emotions we started to understand why he displayed the behaviour he did and that made coping with it easier, in turn making him feel more secure in himself.

Jack is now becoming a happier more content little boy. Although sometimes a little shy, he now communicates with ease at school and is more comfortable in unfamiliar situations which would have previously seen him shut down. He seems better equipped to cope with life and no longer being of concern at school is a goal we were doubtful we would ever reach and certainly not so quickly. The relationship we have with BCCS is one of trust and understanding and we

have all greatly benefitted from their knowledge and advice. The support of BCCS has been invaluable and we will be forever grateful to them.

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"I had contacted a number of professional services to assist me in helping my daughter. At the suggestion of my daughter's school a referral was made to BCCS and it was then that I met one of their counsellors. After months of unanswered questions and "hitting brick walls" I finally had answers, structure and a profound understanding of how a small little girl's mind works. For me, there has been nothing so worrying as watching your child struggle and the support of BCCS has enabled me to help her for which I will be forever grateful."

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