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**WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING 2010
Gay Hill Golf Club – Wednesday and Thursday, 9th & 10th June 2010**

Conditions

1. **The Competitions** shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and the Local Rules of Gay Hill Golf Club as approved by the Championship Committee.
2. **Time of starting:**
 - a) Competitors shall start at the time laid down by the Championship Committee (Rule 6-3a). However it is a condition of these Competitions that, if the competitor arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which would warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification. Starting gaps will match the time to play a par three hole. Playing groups should ensure they maintain their position such that they arrive on par 3 tees as the group in front leaves the green.
 - b) Competitors or, for team events, Clubs, will be notified by post of their Starting Times, which will also be posted on the County Website. Practice on the course is available by prior arrangement with the Professional, Mr Chris Harrison, on 0121 474 6001, to confirm an exact time before arrival.
 - c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and alter starting times.
3. **Pace of play:** Rule 6-7 Note 2. The Championship Committee will lay down Pace of Play guidelines, which will be notified to competitors prior to play, Timekeepers will inform Referees on the course, who will monitor any group out of position. Any group out of position is expected to make every effort to return to the correct position.
4. **The Ball:** Rule 5-1 Note. The ball the competitor uses shall be named on the Current List of Conforming Golf balls issued by The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. Penalty for breach of this condition: Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred.
5. **Entries:**
 - a) Championship entries shall be made on the Entry Forms, obtainable from Club Secretaries or the County website, and must be received on or before the closing date. Return of the Entry Form acknowledges and accepts the conditions of the Competitions and certifies that the competitor conforms in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status.
 - b) Golf Clubs affiliated to the Worcestershire Union of Golf Clubs may enter one team of three players for the Tomson-James Cup and may then enter a second team of three players for the Jubilee Shield. Jubilee Shield players' handicaps may not be lower than that club's players in the Tomson-James Cup. All players representing a club must have that club as their "Home" club for CONGU Handicapping purposes. The playing handicap limit is nine.
 - c) Entry Fees must accompany completed Entry Forms, cheques made payable to "WUGC". The Fees are:-
CLUB TEAMS £25 per team INDIVIDUAL ENTRY £22 FULL TIME STUDENTS £15

Return completed Entry Forms and cheques (payable to "WUGC") to
Andrew Boyd, The Bear's Den, Upper Street, Defford, Worcester WR8 9BG. County Website :- worcestershireamateurgolf.co.uk
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INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM

WORCESTERSHIRE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

TO BE PLAYED AT

Gay Hill Golf Club

ON

9th & 10th June

CLOSING DATE FOR INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

Tuesday 1st June 2010

6. **Entrance fees** will not be refunded in the event of an entrant having to withdraw after the closing date except for those entrants who may be balloted out and who do not subsequently compete.
7. **Committee:** All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.
8. **The decisions of the Championship Committee** or its delegated officers shall, in all matters, be final.
9. **Advice in the Team Competitions:** In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked under Rule 8) who may give advice to members of that team. Such person (e.g. Team Captain) shall be identified to the Championship Committee prior to the start of the Competition.
10. **Handicap and Qualifications:** Only amateur male members of Golf Clubs affiliated to the Worcestershire Union of Golf Clubs may enter. There is a handicap limit of FIVE or better to enter for the individual events, but entries will be restricted to the 60 lowest EXACT HANDICAP players, with a ballot on ties if necessary.
For the team events there is a handicap limit of NINE or better and players must have nominated that club as their "Home Club", for CONGU Handicapping purposes. However, if an entrant has played at the Union Meeting of any other County, or has represented any other County, since 31st December 2008, he is not eligible to play.
11. **Ties:**
 - a) In the event of a tie for the Tomson-James Cup and Jubilee Shield, these trophies will be held jointly by the winning teams. For qualification to the EGU Champion Club Tournament, the winners will be the **Tomson-James Cup** team, whose players return the better or best aggregate score over the last 9,6,3 or last hole.
 - b) In the event of a tie for the G.D. Carr Cup, the Philip Padmore Trophy, Silver and Bronze Medals and Youths' Championship, then the competitor with the better or best score over the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or final hole will be declared the winner.
 - c) In the event of a tie for the Gold Medal, there will be a play off, under the same conditions that governed the original competition, over four holes on the same day. If the score is still tied, then sudden death.
12. **Qualifiers for the Worcestershire Matchplay, Worcestershire Open, and Secretaries Bowl:**
The leading 16 competitors will normally qualify to play in the Worcestershire Matchplay Championship. The leading 25 competitors will normally qualify to play in the Worcestershire Open Championship (to be held at The Worcestershire, Thursday 2nd September 2010). The Secretaries Bowl will be won by the competitor with the lowest aggregate gross score for the 72 holes played in the Worcestershire Amateur Championship and the Worcestershire Open Championship.
13. Under the direction of the Executive Committee, the winner of the Gold Medal and The Centenary Putter will represent Worcestershire in the English Golf Union's County Champions' Tournament at Woodhall Spa on Sunday 19th September 2010. The winner of the Tomson-James Cup will represent Worcestershire in the English Golf Union's Champion Club Tournament, at Woodbridge on 11th – 12th September 2010.
14. **After 7.00 pm jackets and ties will be worn by all competitors in the clubhouse and at the presentation.**

PLEASE CUT OFF THE SECTION BELOW, COMPLETE, AND SEND TO THE COUNTY SECRETARY

To Mr Andrew Boyd, The Bears Den, Upper Street, Defford, Worcester. WR8 9BG2010

I,wish to enter the 2010 Worcestershire Amateur Championship.

(NAME OF ENTRANT IN BLOCK LETTERS)

I enclose the Entrance Fee of £22 (£15 for full time students) (payable by cheque to "WUGC") which includes a lunch between rounds and a meal on completion.

I am eligible to play under the conditions of the Championship, having a CONGU handicap with the club below declared as my Home club. I have read the Rules of Amateur Status and have conformed with them in all respects. I have read the rules and conditions that apply to the Championship and agree to abide by them.

My ACTIVE handicap isCDH number is.....Signed

Address.....
(BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

.....POSTCODE.....TEL.NO.....

DATE OF BIRTH..... HOME CLUB.....
(For the Youths' Championship, Under 21 on 1st January 2010)

To be completed by Club Secretary

I hereby certify that the Entrant's EXACT ACTIVE HANDICAP is, under the CONGU handicapping scheme and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Entrant is an Amateur Golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status.

(Signed).....Secretary.....Golf Club