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EREWASH VALLEY GOLF CLUB

Members Guide to Entry in to Club Competitions

The Match & Handicap Committee of Erewash Valley Golf Club have laid down the necessary requirements and conditions for entry in to Club Competitions with regard to the The Rules Of Golf and the R&A Guidance on Running A Competition (available to download from the R&A website).

The guidance states that *'The Committee that runs the golf competition must be identified and only the members of that Committee should have the authority to make decisions in relation to competitions.* At EVGC the committee responsible for golf competitions is The Match & Handicap Committee. The Club Professional has the authorisation to make decisions on behalf of the Committee, e.g. approve a change in start time, suspend play etc.

The following are requirements of entry in to Club Competitions. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a player's disqualification.

- Entry in advance may be made by a player adding his / her name to a booking sheet or start sheet in the computer system via the PSI screen or online via howdidido, or in some competitions, by adding his / her name to a paper start sheet on the notice board or a paper entry form (in the case of the knockout comps).
- Entry **must** be accompanied by payment of the competition entry fee, usually in advance of the commencement of play. For competitions with tee times or entry booked in advance in to the computer system, payment will be automatically taken from the member's green card and will only be refundable up until a notified date & time.
- On the day of the competition, and **in advance of the start of play**, it is necessary for a player to signify his intention to play and to return a score in the competition by 'signing in'. In the case of all 'qualifying competitions' this is done via the PSI screen using the members green card to swipe in, or by entering the membership number on that card. In the event of a problem with the PSI screen on the day, a player must instead report to the staff in the Pro Shop requesting 'sign-in', but as always, this must be **before** play. Failure to sign-in to a competition before play will result in the player's score being inadmissible for both the competition and for handicap purposes, even if the score card is submitted.
- It is not always necessary to pre-book in to competitions, but it is always necessary to 'sign-in' on the day.
- In the case of Open competitions and some non-qualifying pairs or team comps, 'sign-in' is done by checking in at a registration desk in the clubhouse or in Pro Shop. If in doubt, check at the PSI screen to see if there is a button for sign-in for the competition of the day.

Submitting a score

- After play, check your score with your marker and make sure that both of you have signed the card. In qualifying competitions and major comps, please enter your score in to the computer via the PSI screen and then leave the card in the Pro Shop, or in a collection box which will be indicated. If there is a discrepancy between the score entered in to the computer and the score signed for on the card, it will be the card which will be accepted as the correct score and the computer entry will be altered.
- Please enter scores, even if the card is incomplete. The score will not be allowable in the competition of the day, but can still count for handicapping purposes as long as the player signed in before play (subject to CONGU 17.1c, Appendix P).
- Failure to enter a score will result in a 'no return' being applied and the player's handicap will increase by 0.1.
- The PSI screen will not allow a qualifying score to be entered if the player has not signed in before play.
- Retirement from the competition for whatever reason after commencement of the round (weather, injury, loss of interest, playing badly etc), will also result in a 'no return' being applied and the player's handicap will increase by 0.1. The Match & Handicap Committee can take in to account serious & sudden illness or injury necessitating hospitalisation, but in general, illness or injury are not treated any differently from other reasons for a no return as this is easily used as an excuse. Committee members should not be expected to make judgements on exempting some players and not others.
- If play is discontinued for whatever reason, please leave your scorecard in the Pro Shop or in the collection box. This helps the committee to close the competition quickly and effectively by having the cards of all players accounted for.