**CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS**

**1. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES**

1. Players must enter competitions in the Professional’s Shop via the terminal and obtain a scorecard. The terminal will issue a handicap printout to place on the card, which shows the players Handicap Index (HI), Course Handicap (CH) for the day and Playing Handicap (PH) for the day’s competition.If the terminal is not in operation the Pro will sign players into the competition of the day, but players will be responsible for completing their HI, CH and PH.
2. **Players must ensure their scores are entered into the Clubhouse computer or via the App by the end of the competition day. Consistent failure to do so may result in disciplinary sanctions.**
3. Please ensure your scorecard is completed, signed and returned it to the Committee by the end of competition day via the drop box between the 19th and 20th. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Once entered into the drop box the card is deemed to be returned to the Committee and the card cannot be retrieved or amended. **All competition cards must be returned to the Committee even if the score is entered on the App, or if it is an N/R due to injury.**
4. Any General Play / Handicap cards need to be returned to the Professional’s Shop and NOT via the drop box (it is useful to take a photo of the card on your phone until it is processed). If you have used the App to enter your score and it has been verified electronically by your playing partner, you do NOT need to return your card.
5. Players must ensure their score is recorded for each hole, even in the event of a nil return. Please ensure when entering nil return that you select the correct option – **Played But Did Not Score**.
6. Scorecards must be signed by both the Marker and Player. Failure to do so **will** result in disqualification from the competition – electronic signatures on the app are acceptable **BUT please help your committee and sign the card as well.**
7. Full details of each competition will be advised in advance and is available on the website.
8. Competitions in which Ladies and Gents may enter, the V1 & WHS systems will apply an appropriate course rating and playing handicap adjustment. If a manual adjustment is required e.g. Mixed Greensomes, then the Golf Committee will endeavor to arrange this before play but reserves the right to undertake it post play.
9. Failure to comply / consistent breach of the general competition rules, may result in sanctions being considered, including suspensions / bans etc.

**2**. **GENERAL DAY TO DAY COMPETITIONS**

**Sunday /Tuesday Competitions**

1. Ladies and Gents may enter.
2. Divisions are:- Div 1: up to and including PH26, Div 2: PH27 and above
3. Gents cannot enter in Lady Captain’s Day and cannot win ladies’ trophies.
4. Where entry is permitted, Gents are eligible to win prize vouchers.

**Wednesday/ Thursday Midweek Medal & Stableford Competitions**

1. Ladies and Gents may enter.
2. Divisions are:- Div 1: up to and including PH14, Div 2: PH15 and above.
3. The division winners will qualify for the Donald Woodcock Trophy final.
4. Ladies cannot win Gents trophies.
5. Where entry is permitted, Ladies are eligible to win prize vouchers.

**Saturday Competitions**

1. Ladies and gents may enter.
2. The four divisions are: Div 1: up to and including PH 10, Div 2:PH11 to 15, Div 3: PH 16 to 20, Div 4 21 and above.
3. Ladies cannot enter Captain’s or President’s Day and cannot win Gents’ trophies (with the exception of Winter League and Super Seniors KO).
4. Where entry is permitted, Ladies are eligible to win prize vouchers.

Divisions may be subject to change from time to time, in an effort to balance the division numbers – members will be advised by email.

**3. KNOCKOUT COMPETITION RULES**

1. All players have equal responsibility in arranging suitable dates. Players must check course availability via BRS or the Professional. Players are able to book a time ahead of normal booking availability via the Professional.
2. If a mutually convenient date cannot be agreed, or a result declared by concession/coin toss, then the player/team on the first tee at 6pm on the final ‘play by date’ will go through. The player / team must however book a tee time as near as possible to 6pm for themselves and their opponents – this must be booked a minimum of 48 hours before 6pm on the final ‘play by date’ allowing opponents to be advised by the booking email in good time.
3. Both players/teams will be disqualified if the tie is not decided by the ‘play by date’.
4. Discontinuance of play; as per rules of golf.
5. It is the responsibility of the winner to enter the result of the match in the V1 system.
6. All queries regarding ‘play by dates’ should be directed to the Handicaps & Competitions Committee Chairperson, or in their absence, the Club Captain.
7. No extensions to ‘play by dates’ will be allowed.

**4. GENERAL CLUB RULES & RULES OF GOLF REMINDERS**

1. To be eligible to win a trophy, you must have submitted **three** 18-hole competition scores in your WHS record in the previous 12 months. – Previous 12 months is 12 months from the date of the competition or from the date of **final** entry date, where a competition is “entry by xx/xx/xx”.

Players who do not meet the above criteria can still enter competitions, win twos prizes and win positional prize money (including the first prize), but cannot win the trophy.

Clearly if you do not meet these criteria, it is not acceptable to enter KO competitions and such players will be removed from the competition, at the stage that their status is discovered. It is the individual players responsibility to ensure they are eligible before entering a competition.

1. When booking to play in a competition you are making a commitment to play and post a WHS qualifying score (if the competition is qualifying) and to your playing partners. Circumstances change, so if you must remove yourself from the booking, please be aware of how this affects your playing partners. A phone call to them may help, as would an early decision. This is particularly relevant in Team/Pairs competitions when someone may be left unable to compete or two players stuck in the middle of two four-balls.
2. When booking into a Saturday competition, from 1st April to Captains Drive in day in October, you have until 5.30 on Friday to scratch, otherwise you will be charged the entry fee. PLEASE try to scratch as early as possible during the week.

Repeated late cancellation may result in further sanctions.

1. On the day, once you have entered a ‘qualifying’ competition, you MUST return a score for WHS purposes, unless you have an illness/injury or emergency or the competition is cancelled.
2. If you have an illness/injury or emergency please mark your card accordingly and return it as normal. Input your scores into the system using the option ‘Did Not Play’ for holes after you ceased playing.
3. White and Blue Tees are competition ONLY i.e. designated White/Blue Tee Competitions, be they monthly Medal/Stableford or KO’s. Any other use of the White/Blue Tees is not allowed unless permission is expressly given by the Captain, for example in an Inter Club competition.

These rules are not definitive but are prepared to try and help everyone to get the best experience from their golf.

The Rules of golf, Local Rules, Rules of Handicapping and as appropriate Winter Rules always apply.

**Handicaps and Competitions Committee – September 2024**