



SIDCUP GOLF CLUB

COMPETITIONS RULES AND CONDITIONS

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1 INTRODUCTION

This handbook contains information about competition play and general information about playing at Sidcup Golf Club. It is based on information contained in club records, current practice and past. Any changes to competition formats must be approved by the Competitions Committee.

The Rules of Golf define the Committee as “the Committee in charge of the competition” and rule 33-1 states that “the committee must establish the conditions under which a competition is to be played”. This handbook is therefore designed to help both experienced and new golfers enjoy competitions in the full and certain knowledge of how competitions will be administered at Sidcup Golf Club.

All references to “the Committee” mean the Competitions Committee, with ultimate recourse to the Board. In all cases, the Rules of Golf take precedence over this Handbook.

The Handbook relates to Club competitions as arranged and managed by the Committee but holds no relevance to informal ‘roll ups’ and the like operated by groups or individuals.

2 DECISION OF TIES

In the event of a tie in a board competition, the result will be decided by an 18-hole playoff.

If the Scratch event in the Club Championship is tied after 36 holes, the result will be decided by a four-hole playoff on holes 1, 2, 17 and 18. If this results in a tie, then a sudden death playoff on the 18th hole will be used to determine a winner.

In a monthly Stroke Play competition, ties will be decided on the basis of the lowest gross or nett score for the last nine holes of golf of the course scorecard. If this still results in a tie, then the last six holes will be used and if necessary the last three holes or last hole used to determine a winner.

3 PRACTICE

Practice is not allowed on the course prior to a Stroke Play event on the day of the competition. This applies to qualifying and non-qualifying competitions.

4 COMPETITION ACCOUNT

The overdraft limit for Competition Accounts is set @ £10.00

It is the player’s responsibility to ensure their competition account has suitable funds in order to enter competitions.

You will not be able to 'sign-in' to a competition if your account has in-sufficient funds.

Players can deposit funds in the competitions box or via the office.

If an account is overdrawn on the day of the competition, the Committee will accept top-ups that have been verified by a 'Member of the Board' or 'Club Official' prior to playing. Money should be accompanied by the signature of 'that official'.

5 LOCAL RULES

The Local Rules are published on the reverse of the score card and from time to time on Club notice boards. If there is doubt concerning the interpretation of a local rule, then the Committee will give a decision.

6 MINIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRANTS

Any Major competition may be cancelled by the Committee, before or after it is played, if the total number of entrants is less than 10 players.

If there are less than 10 competitors, their entry fee will be refunded, however their scores will be included as qualifying for handicap adjustment.

7 DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that is designed to measure or gauge distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

8 PACE OF PLAY

In the interest of all, players have an obligation to play at a reasonable pace. Slow players at the start of a field can ruin the day for all players behind them. Consequently, the Committee will do all It can to ensure that play is conducted at a reasonable pace.

The Rules of Golf provides that "The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines laid down by the General Committee".

The Committee has therefore decided on the following maximum pace of play guidelines,

Three ball stroke play rounds 3.40 hours (nine holes, 1 hour 50 minutes)

Four ball stroke play rounds 4.00 hours (nine holes, 2 hours)

9 INCLEMENT WEATHER

9.1 SUSPENSION OF PLAY

A competition will not be suspended simply on account of rain unless the rain is so heavy that it would be unfair to require players to continue. Where rainfall causes the greens to flood, depending on the severity of the flooding, play must continue until the play is formally suspended by the Committee or a 'Club Official'.

In a competition, if there is reason to suspended play due to adverse weather conditions (*i.e. thunder & lightning with localised flooding*), the committee will determine on the information obtained, whether the competition is to be cancelled, re-scheduled or the result to stand, following the event under rule 33-2d

Please Note under Rule 6-8a, 'A player' MUST NOT discontinue play unless;

The Committee or 'Club Official' has suspended play or he/she believes there is danger from lightning.

Bad weather is not of itself a good reason for discounting play.

Players should make every effort to resume their round within one hour of discontinuing play.

Notice 1 - If the Committee consider the results to stand. Players discontinuing play will be disqualified – rule 6-8a

Notice 2 – If a 'Casual Entry Competition' is cancelled a new date will be advertised if diary space permits. If a 'Drawn Competition' is cancelled, A *Casual Competition* will be added to the diary at the earliest convenient date. *Only players originally signed into the competition will be eligible to enter.*

9.2 FOG POLICY

'In order to meet our health and safety responsibilities members MUST take due care when deciding to play the course as it may not always be "officially" closed due to adverse weather. A particular example is in the case of fog. This can be of variable density at different times and parts of the course and is therefore difficult to legislate for all circumstances.

The Board offer the following as a **guideline only**:

No Play should take place on the course if players cannot clearly see the 'the Flag' on the 1st/10thGreen from the tee. Players should NOT tee off under these circumstances and

should wait for the fog to lift/clear. Whilst on the course players must use their own judgement on whether or not to continue to play based on the distances outlined above.

Please note that anyone deciding to play the course when fog is present does so at their own risk'.

10 DRESS CODE

Competitors are obliged to abide by the dress code of the Club in operation at the time.

Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Men's shirts must have a collar and sleeves (turtle/roll neck is acceptable)	T-shirts, football, rugby, cricket, or similar. In hot weather, shirts must not be worn outside shorts or trousers.
Ladies -shorts/skirts/skorts will do. Shirts may be sleeveless but must have a collar.	Beach, Cargo or Denim Shorts or Jeans.
Tailored shorts or long trousers	Trousers tucked into socks, long socks rolled down.
Long or short socks may be worn	Wet or soiled clothing in the lounge
Golf shoes - preferably with soft spikes	Trainers or flip flops.
Headgear must be worn correctly - not back to front	Headgear in the lounge/bar.

11 ETIQUETTE

All players are requested to familiarize themselves with the Etiquette of Golf. Persistent refusal to comply with the Etiquette will be considered by the Board and appropriate action taken.

12 KCPFA 5 CLUB CUP

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in March.
- Five clubs only including the putter.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Stableford
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is non qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

13 MEN'S BETTER BALL COMPETITION

General Details: This is a pairs competition open to full male members normally played in March.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.

Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.

Format: Stableford

H'cap Allowance: 90% of individual handicap.

Special Notes: This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes.

Members wishing to enter this competition enter their pairings on the day via the PSI.

14 CENTENARY VASE

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played over a weekend in March.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Bogey
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- Members can only enter the completion once, either Saturday or Sunday.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

15 SPRECKLEY CUP

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played on a Sunday in April.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Bogey
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- All players are to be in position on the tee five minutes prior to their allotted tee time.
- Members' names are drawn and the results of the draw are published on the notice board at least one week before the competition.
- Members wishing to be included in the draw should enter their names via the PSI, HowDidiDo or the ClubV1 Members App booking sheet as soon as it is published.

16 FRANK GIBBS MEMORIAL

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played over six rounds from March to September.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Medal
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

17 DIRECTOR'S CUP

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members played over two rounds in May and September.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Medal
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

18 HARRY WILSON GREENSOMES

General Details: This is a pairs competition open to full male members normally played in May.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.

Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.

Format: Stableford

H'cap Allowance: 0.6 of the lower player's handicap and 0.4 of the higher player's handicap.

Special Notes: This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes.

Members wishing to enter this competition enter their pairings on the day via the PSI.

19 GEORGE WHITING SALVER

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in May.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Medal
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

20 SPRING TEXAS SCRAMBLE

General Details: This is a team competition open to men and ladies and is normally played on a Sunday in May. Teams are made up of four people.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all full male and female members with an Active CONGU handicap.

Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.

Format: Medal

H'cap Allowance: 1/8 of combined handicaps.

Special Notes: This competition is non qualifying for handicapping purposes.

Ladies get a two stroke SSS adjustment added to their handicap.

- This is a shotgun start competition beginning at 08.00.
- All players are to be in position 10 minutes prior to the start.
- There is a restricted number of entrants therefore everyone starts at the same time.
- Members wishing to be included in the draw should enter their names on the booking sheet as soon as it is published.
- Members' names are drawn and the results of the draw are published on the notice board at least one week before the competition.
- Members enter their team into the PSI on the day.

21 CORONATION CUP

General Details: This is a 36-hole individual competition open to full male members normally played in June.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.

Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.

Format: Medal

H'cap Allowance: Full playing handicap.

Special Notes: This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.

All players are to be in position on the tee five minutes prior to their allotted tee time.

Members' names are drawn and the results of the draw are published on the notice board at least one week before the competition.

Members wishing to be included in the draw should enter their names via the PSI, HowDidiDo or the ClubV1 Members App booking sheet as soon as it is published.

22 PRESIDENTS' PUTTER

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in June.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Stableford
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- All players are to be in position on the tee five minutes prior to their allotted tee time.
- Members' names are drawn and the results of the draw are published on the notice board at least one week before the competition.
- Members wishing to be included in the draw should enter their names via the PSI, HowDidiDo or the ClubV1 Members App booking sheet as soon as it is published.

23 QUEEN'S JUBILEE TROPHY

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in June.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Medal
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

24 RNLI CUP

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in June.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Medal.
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

25 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

General Details: This is a 36-hole individual competition open to full male members normally played in July.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.

Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.

Format: Medal

H'cap Allowance: Full playing handicap.

Special Notes: This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.

All players are to be in position on the tee five minutes prior to their allotted tee time.

Members' names are drawn and the results of the draw are published on the notice board at least one week before the competition.

Members wishing to be included in the draw should enter their names via the PSI, HowDidiDo or the ClubV1 Members App booking sheet as soon as it is published.

26 CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in July.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Stableford
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

27 BILL BROWN BOWLS

General Details: This is a pairs competition open to full male members normally played in May.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.

Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.

Format: Stableford

H'cap Allowance: 0.6 of the lower player's handicap and 0.4 of the higher player's handicap.

Special Notes: This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes as it is a match play competition.

Members wishing to enter this competition enter their pairings on the day via the PSI.

28 KCPFA CUP

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in August.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Medal
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

29 KING GEORGE V BOGEY

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in September.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Bogey
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

30 MILLENNIUM TEXAS SCRAMBLE

General Details: This is a team competition open to men and ladies and is normally played on a Saturday in September. Teams are made up of four people.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all full male and female members with an Active CONGU handicap.

Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.

Format: Medal

H'cap Allowance: 1/8 of combined handicaps.

Special Notes: This competition is non qualifying for handicapping purposes.

Ladies get a two stroke SSS adjustment added to their handicap.

- This is a shotgun start competition beginning at 08.00.
- All players are to be in position 10 minutes prior to the start.
- There is a restricted number of entrants therefore everyone starts at the same time.
- Members wishing to be included in the draw should enter their names on the booking sheet as soon as it is published.
- Members' names are drawn and the results of the draw are published on the notice board at least one week before the competition.
- Members enter their team into the PSI on the day.

31 ROY WHITEHEAD SHIELD

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in October.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all winners of a midweek qualifying competition with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Medal
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- All players are to be in position on the tee five minutes prior to their allotted tee time.
- Members' names are drawn and the results of the draw are published on the notice board at least one week before the competition.
- Members wishing to be included in the draw should enter their names via the PSI, HowDidiDo or the ClubV1 Members App booking sheet as soon as it is published.

32 STEWART BOWL

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in October.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all winners of a monthly qualifying competition with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Medal
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- All players are to be in position on the tee five minutes prior to their allotted tee time.
- Members' names are drawn and the results of the draw are published on the notice board at least one week before the competition.
- Members wishing to be included in the draw should enter their names via the PSI, HowDidiDo or the ClubV1 Members App booking sheet as soon as it is published.

33 CHAMPIONS TROPHY

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played in October.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all winners of a Major Stroke Play competition with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Medal
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** This competition is qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- All players are to be in position on the tee five minutes prior to their allotted tee time.
- Members' names are drawn and the results of the draw are published on the notice board at least one week before the competition.
- Members wishing to be included in the draw should enter their names via the PSI, HowDidiDo or the ClubV1 Members App booking sheet as soon as it is published.

34 MEN'S CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

- General Details:** This is an individual competition open to full male members normally played over a weekend in November.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Stableford
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Yellow tee.
- Special Notes:** This competition is non qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- Players may enter both days, only one score will count towards the result.
- Prizes for;
- Division One Winner, Division Two Winner and the Runners Up in both Divisions.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

35 MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

- General Details:** These are individual competitions played monthly throughout the year for midweek and full members.
- Eligibility:** These competitions are open to all male members with an Active CONGU handicap. Midweek members must pay the relevant Green Fee if playing at the weekend.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Various, e.g. Medal, Stableford & Bogey
- H'cap Allowance:** Full playing handicap.
- Special Notes:** These competitions are qualifying for handicapping purposes.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter on the day via the PSI.

36 ROYAL NAVAL CUP

- General Details:** This is an individual knockout competition open to full male members normally played between December and May.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap of 28 and below.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Match Play
- H'cap Allowance:** Full difference.
- Special Notes:** This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes as it is a match play competition.
- The Knockout draw will be posted on the notice board during November.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter via the PSI before the closing date

37 SINGLES SHIELD -12

- General Details:** This is an individual knockout competition open to full male members normally played between December and May.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap of 12 and below. Members with a higher are eligible to enter, but must play off an handicap of 12.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Match Play
- H'cap Allowance:** Full difference.
- Special Notes:** This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes as it is a match play competition.
- The Knockout draw will be posted on the notice board during November.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter via the PSI before the closing date.

38 WINTER SINGLES 17+

- General Details:** This is an individual knockout competition open to full male members normally played between December and May.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap of 17 and above.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Match Play
- H'cap Allowance:** Full difference.
- Special Notes:** This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes as it is a match play competition.
- The Knockout draw will be posted on the notice board during November.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter via the PSI before the closing date.

39 QUEEN'S HOSPITAL CUP

- General Details:** This is an individual knockout competition open to full male members normally played between April and September.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap of 28 and below.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Match Play
- H'cap Allowance:** Full difference.
- Special Notes:** This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes as it is a match play competition.
- The Knockout draw will be posted on the notice board during March.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter via the PSI before the closing date.

40 JOHNSON CUP 13+

- General Details:** This is an individual knockout competition open to full male members normally played between April and September.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap of 13 and over.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Match Play
- H'cap Allowance:** Full difference.
- Special Notes:** This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes as it is a match play competition.
- The Knockout draw will be posted on the notice board during March.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter via the PSI before the closing date.

41 STEWART FOURSOMES CUP (PARTNERS DRAWN)

General Details: This is a pairs knockout competition open to full male members normally played between December and May.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.

Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.

Format: Match Play, Foursomes

H'cap Allowance: 3/8 of combined difference.

Special Notes: This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes as it is a match play competition.

The Knockout draw will be posted on the notice board during November.

Members wishing to enter this competition enter via the PSI before the closing date.

42 FOURSOMES GOBLETS

General Details: This is a pairs knockout competition open to full male members normally played between April and September.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.

Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.

Format: Match Play
Foursomes

H'cap Allowance: 3/8 of combined difference.

Special Notes: This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes as it is a match play competition.

The Knockout draw will be posted on the notice board during March.

Members wishing to enter this competition enter their pairings via the PSI before the closing date.

43 JACK STEEL TROPHY

- General Details:** This is a pairs knockout competition open to full male members normally played between April and September.
- Eligibility:** The competition is open to all full male members with an Active CONGU handicap.
- Players with an Inactive CONGU handicap are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Format:** Match Play, Four-ball
- H'cap Allowance:** 90% (rounded up) of the difference in the individual's playing handicap and that of the player with the lowest playing handicap, who must play off scratch.
- Special Notes:** This competition is non-qualifying for handicapping purposes as it is a match play competition.
- The Knockout draw will be posted on the notice board during March.
- Members wishing to enter this competition enter their pairings via the PSI before the closing date.