

Playoff Rules of Competition for the



- 1. Starting Field.** The starting field in the *Playoff for the Joan L Kidd MD Fight for Life Cup* will be the players who are certified as finishing in 3rd through 12th place in the Blessings in a Backpack Individual Qualifier for the Duke of Edinburgh Cup on April 17th, 2026, at The Club at Venetian Bay. Playoff golfers will be announced by name and roll call at the conclusion of the DOE Cup qualifying round and will be instructed when to proceed to the tee box of the 5th hole. Any player arriving at the 5th hole tee box after play has commenced with the first tee shot will be automatically disqualified and eliminated from the competition. In the event this should occur on the first hole, they will count toward the elimination process on the first hole. The Official will call the players to the tee on each hole in order of finish in the Duke of Edinburgh Cup rankings.
- 2. Conduct of Play.** All players will commence the Playoff on hole number 5 as one group and will tee off in the order called by the competition official on site. After the first hole players will tee off in the same order they teed off on the first hole. The Official on site will assist with the order of play. The ball will be played down.
- 3. Elimination Process.** After play is completed on the first hole, the two players who record the highest scores on that hole are eliminated from further play. Play then continues on holes 6, 7, & 8, where the two players with the highest scores will be eliminated from the competition on each hole. On the ninth hole, the two players still remaining in the competition will play for the Fight for Life Cup and its Prize with the Player having the lowest score declared the Fight for Life Cup Champion. Upon elimination at each hole, the Official or an assistant will announce the Players advancing to the next hole but not reference the names of players eliminated.
- 4. Tie-Breaking-Holes 5,6,7, 8.** If more than two players are tied for the highest score at the conclusion of play on each hole, all players will chip off to determine the two players to be eliminated. If only one player records the highest score, that player is eliminated and the remaining players that are tied at the next highest score will chip off. The official will establish a marker for the chipping spot. For the chip off, the ball will be placed, not dropped, within three feet of the marker and no closer to the hole. Once the ball is placed, it is "in play." When a player is preparing to hit his or her chip shot, all other players in the Chip off must turn and face away from the green. This ensures no player gains an unfavorable advantage over other players who otherwise would be able to see the bounce, break, and speed of other player's chip shots. A tape measure will be used by an official to record each chip shot to determine which players are eliminated and which players remain in the competition.

5. **Tiebreaking-Hole 9.** If the two remaining players tie on the last hole, a sudden death playoff will commence. The players will head to the fairway of the ninth hole, 150 yards from the green, and place their balls within 3 feet of the designated marker playing out the ninth hole from that location. A drawing will determine who plays first. The player recording the lowest score on the hole will be the Champion. In the event the players tie, they will return to the ninth hole fairway, place their ball within 3 feet of the designated marker at 100 yards and hit their approach shots. In the event the players tie again, the players will attempt a 40-foot putt on the ninth green with the closest to the hole being declared the winner. In the event of a tie on the putt, the players will continue to putt until one player is declared the winner.
6. **Tee Boxes.** The teeing grounds used by each player will be the teeing grounds each player used in the Duke of Edinburgh Cup qualifying event.
7. **Handicap Index.** Players will compete with the same handicap index as established by the Blessings in a Backpack qualifying event for the Duke of Edinburgh Cup.
8. **Pace of Play.** In the event of slow play of a player as determined by the Official, the player will receive a warning. A second warning will result in a one-stroke penalty. A third warning results in disqualification. Players are expected to proceed to their ball and be prepared to play in proper order. All carts should always remain out of the sight lines of other players. On the last hole, carts must always remain off the fairway.
9. **USGA Rules of Golf.** The USGA Rules of Golf apply unless modified by local rules.
10. **Awards and Prize Giving.** Upon the determination of the Champion, the Champion and runner up will be presented awards and prizes on the 9th green commencing immediately upon the conclusion of the Playoff. All other players in the Playoff will be recognized and presented consolation prizes and must be present to receive their awards on the 9th green. Players will be expected to remain present after the awards presentation for pictures, both individual and group.
11. **Waivers.** All players will be required to have media, use of images, and liability waivers on file with Blessings in a Backpack Central Florida, The Golf Club at Venetian Bay and Joan L Kidd Fight for Life Continuum, LLC.
12. **Rulings on the Course.** All rulings on the course made by the Certified Rules Official are final.
13. **Rules Change.** The Joan L Kidd Fight for Life Cup may amend, modify, or alter the Rules of Competition at its discretion at any time prior to the commencement of the competition.