



HILLEDALE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

All Members with 2026 Handicap are entered in the Club Championships
IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO PLAY, PLEASE FORFEIT YOUR FIRST ROUND

If you cannot play in the finals on August 23, 2026 please do not play any of your matches.
It is not fair to knock out an opponent if you know now you will not be available to play in the finals.

1. Format for the tournament is 18 holes of match play without handicap, single elimination. You are playing golfers of equal handicaps within your own flight.
2. All holes must be completed the same day and all matches should be played by the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. Both players are responsible for contacting each other to make arrangements to play their matches. If the deadline passes without the match being played, the Tournament Committee will have no choice but to forfeit both sides of the match. If you have made several attempts to contact your opponent without any response, please inform the committee of your situation before the match deadline date.
4. The finals are played on August 23, 2026 in addition to the Member – Member Tournament. All Club Championship matches also play in the Member – Member Tournament. There are no exceptions. All flights follow the Member – Member Tournament.
5. Please allow the golf professional to post all results on the pairings sheet as to how the match was won. Under each name you should list how the match finished. For example, if Smith defeats Adams, 2-1, she was up 2 holes with 1 hole left to play. Another example, if Smith defeats Adams 6-5, meaning she was up 6 holes with 5 holes to play. It is only fair to post all score for the future opponents.
6. Senior Tees will be in effect for all matches. Any player 70 years and older or having a medical condition, can use these tees for their matches. Super Senior Tees are also available for players 85 years and older.

All of our events need an official USGA handicap in order to participate. All you need to do is post ten 18 hole scores on our handicap posting computer, or the GHIN website to get a handicap. For all members who have an established handicap, you must post scores every time you play. It is not fair if you are not keeping your handicap current. If we feel that you are playing differently than your handicap indicates, we will flight you at our discretion. If you are interested in playing in the Club Championship, **you must have a handicap established by June 1, 2025.** This is a flighted event and you cannot be flighted without a differential total which is established with the handicap service.

USGA rules govern all play, match play rules are different than stroke play. If you have a rules question you must call the club house for a ruling before going to the next hole. You may not play two balls in match play. Please read up on your rules as they are different for this form of play.

Summer rules for all matches.

Match Deadlines:

First Round – June 14, 2026 and ends: July 4, 2026

Second Round – starts July 5, 2026 ends July 25, 2026

Third Round – starts July 26, 2025 ends August 15, 2026

Finals – August 23, 2026 Member-Member Tournament