

# **WOMEN'S VICTORY SHIELD FOURSOMES 2024**

## **TERMS OF COMPETITION**

### **1. The Championship**

- a) The Championship shall be open to women, who are members of an affiliated club in Wales.
- b) A team shall consist of two players. All matches shall be played over 18 holes off scratch; the format is foursomes' match play.
- c) Wales will be divided into four quarters on a geographical basis. The division will be decided upon when all entries are received with the aim being to have as near as possible the same numbers in each quarter.
- d) Clubs who reach the final 8 of the Championship will go into an open draw.

### **2. Eligibility**

- a) The Championship shall be open to female golfers of all affiliated clubs to Wales Golf. Each affiliated club shall be represented by one team only.
- b) Each player must be an amateur golfer having an official WHS handicap and either:
  - i) Be an adult playing member (excluding country members) or junior member of the club in compliance with the club's constitution continuously from 01 January on the year of the Championship or
  - ii) Be a life, or honorary member of the club continuously from 01 January on the year of the Championship provided that such membership is conferred in recognition of services to golf and the club in compliance with the Rules of Amateur Status.
- c) A player may only play for one club in the same year.
- d) Penalty for fielding an ineligible player; disqualification of the team.

### **3. Exemptions**

None

### **4. Rules**

- a) **Preliminary Rounds:** In all Preliminary Rounds, a neutral venue is to be agreed and organised by both teams. It is the teams' responsibilities to contact neutral clubs and arrange the matches.
- b) **Agreeing Matches:** Equal responsibility lies with both clubs regarding contact to agree matches. If no mutual agreement is reached regarding the date or venue of any match, the Competitions Manager must be informed and the match shall be played at 2.30pm on the last qualifying date at a venue chosen by Wales Golf. If matches are not played by the specified dates, both teams will be scratched, subject to the right of the Chairman of the Championship Committee to grant a walkover to one of them.
- c) **Handicap Certificates:** Each Team Captain must produce current handicap certificates or handicap index evidence through the official Wales Golf digital platforms (WG player portal, WG app) for each team member if requested to do so by their opponents.
- d) **Results:** The winners of each match are to report the result immediately to the Championship Department by using the online form on the event portal or by emailing [championships@walesgolf.org](mailto:championships@walesgolf.org)
- e) **Disputes:** All disputes must be referred to the Competitions Manager, Wales Golf who will resolve them by use of the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and the conditions of entry published in relation to this Championship. If it is not possible to resolve a dispute by the above method, the Competitions Manager will place the issue before the Championship and Rules Committee and its decision shall be final.

### **5. Winner & Prizes**

- a) The Winners of the Championship will be the Women's Victory Shield Champions for the year and will be presented with the Victory Shield and will receive a memento. Each individual player will also receive a memento.
- b) The Runners Up - each player will receive a memento.
- c) Clubs finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place – each player will receive a memento.

**PLEASE NOTE: ADDITIONAL RULES RELATING TO THE FINALS WILL BE CIRCULATED AT A LATER DATE**

**Note: The above Conditions must be read in conjunction with the following which apply to all Wales Golf Championships:**

- i. Wales Golf 'General Terms of Competition & Rules'**
- ii. Wales Golf 'Hard Card' (Local Rules & Terms of Competition)**