

DROITWICH GOLF CLUB LADIES COMPETITION RULES

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Responsibility for running and overseeing all competitions rests with the Ladies Committee. Details of forthcoming competitions, including rules, entry qualifications, fees, alternate day arrangements etc will be displayed on the Competitions Notice Board where necessary.

Players must play off their current handicap at all times and to be eligible for any prize, entrants must have a competition handicap.

Handicap allowances will be as recommended by CONGU.

To enter the ladies club competitions an annual fee must be paid (except for the Bunny, Elderflower Eclectic, Elsie Knopp and Swatkins Trophies). There is no entry fee for the England Golf Medals or 9-hole handicap qualifiers.

Competition entry fees must be received by the designated closing date otherwise the entry will be deemed null and void.

Club competitions may be run in conjunction with another competition at the discretion of the Ladies' Committee.

In club competitions if 2/3 of the playing field has completed their round, the competition stands. In outside competitions (R&A, PING etc) if the whole field is unable to complete their round due to unplayable course conditions or thunder and lightening, the competition will be rescheduled if possible.

The qualifying period for the medal and stableford trophies is 1 June in one year to 31 May of the following year.

In competitions where two or more players are tied, the winner or the last qualifying place will be decided using standard count back procedures laid down by CONGU unless otherwise stated.

In any nett competition the first prize shall be awarded to the best nett score. The best gross is then determined from the remainder of the field. (except in the Redwood Trophy)

All matches and stroke play competitions to be a stipulated round of golf (see R&A Rules of Golf) which must start on the 1st tee. Penalty for failure to observe this rule; disqualification.

In knockout competitions each round must be completed and the result posted by the date shown on the draw sheet. No extensions will be considered. (unless course closures have been in place)

In knockout competitions playing partners may not be changed once your first round match has commenced.

Final rounds of the knockout competitions should, if possible, be played on Club Finals Day or within 30 days of that date.

A competition card may be marked by anyone acceptable to the committee.

LADIES MUST CONFIRM THEIR INTENTION TO ENTER A COMPETITION BY SIGNING UP IN THE APPROPRIATE WAY (BOOK, SHEET OR COMPUTER).

HANDICAP DIVISIONS

England Golf Medals No handicap division – single field.

Club Medals/Stablefords Three divisions – Silver, Bronze A & Bronze B.

Silver: (0 – 20) Bronze A: (21 – 27) Bronze B: (28 – 54)

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ENGLAND GOLF MEDAL COMPETITIONS

Between 4 – 24 England Golf medals will be played during the year from 1st January – 31st December. Ladies with a competition and non-competition handicap are eligible to play in these competitions. (Only players with competition handicaps may win the medal competition or an associated club competition)

England Golf medals may be run in conjunction with a club medal.

The winner of each England Golf medal is the player with the best nett score.

The player who returns the lowest aggregate of four nett scores in England Golf Medal Competitions from 1st January – 31st December is the overall winner at the club. The overall winner will receive a memento from England Golf and is eligible to compete in an England Golf Regional Medal Final.

Further information can be found on the England Golf website www.EnglandGolf.org

CLUB MEDAL COMPETITIONS

The medal trophies are:

The Holyoake Cup (Silver Division)

The Neligan Cup (Bronze A)

The Phillips Plate (Bronze B)

CLUB STABLEFORD COMPETITIONS

The stableford trophies are:

The Blake Cup (Silver Division)

The Bogey Cup (Bronze A)

The Phillips Plate (Bronze B)

Ladies qualify to compete for the above trophies by being 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a qualifying medal or stableford competition.

When one of these qualifying competitions falls on a weekend there will only be two divisions for prize vouchers, reflecting the lower number of players entering. Silver (0-20) & Bronze (21-54). However there will still be three divisions for trophy qualification.

Details of the ladies who have qualified to play in the finals for the Cups and Trophies will be posted on the Competition Notice Board. The finals of the three medal trophies and three stableford trophies will be played on a designated day, specified by the Ladies Committee.

9-Hole Competitions

Up to 12, 9-hole competitions may be played during the year in medal or stableford format, in accordance with CONGU guidelines.

Club Championship & Joyce Haigh Qualifier

An 18-hole medal qualifying round for the Club Championship and Joyce Haigh Trophies will be held on a designated Tuesday. Only players who wish to qualify for a place in the Club Championship or Joyce Haigh competitions should play in the qualifying round.

The ladies returning the best eight gross scores will qualify for the Club Championship and those ladies with the next best eight gross scores will qualify for the Joyce Haigh Trophy.

Club Championship

Those qualifying in 1st to 8th position go forward to compete in a match play competition off scratch for the trophy. The draw will be seeded. The final will be played over 36 holes on Club Finals Day and will be refereed.

Joyce Haigh

Those qualifying in 9th – 16th position will go forward to compete in a match play competition off scratch for the trophy. The draw will be seeded. The final will be played over 18 holes on Club Finals Day and will be refereed.

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Rose Bowl

The winner is the player with the best gross score in any medal round played between 1 October of one year and 30 September of the following year. In the event of a tie the trophy will be shared.

Vivienne Powis Trophy

The winner is the player who returns the lowest aggregate of four nett scores in the stableford competitions from 1st January – 31st December. In the event of a tie the trophy will be shared.

Burgoyne Cup

This is a match play knockout competition for handicaps 0-29. An unseeded draw will be made. The final will be played on Finals Day and will be refereed. An entry fee is payable.

Bunny Trophy

This is a stableford competition for handicaps 28 - 54. An entry fee is payable.

Centenary Chalice Bowl

An 18-hole medal competition. The overall winner will receive the trophy and a voucher with vouchers also being issued to the winners of the remaining divisions. In the event of a tie after count back the trophy will be shared.

Redwood Trophy

A 36-hole medal competition. The winner is the player with the lowest nett score. In the event of a tie there will be a play off over 18 holes, stroke play. This will be played within 30 days of the competition date. In the event of a further tie the winner will be decided by sudden death stroke play, where shots will be taken according to the ladies stroke index. A gross prize is also awarded and if tied the prize will be shared. The same person may win both the nett and gross prizes. An entry fee is payable.

Marjorie Rodger Trophy

The winner is the player who has reduced her handicap by the greatest number of shots; 1 October of one year to 30 September of the following year. The trophy is shared in the event of a tie.

President's Salver

This is an 18-hole medal competition. In the event of a tie after count back the trophy will be shared. The Ladies' President donates prizes at her discretion. This is not a qualifying competition for trophies.

Jarvis Cup (Jessup Cup)

This is a stableford competition. In the event of a tie after count back the trophy will be shared. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Swatkins Trophy (12-hole Competition)

This is a stableford competition played over 12 holes which all ladies of 65 years or over (on day of competition) with a competition handicap are eligible to play. Holes 1 to 10 and 17 & 18 to be played consecutively with priority given on the tee to those competing. In the event of a tie after count back the trophy will be shared. An entry fee is payable.

Elsie Knopp Seniors Trophy

All ladies of 70 years or over on the day of the competition with a competition handicap are eligible to play. This is a 9-hole stableford competition off full handicap. If played with a monthly stableford, the first nine holes will count for the Elsie Knopp Competition. In the event of a tie after count back the trophy will be shared. A silver photograph frame, retained for one year, will be awarded to the winner.

Senior Ladies 9-Hole Knockout

This is a match play knockout for ladies who are 70 years or over. An un-seeded draw will be made. An entry fee is payable.

Ann Menzies Trophy

This is a fun competition played in spring. Format to be decided by Lady Captain.

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Winter League (1st October – 29th February)

This is a 9-hole 4 ball better ball stableford with full handicap allowance run over the winter months. Players must sign the Winter League book before playing. One scorecard may be submitted per month. The winners will be the pair with the highest total of 3 scorecards added together. Detailed rules are in the Winter League book. An entry fee is payable.

Winter Order of Merit (1st November – 31st March)

This is a 9-hole stableford played twice a month with full handicap allowance. Points are awarded according to the top 10 positions and accumulated over the winter period. The winner is the player with the most points awarded from their 6 best positions achieved. Detailed rules are in the Winter Order of Merit book. An entry fee is payable.

Putting Cup

This competition is to be played on Lady Captain's Day on the practice putting green, the number of holes and format to be decided by Lady Captain.

Past Captain's Putter

An 18-hole stableford competition, played off full handicap, open to all Past Lady Captains.

Winter/Summer Eclectics (1st October - 31st March / 1st April - 30th September)

The object of the competition is to obtain the lowest aggregate score over 18 holes. Players must sign the eclectic book before playing and state which entry number they are playing. Please note Eclectic cards **MUST NOT** be taken out in match play, better-ball or team competitions. Detailed rules are in the eclectic folder. An entry fee is payable.

Winter/Summer Elderflower Eclectics (1st October - 31st March / 1st April - 30th September)

This is a 9-hole eclectic for ladies who are 70 years or over. You may only enter either the 9-hole eclectics or the 18-hole eclectics, you may not enter both. An entry fee is payable.

Birdie Tree

This competition is open to players with handicaps 0-15 and 16-24. In each sub division the winner is the player achieving the most birdies (or better) during the qualifying period; 1st March to 31st October. Only birdies recorded in designated (club handicap qualifying) competitions may be recorded. Detailed rules are in the birdie folder. An entry fee is payable.

Par Bar

This competition is open to players with handicaps 25-54. The winner is the player achieving the most pars (or better) in the qualifying period; 1st March to 31st October. Only pars recorded in designated (club handicap qualifying) competitions may be recorded. Detailed rules are in the par bar folder. An entry fee is payable.

Foursomes Knockout

A foursomes match play competition for handicaps 0-36. Handicap allowance is half the combined aggregate for each pair. An unseeded draw is made. The final will be played over 18 holes on Club Finals Day and will be refereed. An entry fee is payable. The winners will be entered into the **Daily Mail Foursomes Knockout Competition** as the representatives for Droitwich Golf Club. In the event of the winning pair being unable to compete, the opportunity will be offered to the runners up. If the second pair is unable to represent the Club the Ladies Competition Committee will review the results of the knockout rounds and make a recommendation to the Ladies Committee.

Christmas Medal

A medal round with prizes for all three divisions. This is not a qualifying competition for the trophies. An entry fee is payable.

Christmas Competition

A 9-hole shotgun competition. Arrangements to be decided by the Lady Captain and Vice Captain.

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England Golf / PING Competition

This competition will be run according to the rules set down by the sponsors. The score of the winning club pair will be entered on a national leader board and they may qualify to represent the Club in the National Grand Final or Plate Final. An entry fee is payable.

England Golf Australian Spoons

Foursomes stableford competition for handicaps 15-36, where the qualifying round(s) shall be determined by the Ladies Committee. England Golf provide the guidelines for running this competition. The winners may qualify to play in a Regional Final. An entry fee is payable.

England Golf Trust Stableford

This stableford competition may run alongside a club stableford. England Golf provide the guidelines for running this competition. The winners may qualify to play in a National Final. An entry fee is payable.

Coronation Foursomes

A foursomes stableford competition played according to rules set down by the R&A. The winners may qualify to play in a Regional Final. An entry fee is payable.

National Golf Club Challenge

This is an 18-hole stableford competition played in conjunction with a club competition according to the rules set down by the sponsors. The top 5 scores are entered and may qualify for the final at Turnberry. An entry fee is payable, which is donated to the charity On Course Foundation.

The Charles Heeley Challenge Bowl

This is an 18-hole competition, which may be played in conjunction with a club competition according to the rules defined by the organising committee. An entry fee is payable, which is donated to the charity nominated by the club hosting the final.

Breast Cancer Now

This is a medal round played alongside an England Golf Medal in September where an entry fee is payable to the charity.

Macmillan Cancer Relief

This is a stableford competition where an entry fee is payable to the charity.

Golf Foundation

This is a medal competition, which may be played in conjunction with an England Golf medal. An entry fee is payable.

Ladies' Invitation

A club member invites a guest from another club to play in a competition decided by the Ladies Committee. The Ladies Competition Committee is responsible for overseeing the running of this competition.

Ladies' Opens

The format for these competitions will be determined by the Ladies Committee. The Ladies Competition Committee is responsible for overseeing the running of these competitions. Prize vouchers will be sent out by post.

Girls' Open

This is an 18-hole medal competition open to any girl under 18 on the day of the competition. The Trophy is awarded to the best nett score. There are also gross prizes. For younger girls there is a 9-hole competition. There will be a prize giving at the conclusion of the day.

Other competitions may be run throughout the year as decided by the Ladies Committee, e.g. Iron and Wooden Lady competitions. Details will be displayed on the Competitions Notice Board.