

The Southern Challenge 2018 (Version 3)

1. General

This event will be held as a three division event over two different weekends. Division one and division two (north) will be held at Southwick and Surbiton over the weekend of June30/July 1 whilst division 2 (South) will be at Southwick on the weekend of 7/8 July.

We had received 26 entries which give us 12 for the first division and seven each for the second divisions but unfortunately Worthing has had to withdraw and we only have six for division two south. We are keeping to a similar format as previously with all players playing approximately the same number of singles and doubles.

All play is in accordance with **level play rules**

2. Team Entries and Substitutes

Normally all players should be 'regular' members of the club named on the Team Registration Sheet, however the Manager will look favourably on the occasional guest player in the teams from the smaller clubs if this is necessary to complete the team line-up, but this should be declared in the player list described below.

On arrival at the venue, each team Captain must provide the Manager with a completed Team Registration Sheet with each player's handicap clearly listed. Subject to any additional restrictions given in the individual event formats, a captain may choose any player for any match, be it a singles or doubles providing that the balance between singles and doubles play is approximately equal for each player as defined in the detailed playing formats. A sheet will be provided for each Captain to record the players he uses in each round together with the result. All singles games in division one will be used for ranking purposes. The completion of this form is a mandatory requirement of the tournament as it is used to generate the ranking report and must be completed before the team leaves on Sunday.

Although our substitution policy is very flexible, no player may turn out for more than one team over the weekend. We want to keep the regulations as regards players as simple as possible as our main objective is pure enjoyment of good GC competition. However where clubs have ample resources to populate a team we ask that the general requirements are not "bent" simply to strengthen the team as this is considered outside the spirit of the event.

3. Common Requirements for both Divisions

Each round will normally comprise one doubles and two singles matches. Time limits will be used but will normally be quite long such that few games actually reach the limit. Each game will be the standard 13 point game. When time limits have to be used, a further eight shots will be played on expiry of the time and the game will cease at the end of the eight shots unless scores are equal, in which case play will continue until the next hoop is decided as ties are not acceptable.

Prior to the start of each match, the Captain will hand over to his opposite number, the Player Selection Sheet (copies in attached bundle) which defines which players are being used for singles and which for doubles. The handicaps must be given as player 1 in singles has to be the lower handicap of the two singles players. If they are equal, one must be defined as lower for this purpose. The match result, e.g. 2-1, must be reported to the Manager immediately after completion of the match. The Manager will describe how the reporting is to be done at each venue. The requirement to balance singles and doubles play for each and every player will mean that no player may have a balance of singles against doubles games played of greater than one. This will only apply to the rounds in the all play all sessions. Different requirements may apply to final rounds.

4. Refereeing

In division one, all qualified referees may respond to a raised mallet. Please show your availability by signing the refs sheet in the Veranda Room.

Two wandering referee will be available all day in both division 2 events and may be called by the normal raised mallet. However these referees have been appointed as **Supervising Referees** as defined by the CA Tournament Regulations. In simple terms this means that they are **In Charge** of all games in their area and may intervene in a game without a request from any players in that game.

It is **not** the intention to appoint **sequence umpires** for this competition as happens in some major CA events as it is considered inappropriate for federation events. It is considered that amongst lesser experience players, the use of sequence umpires could lead to illegal interruptions. For the purposes of this competition, players may only intervene on incorrect sequence if they are actively involved in the game.

5. Format for division one

Now that our numbers have increased to twelve, we intend to use the same format that has successfully been used for GC Inter Counties for several years. This is a simple all play all. As each match requires two lawns, one for two double banked singles and one for single banked doubles, then technically we require twelve lawns for twelve teams. As no club in the UK can meet this number, we choose one "lawnsworth" of games from each of the normal eleven rounds and play this off as a preliminary round. This round is a mixture of singles and doubles and is played as the first round of the competition so that all following matches can finish with a complete result. With this arrangement most teams will only require two players for the first round on the Saturday. The other players will have a 'bye' round somewhere in the competition.

The requirement to balance singles and doubles play for each and every player to a maximum difference of one between the singles and doubles totals applies to all rounds in this event. Where matches have one segment in the preliminary round, no player may play in the preliminary round and the main round against the same team.

This format results in seven round on Saturday and five on Sunday.

The winner will be the team with the most match wins, separated if required by net games. but if still equal, who beats whom will decide.

6. Format for Division Two North

This event starts with an all play all format but as we have an odd number of teams, it is a necessity to have a bye round. A spare lawn will be provided for those with a bye for warming up purposes. This will require seven rounds of play. At the end of this session the teams will be ranked in order, first on number of match wins and then on net games won. If there are still ties, who beats who or net points may be used to separate teams at the Managers discretion. The teams will then be split into the top four and bottom three. If there are difficulties in separating teams within a group, these may be separated by draw as all in a group are treated equally. Selection of players for the teams in these first seven rounds must be such that the totals of singles and doubles games played by each player is no more than one different.

The top four teams will then all play each other for a second time. Substitutes may be used during these latter games but no player may play two singles or two doubles games in the two meetings between the two teams. The final top four placings will be decided on the most number of match wins in the two rounds and separated by net games. In the event of a tie, the final round results will predominate.

The second group contains only three teams and as we did not want to have to introduce any further bye rounds, the format will be changed slightly for these three teams. As we have six pairs of players, it is feasible to arrange three rounds of play with each round being one doubles match and two lawns of double banked singles thus allowing all twelve players to participate each round. This provides a format where each team only meets another specific team once per round but by taking this combination of results from each round, one obtains a complete match of one doubles and five singles games which will provide a meaningful competition for these last three rounds with placings being decided on number of match wins followed by net games. If this leaves ties, a tied result will be accepted.

7. Format for Division Two South

With only six teams, there is time for an all play all twice format giving ten rounds of play over the two days. The schedule will be arranged so that one complete round of all play all is completed before the second is started. No byes are required with this arrangement.

The final placings will be decided on number of match wins and separated by net games won if necessary. Who beats who may be used if required and feasible.

The following restrictions will apply to the selection of players for each match. No player may play both singles or both doubles in the two matches between two specific teams. In addition the totals of singles games and doubles games for each player may not be more than one different over the whole competition.

In the table below capital AB denotes team A plays team B at doubles and lower case ab denotes two singles matches between team A and team B.

8. Division One Playing Schedule

Team Codes

A - Ramsgate
 B - Ryde 1
 C - Sussex 1
 D - Winchester
 E - Dulwich
 F - High Wycombe
 G - East Dorset
 H - Sussex 2
 I - West Worthing
 J - Cheam 1
 K - Tunbridge Wells
 L - Rottingdean 1

Capitals denote one round of doubles and lower case denote two rounds of double banked singles

Sat	9.15	Captain's briefing - Veranda Room												
Round	Start Time	Lawn												
Sat.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	BYE	
1	9.30	DL	hl	AB	ag	EG	df	HK	bc	CJ	FI	ej	ik	
2	10.40	FG	fg	HI	hi	JK	la	DE	jk	LA	BC	de	bc	
3	11.50	AH	ah	EL	cj	DI	bg	BG	el	FK	di	fk	CJ	
	1.00	LUNCH												
4	2.00	DJ	dj	EK	fl	FL	ek	CI	bh	BH	AG	ci	ag	
5	3.10	IK	ik	JL	bd	AC	ac	FH	jl	BD	eg	fh	EG	
	4.10	TEA												
6	4.30	CE	bl	DF	ce	AK	hj	BL	ak	GI	HJ	gi	df	
7	5.40	GJ	be	CF	hk	BE	gj	AD	cf	IL	il	ad	HK	
Sun.														
8	9.30	AE	dk	BI	bi	HL	ae	DK	cg	FJ	CG	fj	hl	
9	10.40	EI	ei	GK	dl	BJ	bj	AF	gk	CH	af	ch	DL	
10	11.50	BF	ai	AI	bf	CK	ck	GL	dh	EJ	DH	gl	ej	
	1.00	LUNCH												
11	2.00	BK	aj	DG	eh	AJ	fi	CL	dg	EH	bk	cl	FI	
12	3.20	CD	cd	EF	ef	GH	gh	IJ	ij	KL	kl	ab	AB	
	4.45	PRESENTATION												

Time limits of one hour per game will apply. On completion of time a further eight shots will be played at which time the final score will be taken as is if scores are not equal but play will continue if scores are equal until a golden hoop is scored.

Captains must make their own arrangements for time keeping. As this is a weekend event there is not massive room for slippage in the schedule and all teams are asked to ensure they start in good time. Failure to set a clock will not be accepted for a late finish without good reason and the Manager reserves the right to set an **arbitrary time limit based on scheduled starting time** if this is necessary to maintain a schedule

9. Division 2 North Playing Schedule

Team Codes

- A - Cheam 2
- B - Ryde 2
- C - Purley Bury
- D - Surbiton
- E - Sydenham
- F - Reigate Priory
- G - Merton

In the table below capital AB denotes team A plays team B at doubles and lower case ab denotes two singles matches between team A and team B.

Day	Round	Time									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	BYE	
Sat	1	9.30	CE	ce	DF	df	AG	ag	*	B	
	2	10.45	BE	be	AF	af	DG	dg	*	C	
	3	12.00	AE	ae	BF	bf	CG	cg	*	D	
		1.00	Lunch								
	4	2.00	BC	bc	DE	de	FG	fg	*	A	
	5	3.15	AD	ad	CF	cf	BG	bg	*	E	
		4.00	Tea								
	6	4.30	AC	ac	BD	bd	EG	eg	*	F	
Sun	7	9.30	AB	ab	CD	cd	EF	ef	*	G	
	S1	11.00	UV	uv	TW	Tw	X1Y1	x2z2	y1z2	*	
		12.30	Lunch								
	S2	2.00	UW	uw	TV	Tv	X2Z1	x1y2	y1z2	*	
	S3	3.15	TU	tu	VW	vw	Y2Z2	x2y1	x1y1	*	
		4.30	Presentation								

Time limits of one hour per game will apply. On completion of time a further eight shots will be played at which time the final score will be taken as is if scores are not equal but play will continue if scores are equal until a golden hoop is scored.

10. Division 2 South Playing Schedule

Club Codes

- A - Sussex 3
- B - Littlehampton
- C - Medway
- D - Rother Valley
- E - Rottingdean 2
- F - Canterbury

In the table below capital AB denotes team A plays team B at doubles and lower case ab denotes two singles matches between team A and team B.

Day	Round	Time	Lawns					
			1	2	3	4	5	6
Sat	1	9.30	CD	cd	AB	ab	EF	ef
	2	10.40	BE	be	DF	df	AC	ac
	3	11.50	BF	bf	CE	ce	AD	ad
		1.00	Lunch					
	4	2.00	AE	ae	CF	cf	BD	bd
	5	3.10	BC	bc	DE	de	AF	af
		4.00	Tea					
Sun	6	4.30	AB	ab	EF	ef	CD	cd
	7	9.30	DF	df	AC	ac	BE	be
	8	11.00	CE	ce	AD	ad	BF	bf
		12.30	Lunch					
	9	2.00	CF	cf	BD	bd	AE	ae
	10	3.15	DE	de	AF	af	BC	bc
	4.30	Tea & Presentation						

Time limits of one hour per game will apply. On completion of time a further eight shots will be played at which time the final score will be taken as is if scores are not equal but play will continue if scores are equal until a golden hoop is scored.

11. Catering

Our two host clubs are taking a similar but slightly different approach to catering and details are given in the appendix at the end of these instructions.

12. Managers

The Managers on the day will be Bill Arliss at both Southwick events and Michael Hague at Surbiton. Unless it concerns any actual arrangements for the day, any queries should be sent to Bill Arliss who is overall Manager for the event.

10 Handicaps

Although this is a level play event, it is expected that all players will be in possession of valid and up to date handicap card which they should bring with them on the day.

11 Result Reporting

In both divisions the match result must be reported immediately after conclusion of the match. i.e. 2-1 or 0-3 as appropriate. The winning Captain is specifically charged with seeing this is done. The method of reporting match results will be explained at the briefing. Individual match scores are not immediately required but we ask that each team complete the detailed results sheet immediately after each match and have it immediately available if required by the Manager. Please try and do it as it happens as each year when I am reporting results for ranking I always have several differences in score from opposing teams to sort out. It must be fully completed and handed to the Manager before a team leaves

12 Trophies

The winner of the first division will hold “The Simon Carter Rose Bowl” (kindly donated by Simon for this event) for the year whilst the winners of the second divisions will each hold “A Southern Challenge Salver”.

13 Paperwork

Listed procedures require all Captains to provide specific information on their team and results. An electronic package of the various forms will be provided later to all contacts.

Regards

Bill Arliss,

Overall Manager for the Event

Future Plans

Whilst a full relegation/promotion scenario might at first glance seem very appropriate, it is not easy to make this mandatory as for example the number of entrants may reduce or increase or the bottom two in the first division may both be from either the north or south regions. As the competition is now developing, a compromise approach will be adopted in future years. The Manager will retain the right to require the bottom two teams in the first division to be relegated to division two and the top teams in each second to be promoted. He will also retain the right to suspend any relegation and or promotion if he considers such action damage the stability of the two divisions

Updated Contact List

DIVISION ONE				
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6	Rottingdean 1	Ivan Segal	01273 301843	Ivan_segal@hotmail.com
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9	Winchester	Nigel Hind	01794 340023	nigelhind@btinternet.com
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3	Purley Bury	Audrey Sherwin	02086688554	audrey.sherwin34@gmail.com
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5	Merton	Louise Taylor	0208 543 5839	Jlouise.taylor@virgin.net
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2	Rottingdean 2	Ivan Segal	01273 301843	Ivan_segal@hotmail.com
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4	Littlehampton	Chrissie Merrington	01903 856930	tricechristine@yahoo.co.uk
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APPENDIX

Catering Arrangements

Catering at Southwick for the Southern Challenge 2018

To all entering teams playing at Southwick:

We look forward to welcoming you to Southwick for this year's Southern Challenge.

The investment in our new lawns is starting to pay off. Many players who have visited the club have been most complimentary.

Now we've got them to this standard we need to maintain them at this level. The lawn hire fees that you pay go a long way towards covering our overhead costs, but not totally.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could support the club's catering facilities this year by using the club catering rather than bringing your own food. We need the contribution made from catering to help us maintain/improve our facilities at top level.

This year we are offering:

All inclusive rate of £12 per day (lunch, tea, coffees, cake & biscuits)

There will be a choice of a hot meal or a salad buffet each day.

For those who don't feel they can support us by having lunch, there will be a daily rate of £5 per day covering tea, coffee, biscuits and cake.

This year for the first time we are offering filter coffee as part of the package.

Please register your team name, numbers and catering requirements for each day no later than the Monday before the event giving the following details by email to:

lindagav23@gmail.com

Name of Club:

Number of people requiring inclusive daily rate each day:

Number of people requiring the daily rate without lunch:

Any special dietary requirements:

We would appreciate it if the Team Captain could pay a member of our catering or bar team each morning accompanied by the attached form.


Many thanks

Sussex County Croquet Club

Club:

Date:

Name	Amount paid	Special dietary requirements (if any)

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Club:

Date:

Name	Amount paid	Special dietary requirements (if any)

Catering at Surbiton for the Southern Challenge 2018

To all teams playing at Surbiton:

We look forward to welcoming you to Surbiton for this year's Southern Challenge. We hope that you will enjoy playing at our club.

Our lawns are expensive to maintain and the subscriptions of our members and fees paid by tournament players fall well short of what we need for upkeep and improvement. We make up the difference through the profits we make on catering and doing a great deal of the lawn work, and all of our catering work, ourselves. The viability of our club depends crucially on our catering efforts and we hope that you will support us so that we can continue to host the Southern Challenge. The support last year was disappointing.

This year we are offering:

All-inclusive rate of £12 per day (lunch, tea, coffees, cake & biscuits)

For those who don't feel they can support us by having lunch, there will be a daily rate of £5 per day covering tea, coffee and biscuits.

We will assume that all players will wish to support us to assure the continuation of this event at Surbiton and we therefore do not need prior notification of numbers. If you nevertheless feel that you have to go for the lower £5 daily rate, please send names and numbers to chris.bob@blueyonder.co.uk not later than the Monday before the event.

Please use the same email address for notification of any special dietary requirements.

Payments please into our honesty box on each day of the event.

Many thanks

Surbiton Croquet Club."