



NORFOLK COUNTY GOLF UNION ORDER OF MERIT 2017 CONDITIONS

1. The Competition is open to members of Golf Clubs affiliated to the Norfolk County Golf Union who comply with the handicap requirements.
2. The Competition will be played in accordance with the Rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in conjunction with the Local Rules of the Club where the event is being played.
3. Entrants must hold an active CONGU handicap not exceeding eighteen (18.4 exact) at time of entry.
4. Entries may be limited at the discretion of the Organisers. If entries exceed the limit set, players with higher exact handicaps will be eliminated by ballot as necessary.
5. A list of Start Times will be posted to competitors' Clubs shortly after each competition closing date.
6. The entrance fee will be determined by the Norfolk County Golf Union Council from time to time.
7. Order of Merit points will be awarded as follows for both 18 hole and 36 hole competitions and competitors will be eligible to score points in both the Scratch and Handicap sections.

Winner 100 pts	2 nd Place 85 pts	3 rd Place 70 pts	4 th Place 60 pts	5 th Place 50 pts
6 th Place 40 pts	7 th Place 30 pts	8 th Place 20 pts	9 th Place 10 pts	10 th Place 5 pts

Double Order of Merit points will be awarded for the **County Amateur Championship**, the **County Open Championship** and the **County Handicap Championship**.

8. Entry money in the County Administered 18 hole competitions will be split with approximately 15% being retained by the County Union and allocated to the costs of the Amateur Scratch Match Play Championship and the Amateur Handicap Match Play Championship, 25% approximately will be retained and shared equally between the top five places in the **Final Order of Merit Tables for each Section** and the remaining 60% approximately divided between the Scratch and Handicap Sections for awarding on the day in the form of vouchers to the top five winning players therein.
9. Vouchers will be awarded to the players filling the first five places in each Section although players may only receive the highest value voucher in the case of being in winning positions in both Sections.

Winner	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place
30%	25%	20%	15%	10%

Where there are less than 30 entries the lower value vouchers may be omitted and their value added to the higher placed positions above.

10. In the event of ties:

For Voucher Prizes:	Vouchers will be awarded based on normally accepted countback rules.
For Merit Points:	Points for all positions covered by the number of ties will be added together and divided equally amongst those players involved.

11. It is a condition of the Competition that only those brands appearing on the current list of Conforming 1.68" Golf Balls may be used. Penalty for unlisted brands – Disqualification.
12. Competitors are expected to respect the Rules on Etiquette and Dress Standards of the Host Club.
13. In the case of any dispute, the decision of the Organisers shall be final.
14. The events comprising the Scratch Order of Merit Table are the 18 hole competitions administered by the Norfolk County Golf Union (venues to be arranged annually) and the Deterding Cup, the Norfolk Amateur Championship, the Gold Coast Cup, the Caister Candelabras, the Norfolk Open Championship and the Royal Norwich Roger Trower Open. The events comprising the Handicap Order of Merit Table are as above with the exception of the Norfolk Amateur Championship and the Norfolk Open Championship but will include the Norfolk Handicap Championships.