

Dear Pearson Captain

PEARSON TROPHY 2025-2026

The Surrey Cup final was held at Camberley Heath Golf Club (my home club) and congratulations go to Worplesdon who won in a closely fought final against Foxhills. The Inter-County Final was held at Sundridge Park Golf Club in Kent on 15th July. It was a slightly cooler day to start with but it soon got hotter as did the golf. Sue Normand and her Worplesdon team gave it their all and very narrowly lost 3:2 to Brocket Hall (Herts) in the morning semi final. Well done to Worplesdon for making it to the Inter County finals day and giving Brocket Hall very tough matches, you should all be very proud of yourselves! Brocket Hall (Herts) went on to lift the trophy after beating Kent in the final, winning their first 3 matches and so although Kent were up in the other 2 matches they were called in and Brocket Hall lifted the trophy.

The full Finals Day reports are on the website <https://pearsontrophysurrey.co.uk>

No sooner is finals day over and we are on to the new season!

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Welcome all to another season of The Pearson Trophy. I am delighted to have assumed responsibility for managing the Surrey competition from Kate Haden Scott, who I am sure you will all agree is a hard act to follow. The good news is that Kate will be my deputy this coming year and so hopefully with her guidance things will run smoothly.

As per last year ALL correspondence should be directed to the Surrey Pearson email address surreypearson@gmail.com and must include your club name in the subject line. Information, results and rules will be updated on our website <https://pearsontrophysurrey.co.uk>. Results will be updated on a regular basis so please watch for your results being posted and if you have any queries on your published result, please let me know.

Matches can be played from Thursday 1 October 2026. Many of you took the gentle nudge last year to play as many of your matches early in the season and it certainly paid dividends as most cancelled or delayed matches occurred in the post Christmas period. You may wish to do so again this season but please be mindful that generally no team wants to play more than 2 matches in a week if it can be avoided, please be as accommodating as possible,

All matches **MUST** take place in two balls and weekdays only. These are inter-county rules and cannot be changed.

For the 2026-2027 competition we are trialing the halving of matches. A half may be awarded in any group stage match with each team being awarded ½ a point. No match in the group stage should therefore proceed past the 18th hole.

At the knockout stages up to and including the quarter finals, a match can be halved with ½ a point awarded to each team – at the end of the second leg if both teams are equal in matches and points then sudden death applies at the second leg of this

knockout stage with the first named player from each team starting at the 1st hole (Rule 18).

Please study this years' Rules and Regulations to remind yourself of these. The answer to most questions raised can be found within the Rules and Regulations so it is important that you keep these to hand. I strongly suggest that you print a copy of the Rules and Regulations and take this with you to all matches as there are inevitably times where wifi is not available and you cannot access the website.

PLEASE NOTE that the entry deadline for Surrey is earlier than stated in the Rules and Regulations. The deadline is 27th AUGUST 2026.

The handicap index range remains at HI 13 to HI 30 (R3 - Handicaps).

The team size remains at 5 players (R5 - Teams).

Courses must have a minimum of 15 holes open for play for all matches (R12 - Course alterations).

No caddies are allowed until County finals day except for medical reasons (R13 - Trolley Ban).

A team member must have submitted 3 qualifying competition cards in the calendar year prior to the start of the competition to be eligible. It is the responsibility of The Pearson Captains to ensure that all participants meet the playing criteria.

A player may only play for one club during a Pearson season.

If mats are required and being supplied by the home team (away team not having their own mats) then the mats must be of the **SAME quality – this means if an anchored mat is used by the home player then the same quality anchored mat must be supplied to the away player.**

If you are no longer Pearson Captain for your Club, please pass this email and attachments to the relevant person and inform me of your new Captain's contact details.

The key dates for this season are:

Thursday 27th August 2026	Entry forms returned and entry fee paid
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Draw sheet issued available on the website
Thursday 1 st October 2026	Start date for group matches
Friday 19th March 2027	Play by date for round robin home and away matches
Friday 23th April 2027	Play by date for knockout first round home and away matches
Friday 21 st May 2027	Play by date for quarter finals home and away matches
Tuesday 15th June 2027	Surrey Cup Finals at Coombe Hill Golf Club
Wednesday 14th July 2027	Inter County Final at Muswell Hill Golf Club (Middlesex)

I attach

- ☐ 2026-27 Entry Form
- ☐ Rules and regulations
- ☐ Match Result Form

Please ensure that you email the entry form back to me and pay the entry fee, to the account below, no later than Thursday 27th August 2026, **quoting your club as reference.**

Account Name The Pearson Trophy

Sort Code 60-23-40

Account Number 88390535

The website will be updated under the Reports and Documents tab to show the entries received so please check this once you have submitted your entry to ensure your club is shown. Please allow a few days for this to be updated but after that if you have submitted your form and paid the entry fee but are not shown on the listing then please let me know. Note the entry form **and** payment must be received for your entry to be complete.

The draw will be put on the website and emailed to you (along with a contact list) by Tuesday 1st September 2027. Please ensure that you write “Pearson and your Club” in the subject title of all emails you send me. When you are sent dates for matches you must reply promptly. You all will have several matches to organise and it is essential that you make it as easy as possible.

All matches should take place in a “friendly manner” and in the true “Spirit of the Game”. I should also remind you that any decision made by the Surrey Manager and Deputy is final.

I look forward to receiving your entry form and I hope you and your players enjoy the competition.

Lesley Parker

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