



2026
supporting BCCS

A national team tournament for golfers
under the age of 18 on 1 January 2026.

Finals to be played at Staverton Park, Daventry on
Saturday 26 September and Sunday 27 September 2026.



About the National Junior Golf Knockout 2026

The 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 2026. 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.

With in excess of 100 clubs from all over the country taking part, the tournament is great fun and 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 BCCS.

Photos and a summary of the Finals Weekend from the 2025 competition can be found here:
https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/5017/6468/7438/Finals_Weekend_Summary_2025.pdf



The 2025 Winners
Foxhills Golf Club



The four teams contesting the finals weekend at Staverton Park - 2025

How to enter

The rules governing this competition are clearly set out and we would ask that all clubs have read them and are happy to comply with them before entering the tournament.

Entries for the tournament are limited so in order to avoid disappointment we would encourage you to register early.

Entering a team is very easy – just visit <https://form.jotform.com/253243408164352> to complete the simple entry form and submit.

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.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with entry closing once the tournament is at capacity. Please ensure your entry has been confirmed before you proceed to payment.

Once your entry has been confirmed you will need to pay the £90 entry fee for your first team, £170 for two teams entered, £240 for three teams entered and £310 for a fourth all girls team.

Payment should be made by BACS as follows:

Account Name: Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society
Sort Code: 401322
Account Number: 31094130

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

Thank you.

Contact Details:

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Tournament Co-ordinator Julie Abbott jabbott@bccs.org.uk 07912 277413



Upminster Golf Club versus Woodbridge Golf Club

National Junior Golf Knockout — Rules

Please read these Rules carefully and keep a copy of them.

- The tournament is open to teams from any Golf Club in England and Wales.
- 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.
- Players must be under 18 years of age on January 1st of the year of the tournament. Maximum handicap Index is 28 for boys, 36 for girls. Players with a handicap higher than that can play, but uses that Index to calculate the Course and Playing handicap.
- Please ensure you have Handicap certificates and/or CDH numbers for your team when you turn up for a match - your opponents are entitled to ask for it (and you can ask them as well).
- 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.
- 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 will need to email me at ian.restall@ford-sinclair.co.uk the names, CDH numbers and handicaps of your squads before the commencement of the competition. Each competitor must have registered six qualifying rounds in the fourteen month period leading up to the date of the match for each round.
- If a junior is a member of more than one golf club, he or she may only represent one club in any one year in the National Junior Golf Knockout.
- The match between two competing clubs MUST be played over two matches, with the aggregate score of the two matches determining the winner. If a club cannot field four players but can only field three, then one of the matches will be two players versus one. If a club can only field two players, then both matches will consist of two players versus one.
- Matches are to be played as adapted pairs betterball matchplay. In line with the World Handicapping System (WHS), 90% handicap difference is allowed. The back marker concedes strokes to the other three players based on 90% of the difference between the adjusted handicaps.
- 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 Par between men's and ladies' scorecards. This can result in girls receiving one or more additional shots. In some cases the opposite will apply if the men's Par is higher than the Ladies'.
- If the Par is higher for the girls then the difference is added to their rounded Course Handicap BEFORE shots are calculated. Conversely, if the boys Par is higher (it could occur) then the reverse applies.
- Players receiving shots take them in accordance with the card and SI appropriate for the tee they are playing from. i.e. if a boy is receiving shots he takes them in accordance with the men's SI, and if a girl is receiving shots she takes them in accordance with ladies SI.

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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.

Courtesy of the course must be extended to visiting players on the day of the match.

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. If an away team is offered a practice round, play for the practice round must be from the tees that will be used in the actual match.

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!

The winner in each match will be the team winning most holes overall.

The home team MUST contact their opponents ASAP to arrange the match.

If you cannot raise a team to play a fixture, please withdraw when you realise this, rather than keep everyone hanging around waiting.

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.

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.

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).

Distance finders, if in accordance with the rules laid down by the R&A, are permitted. Some Distance finders include elevation allowances, and this option must be turned off. 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, these options must also be turned off. 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, spectators, or colleagues too.

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- ➊ 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.
- ➋ 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.
- ➌ 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.
- ➍ Each round will have a final date by which it must be played.
- ➎ 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.
- ➏ If any problems are encountered in fixing a suitable date you should contact the Tournament Manager as soon as possible. His decision is final.

Tournament Manager: **Ian Restall** Email: ian.restall@ford-sinclair.co.uk



Mixed Golf – 4BBB Handicap Calculations

In mixed golf, different tees will be used, typically the competition tees for the men and the red tees for the ladies. This is where the Par is used.

Strokes are taken against the stroke indexes of the course with the highest Par. This usually results in the ladies receiving additional shots, then taking strokes against the men's stroke index. However if the men's Par is higher, this is reversed and strokes are taken against the ladies stroke index.

There are 3 steps to calculating the matchplay handicaps for our competition.

Step 1: Course Handicaps

For each player, convert their Handicap Index into a Course Handicap

Step 2: Par adjustment

The players who are on the tees with a higher Par get an adjustment based on the Par difference.

Step 3: Handicap allowances

The allowance is 90% of the difference (rounded) in adjusted handicaps. Adjust each handicap so the lowest handicap plays off zero.

IMPORTANT

It is very important to agree your strokes and handicaps in good time before the start of the match. Please agree your calculations amongst yourselves and/or the home team Pro or Office Manager. If in any doubt whatsoever, please use the England Golf Mixed Tee calculator. In fact, it is strongly recommended that Junior Organisers sit down with each other in the clubhouse (where there is wifi) and use the calculator, which does all the hard work for you, and thereby ensures that the strokes given and received are 100% correct.

Visit <https://www.englandgolf.org/resource-detail/whs-resources>

and click on the Mixed Tee calculator, ensuring that you take 90% of the difference (note in Red on the sidebar).



About BCCS



We are an established children's charity delivering vital mental health and emotional wellbeing services in schools across Essex and East London.

We work to improve the lives and life chances of these children and young people, by offering a wide range of highly professional support and advice. Our diverse team is made up of professionally qualified counsellors, therapists and social workers who provide support services to thousands of children and their families each year.

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.

Supporting this tournament can help provide children with the opportunity to experience the mental health benefits of golf. It encourages outdoor activity, reduces stress, and fosters confidence, social connections, and resilience. Your support can help transform young lives and promote emotional well-being through the power of golf.

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

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Testimonials

This event is exceptional out of all the events we are involved with and I didn't want Marcus and team to miss out. We're all very close in the Bristol area.

We all get to participate now which is great.

Looking forward to playing RND!

Mike, Bristol & Clifton GC



It was a really close match and sadly we lost by one point but it was well played in great spirit and there was some brilliant golf played.

Joe, Leeds Golf Centre



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Southport Old Links Golf Club versus Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club

The match was played in really great spirits, and all of the lads had a great time. I would especially like to recognise Upminster for extending such a warm welcome to our entire team, supporting the game throughout the day, and offering great catering after the match. All of our team thought the course was in fantastic condition and the boys were very happy to be able to have a chance to play at the wonderful venue.

The match was quite close most of the round, and in the end, Woodbridge won the match by 5 holes.

Many thanks again for all you and your team do to put this event on, we truly appreciate it.

Ken, Woodbridge GC



ROYAL WINCHESTER WIN BY 1 HOLE

Another fantastic game at a very good course in extremely dry conditions, like everywhere else at the moment. Salford were "dead and buried" at the turn but Liam and Harry had a magnificent back 9 coming from 3 down to 4 up, just failing to claw back the deficit in the first game. A great effort though on a course where local knowledge is so important in these dry conditions.

Despite the loss, the boys were thrilled with the day and the way they made a game of it towards the end. Congratulations to Royal Winchester and best of luck in the quarter finals.

David, Salford GC



Stowmarket Golf Club Juniors

On Saturday we played the round 2 of the National junior knockout at Wrag Barn. It was another close match, only decided in the last couple of holes, with some great golf played by all who took part. Many thanks to Alan and Wrag Barn for being great hosts.

Bob, Chippenham GC



Whilst I have you can I just say what a great competition this is. The enjoyment the kids get out of it, not to mention the quality of the golf is outstanding.

Mark, Greetham Valley GC



It was a pleasure to host Derek and his team from Rossendale. All players were respectful, enjoyed the match and have made new friends. We shall certainly be keeping in touch with Derek in the future and hopefully plan a game at their place.

Alan, Haydock Park GC



It was a very close game and a great experience for our young team. We really enjoyed it. Thank you and look forward to next year.

Lisa, Wells GC



Foxhills GC versus Salford GC

Hi Ian

Thanks for your kind words. They are a good team and expect them to do well. The boys enjoyed it very much, thanks very much for all your efforts to organise and look forward to entering next year.

Rob, Upminster GC

