‘Alternate Day’ Competitions

For those Clubs which have members who find it difficult to play on the Main Competition day and providing the Club Committee is willing to grant the necessary permission, the Committee may arrange an ‘Alternate Day(s)’ for their club competitions.

The following are guidelines for Committees to enable as many players as possible to play in Competitions, promoting participation and the return of scores for handicapping:

- If Trophy Competitions are played on one day only, consideration should be given to running Trophy Competitions on an Alternate Day.

- The Alternate Day should be arranged within 7 days of, and prior to, the Main Day so that the completion is closed after the Main Day. Scores are not published until close of play on the Main Day.

- Players may not compete for the prize on both the Alternate Day and Main Day and must indicate before play if their score is to count for the Trophy. However, a player may return a score for handicap only on either day.

- Where an England Golf Medal is available on the Main Day and Alternate Day, each Medal will be a stand-alone competition for which all players may be eligible, and for which any Term of Competition published by England Golf will apply.

- The Committee may request members to indicate their preference of entry date on a prepared list or booking system prior to the first of the competition days. However, it is recommended that Committees should be flexible with the emphasis being on inclusivity.
• There should be no restriction as to who may play on the Alternate Day. The emphasis should always be on providing the opportunity for as many members as possible being able to participate and return competition scores for handicap.

• Where the Club Committee limits the number of members who may compete on either day, the Committee should decide the fairest apportionment of opportunity for those wishing to participate. Page 2 of 2 10 December 2019

• Alternate Days must be treated as separate competitions for handicapping purposes; with a CSS being calculated, and handicaps being adjusted accordingly after each day. Prizes will be awarded against SSS, not CSS which is for handicapping purposes only. Change for 2020.

• It is acceptable for the Committees to arrange and approve flagsticks and tee positions to be altered, grass to be cut, and the course to be otherwise maintained between any days of the competition.

• Committees will need to consider their Terms of Competition when considering rearranging a date, or allocation of prizes, when either the Alternate or Main day is cancelled. The England Golf Medal Terms of Competition state that a Medal will stand, even if only one competitor enters. It should be noted that an Alternate Day must be given equal importance and consideration as the Main day.