

A Guide to Playing

GREENSOMES

In this competition, players go out in fours, made up of two pairs. All four players drive on each hole. The players of each partnership choose the better drive of the two and finish the hole playing alternate shots. The player whose drive was not taken plays the second shot.

A Greensome can then be played as a match, a medal or a Stableford Bogey.

The CONGU recommendations as at January 2010 for Greensomes Competitions are as follows:

(taken from EWGA Handicap FAQ's: <http://www.englishwomensgolf.org/page.asp?id=378>)

Medal Stroke Play. The exact allowance should be used, e.g. for a pair with playing handicaps of 10

and 31, the allowance should be 18.4, giving a net score of 18.4 less than the pair's gross score.

Stableford. The pair's greensomes handicap allowance should be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Match Play. Each pair's allowance is calculated in accordance with Appendix F. This allowance should

not be rounded, but should be expressed as an exact allowance. The difference between these two

exact allowances is calculated, and only then is rounding applied to the exact difference. In short,

rounding takes place only once.

The example below shows how the greensomes handicaps are calculated, and shows that rounding

is applied only once.

Pair A (Handicaps 10 and 12)

$$\text{H/cp } 10 \times 0.6 = 6$$

$$\text{H/cp } 12 \times 0.4 = 4.8$$

Added together gives an exact allowance of 10.8

(Look at Conversion Chart on page 60, the intersection of H/cps 10 and 12 = 10.8)

Pair B (Handicaps 8 and 9)

$$\text{H/cp } 8 \times 0.6 = 4.8$$

$$\text{H/cp } 9 \times 0.4 = 3.6$$

Added together gives an exact allowance of 8.4

The difference in exact handicaps between the 2 pairs is 2.4

2.4 rounded gives a difference of 2

Pair A receive 2 strokes