

# Pierce Purcell Rules 2018

## **New handicap bands in the AIG Cups and Shields**

Pierce Purcell Lower limit reduced from 12 to 11; Combined limit reduced from 27 to 25

### **1. General**

- a) The Shield shall be called the “Pierce Purcell Shield”.
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

### **2. Eligibility**

- a) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament who was not in possession of a CONGU Handicap during the preceding calendar year.
- b) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than 11 during the previous calendar year.
- c) No player under 18 years of age on 1 January of the year of the Tournament is eligible to compete.
- d) A player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions (Supplementary Scores are not included) all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player’s home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event. Nine-Hole qualifying competitions are admissible under this rule. Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.
- e) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

### **3. Format**

- a) Each team shall consist of ten members and play shall be by Greensomes (also known as “Scotch Foursomes”) medal play or match play. Greensomes, in either form of play, is prescribed as follows:
  - i) The rules and penalties governing foursomes as prescribed in Rule 29 of the Rules of Golf shall apply, except that at the start of each hole, both members of a side shall play from the tee and shall select at their discretion one of the two balls which shall remain the ball in play until the conclusion of the hole.
  - ii) In applying Rule 29-1 (ie, where penalty strokes do not affect the Order of Play), the player who played first from the tee shall play the next stroke, with the appropriate penalties applying, where either
    - play of a provisional ball is necessitated following the play of both members of a side from the tee, or
    - play under stroke and distance is required where both players’ balls from the tee are lost or O/B.

### **4. Handicaps**

- a) All matches must be played off scratch.
- b) Combined lowest playing handicap of each pair during preceding calendar year shall not be less than 25.
- c) Penalty for breach of Rule 4 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

## **5. Caddies**

a) Caddies are prohibited. Penalties will be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields.