

NOTICE

SENIORS STROKEPLAY COMPETITION RULES

The Seniors Committee have recently reviewed the rules for Seniors' Medal, Stableford and team competitions to ensure they generally follow club practice but are adjusted to meet our wish to streamline the playing of our competitions for the benefit of all. **The following updated rules will apply to all the above-mentioned Seniors Section competitions, with immediate effect.**

1.	A Competition Notice will be posted on the Seniors' Noticeboard about one month before the date of the competition, providing information on the competition format etc and how to enter (usually this will be via the Club V1 booking system). The sheet will make clear the deadline by which entries will be accepted. Seven days before the competition, there will be a draw for playing groups and tee times (this period may vary at the discretion of the Committee). The <u>Competition Start Sheet</u> will then be posted on the Noticeboard. <u>At this stage, entry to the competition is deemed to be closed,</u> although any players who failed to sign up in time on Club V1 may register as reserves for the event, in case of any withdrawals.
2.	Entrants scratching from the competition after the start sheet has been posted will remain liable for the competition fee and a competition ban. Refusal to pay the fee may result in a competition ban, unless the Committee waives the fee, e.g. if it judges the absence to be justifiable. Any entrants scratching from a competition <u>MUST</u> inform a Committee member (e.g. Mike Doig) without delay, and not simply cross their name off the start sheet.
3	All competition entrants should have an active ("C") CONGU handicap on the day of the competition. Those without such a handicap may play to return a card for handicap purposes <u>but they will not be eligible for any trophy or prize.</u> Entrants <u>MUST</u> sign-in, pay the correct entry fee before setting out to play - and tee off at the time indicated on the start sheet (or shortly thereafter as safety dictates). If there are gaps in the start sheet, the Committee may move groups accordingly to remove the gap so that our overall tee reservation can be kept to the bare minimum, out of consideration for other course users.
4.	After their round, entrants <u>MUST</u> enter their scores on the PSI Screen in the clubhouse. They must also ensure that they have fully completed the information at the top of the scorecard, i.e. competition and player name, date and tee time, up-to-date handicap and tees used, and that they, and their marker, have signed the card, including any "No Returns", before posting it in the mail box next to the PSI Screen. Failure to comply with these requirements and others mentioned above will result in disqualification and a competition ban.

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SENIORS MATCHPLAY COMPETITION RULES

The Seniors Committee has recently reviewed the rules governing Seniors Summer and Winter matchplay competitions. The revised rules in this notice apply with immediate effect.

1.	All ties in each round of the relevant competition <u>MUST</u> be played within the deadline stipulated on the Draw Sheet. The responsibility for arranging each tie is shared by all players involved. The Committee recommends that players do so by making early contact with their opponents, e.g. within the first 7 days of the month or other period in which the tie is due to be played (or earlier in subsequent rounds), offering a minimum of three dates to their opponents, at least one of which must be in different weeks of the round deadline period. <u>If they fail to do so and/or are unable to play the tie within the deadline period, both players, or all four players in the case of the 4BBB and Foursomes competitions, will forfeit the tie.</u> Alternatively, if after negotiation, agreement on a mutually convenient date within deadline still cannot be reached, the tie may be decided on the toss of a coin.
2.	All ties are to be played off the white tees under the R & A's rules governing matchplay competitions. Handicap allowances are: <u>Singles</u> – full handicaps; <u>4BBB</u> - 90% of full handicaps taken off the player(s) with the lowest handicap, rounded up or down; and <u>Foursomes</u> – 50% of the difference in aggregate handicap of each pair, rounded up/down.
3	All entrants must have paid their entry fee for the relevant competition before playing their 1 st Round match and have an active “c” (competition) CONGU handicap at the time of the playing of each tie. <u>If any player has not paid their entry fee or does not have a competition handicap, he (and his partner) will be disqualified.</u>
4.	Any disputes in arranging ties or that arise in the course of playing the tie that cannot be resolved between the players should be referred for a decision to the Committee without delay. NB The Committee may grant extensions to the round deadline periods on a case by case basis but any such requests are only likely to be granted in exceptional circumstances, e.g. due to lengthy illness or similar. Holiday absences will not be so considered.

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