

Dear Pearson Captain

PEARSON TROPHY 2026-2027

The entry deadline has now passed and the draw for the Group Stages of the 2026-2027 Surrey Pearson has taken place.

This year we have 59 entries and as a result we have 3 groups of 5 teams and 11 groups of 4 teams. The winner of each group will proceed to the knockout stages. In the same way as last year we have 2 runner up spots available for the knockout stages. The runner up spots will be filled by the 2 highest scoring group runners up. The highest runners up will be decided on their number of group matches won, the number of points won and in the event of a tie at this stage the number of away matches and away points will take priority over home results. The results of those in a Group of 5 will be pro-rated when determining the highest runner up results.

Please remember that at the Group Stage and at the knockout stage up to and including the quarter finals, matches may be halved. No match at the Group stage should therefore continue past the 18th hole.

If there is a possibility of your club having obligatory fairway mats in use, it would be courteous to advise this to your Group members when you begin to arrange your matches.

As per last year **ALL** correspondence should be directed to the Surrey Pearson email surreypearson@gmail.com and must include your club name in the subject line.

Information, results and rules can be found on the 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.

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.

Remember:-

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

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

Matches MUST be played in 2 balls and weekdays only.

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 – Rule 13(v).**

Rule R7 covers the procedure on match day. Note there is no requirement to exchange team lists the day before a match.

The key dates for the Group stage are:

Thursday 1 st October 2026	Start date for group matches
Friday 19th March 2027	Play by date for group home and away matches

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- ☐ Pearson Captains Contact List
- ☐ The Draw
- ☐ Match Result Form

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.

Let the competition begin!

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