



BB&O GOLF HILLMAN PLATE 2025



Inter Club Handicap team 'knock-out' Trophy

2024 Plate Winners: Wexham Park Golf Club

Runners – Up: Buckingham Golf Club

Conditions of Entry

1. Each affiliated Club, registered and currently uploaded to the World Handicap System (WHS) shall be eligible to enter on payment of the entry fee as stipulated. Entries shall be restricted to one team per Club.
2. Players must be an affiliated member of the club they represent. No player may represent more than one club in each annual competition. Players representing a club must be **OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE** on the date of the match.
3. Players must have a fully established WHS handicap with 3 competition cards in their record in the previous 12 months.
4. Players must have a maximum handicap index of 20.4 – If a player is selected and their handicap goes over the 20.4 ceiling between selection and the date of the match, the player must play off a maximum handicap index of 20.4.
5. All players must play off their exact handicap index (and therefore their course handicap) on the day of the match.
6. Play will be singles match play in order of EXACT handicap index, lowest first, highest last, and with **FULL DIFFERENCE in Course Handicap** being applied. Matches should be played in singles (2 ball) format, but if this is not possible then the HOME Club should give a minimum of 48 hours' notice of the likelihood of having to play games in four ball format. The AWAY Club may insist the match is played in singles format but only if they are able to host the match to accommodate the change.
7. Play shall be from the furthest 'back' Medal Tees (regardless of Tee colour) or if not available, from the 'back' Tee of the day. Team Captains may agree to play from a forward tee.
8. If the home Club knows in advance that it will be on more than 3 Temporary Greens or more than 1 hole closed, the away Club must be given the opportunity to host the match.
9. The Club at the top of each pair as drawn in the first round (even if coming through a preliminary round), marked with an * shall have choice of venue. In subsequent rounds the HOME team shall be drawn by 'lot' and this will be conducted at the BB&O County Office. A HOME Club may forego its HOME right in any round if the AWAY Club is agreeable.
10. It is the responsibility of both teams to arrange the match. HOME Clubs must be able to offer at least **two weekend dates** for matches and all weekend/midweek game starting times must be no later than 5 hours before sunset. In the event of no mutually agreeable date/time being available then both sides will be disqualified. Matches may be decided by lot, concession or by using a lesser number of team members, whose playing order and handicaps, have been agreed between Team Captains beforehand. Should one team be seen to act unreasonably, the County Union will adjudicate accordingly.
11. Entering the Hillman Trophy gives us permission to share the provided contact details to the other entrants of the competition.
12. Away players must be given courtesy for matches. If at all possible, a courtesy practice round for the AWAY Club should be given in the **Semi Finals only**. HOME Clubs may charge a green fee should an AWAY Club require a practice round in earlier rounds. Please note that not all Clubs may be able to offer a practice round, or at a reduced rate, and it is not compulsory. Any Catering requirements must be arranged beforehand and any apportionment of charges agreed between the Team Captains.
13. The Club Secretary or Team Captain of the **WINNING** Club (not necessarily the HOME Club) must inform the County Union Office of the result **without delay by email**.
14. Matches will be played in accordance with the current Rules of Golf and Local Rules of the HOME Club.
15. Matches **must** be played by the due date. No extensions will be given.
16. In the event of a halved match result, the last individual match halved will continue to the 19th hole or beyond as a 'stipulated round' for a result.
17. The Trophy and the Plate are two separate events with regards to player eligibility.
18. In the Final, players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round. Except in cases, when competitors claim exemption under the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 & 2005, they produce a Medical Certificate signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner. Medical Certificates must be provided to the County Secretary not less than 5 clear days prior to the start of the Final. Competitors shall always be responsible for providing their own motorised buggy/trolley.

In the event of any dispute the decision of the County Union shall be final.

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