

# Downfield Golf Club

## Competition Rules

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# 1. General Rules.

## 1.1 Applicability

All rules will apply to all competitions unless it is stated otherwise in the rules for a particular competition.

## 1.2 Eligibility

Club Competitions, other than those designated as open to visitors, are restricted to Members but, subject to further restrictions as agreed from time to time by Committee and reflected in the Competition Rules.

Junior members are not eligible to compete in ordinary Members' Competitions unless they hold an official playing handicap of 18 or less and have the recommendation of the Junior Convener and approval of the Committee.

## 1.3 Handicap

Only players with a current CONGU handicap will be allowed to enter any competition.

## 1.4 Starting times

Play must not start before the first listed time or while any notice prohibiting play is displayed, this is to safeguard Greens Staff preparing the course. Under Rule 33-3 of the Rules of Golf, it is the responsibility of the Committee to establish starting times and so the time allocated by the Committee is deemed to be the player's specified starting time.

If the start of play is delayed for any reason, then the players must be ready to play at the new (later) time which becomes the specified starting time.

## 1.5 Competition entry

All competitors must enter the competition on the day by signing in via the PSI terminal located in the Professional's shop. This must be done prior to commencement of play.

## 1.6 Score cards and scores

All competitors must use the Club's current score card. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

If someone wishes to play in the competition and does not have someone to play with the Committee can appoint someone to mark that person's card whether or not he is actually playing in the competition per definition of 'marker' on Page 38, Rules of Golf (2016), i.e. "A *marker* is one who is appointed by the *Committee* to record a *competitor's* score in stroke play. He may be a *fellow-competitor*. He is not a *referee*."

On completion of the round the *marker* must sign the scorecard and hand it to the *competitor*. If more than one *marker* records the scores, each must sign the part for which he is responsible. The *competitor* should check his scores for each hole and ensure the *marker* or markers have signed the scorecard and then sign the scorecard himself. **Failure to do so will result in disqualification.**

Competitors are required to enter their score in the computer and must place their score card in the box adjacent to the PSI terminal in the foyer. This includes “No Return” cards. Scores **must be entered as soon as possible** at the conclusion of the round.

Failure to return cards may result in disqualification, (Rule 6,6.b) and/or possible suspension from subsequent competitions and/or their handicap. (Decision 1,(p) CONGU guidelines (p99 2016 Edition).

## **1.7 Playing numbers**

Play in medal competitions will normally be in groups of three or four. Normally all players in a group must play in the competition unless playing “for handicap”.

## **1.8 Play**

Stroke-play competitions will be held over 18 holes unless otherwise stated. The winner will be the player or team with the lowest scratch or handicap score, as appropriate.

## **1.9 Course unplayable**

If the course is deemed unplayable by authority of the Head Greenkeeper or his deputy, and/or if possible after consultation with a member of the Committee the competition will be re-scheduled for another day or cancelled.

## **1.10 Suspension/Abandonment of Play**

All players must adhere to the rules regarding suspension or abandonment of play laid out in the Rules of Golf - Rule 6-8. In addition, even though a competition is not formally suspended or abandoned, a player, believing there is danger from lightning, is entitled to mark his ball and discontinue play under Rule 6-8.

He must then follow the procedures laid out in this Rule.

## **1.11 Handicap Adjustment**

If a Competition is abandoned for any valid reason, the CSS will be regarded as equal to the SSS. Handicap reductions will apply to those completed scores whose *Nett Differentials* are less than zero.

Handicap increases will not apply.

## **1.12 Tied competitions**

In the event of a tie the winner will be the player with the lowest scratch or handicap score, unless otherwise stated as appropriate, over:

- the inward half, and if undecided over
- the last six holes, and if undecided over
- the last three holes, and if undecided over
- the last hole, and if undecided over
- the last twelve holes, and if undecided over
- the last fifteen holes

This procedure will be used in respect of Club/Sweep prizes.

## 1.13 Sweeps and “2’s”

Competitors may enter the sweep and “2’s” but are not obliged to do so.

There will be three handicap sections for the sweep namely 0-9, 10-15 and 16-28. The sweep will be distributed separately for each round on the basis of:

- 50% to the player with the lowest handicap score in each section
- 35% to the player with the second lowest handicap score in each section
- 15% to the player with the third lowest handicap score in each section

Juniors will **not** be allowed to enter individually any Competition Sweep until they attain the age of eighteen years.

## 2.Entry Sheets

### 2.1 General

Competitors are expected to be available for play 10 minutes before their allotted time. Individuals may not play during times set aside for competitions.

### 2.2 Entry Sheet opening/closing

The Entry Sheet for competitions where a draw has to be made for starting times will open a minimum of two weeks preceding the competition. The Entry Sheet will be available in the Professional's Shop.

Under normal circumstances the Entry Sheet will close at 12 noon on the Monday preceding the day of the Saturday competition.

### 2.3 Draws

Draws will be made and posted by 5 pm on the Thursday preceding the Saturday competition. Draws will be published on the Downfield Golf Club members' webpage.

### 2.4 Late entries & change of playing times

Members will be entitled to enter for competitions after the draw has been made by contacting the Professional provided that a time is available and the change will not, in the judgment of the Professional, or his deputy interfere with the play of competitors who have already booked. If members have already booked a tee time then no change of booking will be allowed before or after said booking after it is on the draw sheet.

e.g. if 0700 cannot change to later time or if say 1300 to an earlier time

Late entries are only accepted at the discretion of the Pro or his deputy in their role as Starters.  
***Repeated late entries and/or changes to drawn times may be reported to the Committee.***

### 2.5 Unavailability for play

Members who have booked a time for play in a competition, or who have placed their name on the Entry Sheet for a competition and who become unavailable for play prior to the Draw being made must advise the Professional as soon as possible by cancelling the booking.

If the Draw for the competition has been made the member must advise the Professional or his deputy of his unavailability to play.

***Any member who repeatedly fails to take up a drawn time may have his handicap suspended for a period of time in accordance with CONGU Clause 24.1(b) p55 2016 Edition***

***If the Committee finds a player repeatedly making late cancellations or withdrawals from play then he too will be liable to the above measures.***

## **3. Saturday and Sunday Medal Competitions**

### **3.1 Entry Sheets**

Groups of up to four members will submit their names on the sheets available from the Professional's Shop one week in advance of the competition stating their preferred starting time.

The Committee will allocate actual starting times and publish these on the Downfield Golf Club Members' webpage.

The Committee may combine groups which are smaller than four to maximise the number of members able to play at busy times.

### **3.2 Play, Scorecards, Tied Scores and Sweeps etc**

These are all identical to the corresponding parts already specified in Section 1. Sections 1.1 – 1.13 apply as applicable.

## **4. Wednesday Sweeps**

### **4.1 Entry Sheets.**

Members may make bookings via the BRS system and entry is by use of the PSI terminal in the Professional's Shop.

### **4.2 Play, Scorecards, Tied Scores and Sweeps etc**

These are all identical to the corresponding parts already specified in Section 1. Sections 1.1 – 1.13 apply as applicable.



## 5. Club Competitions

As per Rule 9 of the Constitution the Club Championships, Club Senior Championships and Club Senior Handicap Championships are open to all categories of membership except Country, Temporary, Overseas and non-playing Members. Members must be over the age of 55 to enter any Senior competition and, in the event that a Senior or Veteran member elects to enter the Club Championships, then he will be permitted to enter the draw for the qualifying events.

### 5.1 Club Championship, Norman Macarthur Trophy and Club Handicap Matchplay (Kenny Hutton Trophy)

**Qualifying Phase:** this consists of two scratch qualifying rounds played on consecutive Saturdays in June and is a **drawn event** played from the **White** tees.

**Matchplay Phase:**

- These are seeded drawn events based on the **General Numerical Draw** template published on pages 162/163 of The Rules of Golf (2016)
- The 16 players with the lowest aggregate scores go forward to a matchplay knock out phase for the **Club Championship** with the final taking place on the designated Finals' Day.
- The 16 players with the next lowest aggregate scores go forward to a matchplay knock out phase for the **Norman Macarthur Trophy** with the final taking place on the designated Finals' Day
- The 16 players with the lowest net aggregate scores **who are not involved in either of the above competitions** go forward to a match-play knock out phase for the **Kenny Hutton Trophy** with the final taking place on the designated Finals' Day. Full handicap allowance.

All dates for these competitions are detailed in the annual Fixture List.

### 5.2 Senior Championship & Senior Handicap Championship

**Qualifying Phase:** this consists of two scratch qualifying rounds played on consecutive Tuesdays in May and is an event played from the **Yellow** tees. (Entrants must be **aged 55 or over** at the time of the first qualifying round)

The 16 players with the lowest aggregate scores go forward to a match-play knock out phase with the final taking place on the designated Finals' Day.

The 16 players with the next lowest aggregate scores go forward to a match-play knock out phase for the Handicap Championship with the final taking place on the designated Finals' Day. Full

handicap allowance.

All dates for these competitions are detailed in the annual Fixture List.

### **5.3 Strokeplay Championship (Scratch)**

This consists of two rounds in August.

This is an event with rounds from the **White** tees (2 rounds)

The winner is the player with the lowest aggregate score from the designated rounds.

### **5.4 Handicap Strokeplay Championship**

This consists of two or three rounds in August/September.

This is an event with rounds from the **Yellow/Blue** tees (2 rounds) or **Yellow/Blue/White** tees (3 rounds). Normally this will be a three round competition provided suitable dates can be identified.

The winner is the player with the lowest net aggregate score from the designated rounds.

### **5.5 Spring, Autumn Meetings & S Martin and S Gillis Trophies.**

These consist of two strokeplay rounds held in May and September played from the White tees.

The **S Martin Trophy** is awarded to the player with the **lowest scratch** aggregate score over the two rounds.

The **S Gillis Trophy** is awarded to the player with the **lowest net** aggregate score over the two rounds.

### **5.6 Summer Meeting & Camperdown Cup & Carmichael Medal.**

This consists of a strokeplay event played from the White tees.

The **Camperdown Cup** is awarded to the player with the **lowest scratch** score in the Summer Meeting.

The **Carmichael Medal** is awarded to the player with the **lowest net** score in the Summer Meeting.

### **5.7 Lamb Trophy**

This consists of two strokeplay rounds held on consecutive Sundays in September.

This is an event played from the White tees.

The **Lamb Trophy** is awarded to the player with **lowest net** aggregate score over the two rounds.

## 5.8 Hodge Trophy

This consists of a pairs Greensome competition held on a Wednesday evening in July.

This event is played from the Yellow tees.

**(Low handicap x 0.6 + High handicap x 0.4)** deducted from the final gross score.

The Hodge Trophy is awarded to the pair with the lowest net score.

## 5.9 John Leith Trophy

This consists of a pairs betterball strokeplay competition and is normally held on a Saturday in April. (3 weeks after the Captain v Vice-Captain match).

This event is played from the Blue tees.

Net better ball score to count on each hole with a **0.75 handicap allowance** for each player. (note: handicap allowance is retained at 0.75 as per the original John Leith Trophy conditions.)

The John Leith Trophy is awarded to the pair with the lowest net score.

## 6. Matchplay Competitions.

Entry sheets will be posted in the Locker Room for Members to enter the following competitions.

All entrants must have a valid handicap by the competition entry closing date (mid-April) and have paid the relevant entry fee to be included in the draw.

All matches should be decided on the agreed date and **sudden death extra hole(s)** should be played if required.

All participants are equally responsible for arranging ties which must be played by the published dates unless prior permission for an extension has been granted by the Match Secretary.

### 6.1 Smith Gold Medal

This is a singles matchplay competition played from the White tees.

**Full difference handicap stroke allowance** taken as per the scorecard.

### 6.2 Richardson/Farquharson Trophy

This is a singles matchplay competition played from the Yellow tees.

**Full difference handicap stroke allowance** taken as per the scorecard.

## 6.3 Taylor Rosebowl

This is a two-ball foresomes matchplay competition played from the White tees.

**Stroke allowance is 3/8 difference** of the combined handicaps.

## 6.4 Eastmin Trophy

This is a four-ball better ball matchplay competition played from the Yellow tees.

Lowest handicap player plays from scratch and all others have **0.9 handicap stroke allowance** taken as per the scorecard.

## 7. Mixed Competitions

Tom Kilgour, Fitchet Quaich, Carmichael Medal and the Jack Watson competitions are normally only open to full adult members but junior members may enter subject to satisfying the conditions stipulated in section 1.2. Entry sheets displayed on board in foyer.

### 7.1 Tom Kilgour

This is a mixed 2 ball foursomes knockout match played from White(gents) and Red(ladies) tees. **Stroke allowance is ½ of the combined difference** with strokes taken from gents score card,

### 7.2 Committee Cup

This is a 2 ball mixed foursomes net score, teams drawn from gents and ladies committee, usually played July or August. Played from Yellow(gents) and Red(ladies). **Stroke allowance is ½ of the combined handicap (net score)** with strokes taken from gents score card.

### 7.3 Fitchet Quaich

Mixed greensome usually played on a Sunday (June/July) 1-2pm, **½ combined handicap**, gents yellow tees, ladies red. (net score)

### 7.4 Jack Watson

Mixed greensome played on a Sunday 1-2pm usually end of August or early September, **½ combined handicap**, gents yellow tees, ladies red. (net score)

## 7.5 Carmichael Mixed Medal

Stableford greensome,  $\frac{1}{2}$  **combined handicap** strokes taken from gents score card, gents Yellow tees, ladies Red. Usually played on a Sunday 1-2pm.

## 7.6 Dickson Salver

played at the end of September either as a tri-am or a texas scramble, shot gun start at 9am, open to gents, ladies and juniors, drawn event ideally with a lady, gent and junior in each team or junior two gents, lady two gents.

## 8. Order of Merit

The Order of Merit is a season long competition and is awarded to the individual who has the highest total of points which are awarded according to the following table.

### Scratch Scores only to count

		<b>Points</b>
<b>Monthly Spoon First 6 to score</b> April, May, June, July, August, September & October	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Spring, Summer &amp; Autumn Meetings</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Club Championship</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>R/Up</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>Semi-Final</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>1/4 Final</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Last 16</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Aggregate 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rounds</b>	<b>Top "Q"</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>"2nd "Q"</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>3rd "Q"</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Downfield Open – Top 5 Members</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Stroke play over 18 holes - Use September H/Cap Stroke Play – 3 rounds</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1</b>