

NERGA Finals Days 2018

Congratulations to all qualifiers for the 2018 Finals days

The following information covers the arrangements for both NERGA Finals Day - Inter on Sat 6/10/18 and Rabbits on Sat 13/10/18 - both events to be held at [Ramside Hall](#)

Course – Inter will play on the Cathedral Course while Rabbits will play on the Prince Bishop Course.

Cost - £20 per player to be paid at Registration desk on the day.

Registration – The Registration desk will be in the main clubhouse.

Start time - The 1st group in the Inter event will tee off at 9:20, with the Rabbits teeing off at 09:30

Refreshments – Bacon sandwich and Coffee prior to the round and a 2-course meal is included in the entry fee.

Order of play - Player competing in the NERGA Individual competition will tee off first, followed by the players competing in the Club Competition. Players who are competing in the Individual Championship AND are included in the 8 man Club competition, will play in the last group of Individuals.

Groups - Each group will consist of 3 players. The Players in the Individual competition will go out in reverse "average score" order with the players with the lowest average scores going out first, with players with the best average score going out last. The groups for the club championship will be made up of players from 3 different clubs.

Top Player replacement– If the top player from a club is not available to attend Finals Day, the host club can nominate a replacement – where the expectation that the replacement the 2nd highest scoring player.

Top Player from a club where Team has also qualified for Finals day – For 2018 we have increased the number of clubs that have qualified for Finals day, top two teams in each zone. The addition of extra teams means that we must limit the number of players from each club. This impacts clubs which have qualified for the team competition where the top individual must also be Player 1 in the 8 man team. In past years most clubs included their top individual as a member of the 8 man team, thus hopefully this will not have a major impact on qualified clubs.

Handicap – Normal NERGA rules apply, where a player plays of their current CONGU handicap. But players in the Rabbits competitions must have played at least one game this season with a handicap of 16 or over, and for the Inter comps, the max handicap allowed is 15.

Scoring – Standard Stableford format off full handicap allowance. For team events, best 7 scores to count.

Disqualifications – Standard R&A rules apply to incorrectly completed scorecards – this includes cards not signed by player and marker and scorecards where the gross score on a hole is incorrect (lower score recorded).

Tied Score – For individual comps the back 9, back 6 etc method will be used to determine placings where players have the same score. For Team comps, the best 7 scores will be used to determine the placings, with ties being determined by reference to the 8th player score, then the top scorer, 2nd best etc.

Dress Code – Standard golfing attire, although players may wish to “dress up” for the presentation meal & pictures.

Presentation – Two separate presentations will be held at each event, where the results will be announced and the trophies presented. All players are encouraged to attend the relevant presentation. The Individual presentation (including the meal) will take place once all players in the Individual comp have completed their round and submitted their scorecard. The Club presentation (including the meal) will take place once all the team players have completed their round.

Meal – Could any special requirements for the meal (vegetarian etc) be notified prior to the event.

Pre event practice – Ramside Hall have kindly offered all players with free access to the driving range, so please ensure that you arrive in good time to warm up on the putting green and driving range.

Guests – Guests are welcome to attend the event, either caddying for a player, or just attending the presentation, but there is no opportunity for guests to play the course. Refreshments are available for guests which can be booked and paid for at the Registration desk on the day.

Action required - Individual Comp - All clubs to inform their top player of the tee time & arrangements and inform NERGA Comp Sec **if** the top player cannot attend and provide the name of the replacement. Same tee time will be allocated to replacement. Any changes to be notified to NERGA Comp Sec (iwansliw@yahoo.com) via e-mail, no later than 7 days before event.

Action required - Team Comp - All clubs to provide the name of the 7 team players in order of going out, to NERGA Comp Sec (iwansliw@yahoo.com) via e-mail, no later than 7 days before event.

Provisional Start Sheet – included with this e-mail, and will be posted on NERGA Web site.

Official Start sheet - Will be published 5 days before the event.

Player Levy – Some clubs still have not forwarded the £1 player levy collected at their home event to the NERGA Treasurer. The Player Levy is the key funding source for Finals Day and thus players from clubs who have not paid the Player Levy to the Treasurer will NOT be invited to attend Finals Day. Such clubs have already been issued with 2 reminders.

Finally, the 2018 Finals Days are the largest that NERGA have hosted, with 165 of the top Inter and Rabbits golfers in the North East attending over the 2 days, and your cooperation and assistance in meeting the above deadline will be very much appreciated.

Please contact Iwan Owen (NERGA Comp sec) with any queries or questions

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Regards

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