

Carton House Ladies Golf Club – Terms of Competition

Notes:	Members, in these Conditions of Competition, refer to females only
Distance devices:	These may be used (for distance measurement only) in all competitions.
Transportation:	Buggies are allowed in all competitions & subject to ILGU Competition Rules.
Mobile Phones:	May not be used on the golf course as they can distract other golfers (except for Health and Safety/Emergencies/Doctors on Call).

‘Major’ Competitions: Comprise of Lady Captain’s Prize, Lady Vice-Captain's Prize, Mens’ Captain's Prize to the Ladies, President’s Prize.

Timesheets will go live 2 weeks prior to the date of competition.

The following Rules will be strictly Applied:-

1. Times of playing Competitions:

1.1: It is recommended that all Members avail of Ladies competition times on Saturday/ Sunday and Wednesday which are designated by a PINK background on BRS.

1.2: Times other than BRS Pink designed times: A member who plays outside of the Pink allocated Competition times or on the Alternate Day, Sunday, must advise the Competition Secretary that she has entered the Competition, by text or direct message to Competition Secretary on WhatsApp, before starting to play.

1.3: Ladies unused Saturday and Sunday lines are released back to Mens’ Club and/or BHL after 10.30am on the day immediately preceding the competition.

2. Marker:

2.1: The Member must have a fellow competitor, or any golfer with a valid handicap, to mark their Competition card, with the exception that all Major Competitions must be played with fellow competitors.

2.2: A marker must have a valid handicap otherwise the competitor will be disqualified.

3. Competition Entry

3.1: Bookings for all competitions must be made online through BRS or in the Pro-Shop.

3.2: Members must sign into the computer before playing. Signing into the computer represents the Members official entry to the Competition. Players will be allowed to enter their scores to the computer not less than 2 hours after signing into the system. This will be imposed by the computer system.

When a player signs into the Computer system, it will issue a printed label with the player’s and Competition details. The player must ensure that all details are accurate and amend her card, if necessary. The printed label must be affixed to the player’s card. In the event that the label printer and/or the computer is not operational, a player must write her name, handicap, date of the competition and the name of the competition on her card.

4. Scorecard

4.1: Scorecards must be returned immediately upon returning to the Clubhouse. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

4.2: It is each player’s responsibility to ensure that all competition cards in Qualifying Competitions, whether complete or not complete, are returned to the Competition Box and that all scores for completed holes are entered into the computer. Under no circumstances should no score (ie Zero) be entered for every hole. Failure to do this may result in a sanction, including disqualification. Players who do not return cards are impacting the calculation of the Course Standard Scratch (CSS) which in turn impacts the handicaps of all competitors.

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4.3: "No Returns" are no longer acceptable. Scores for completed holes played must be entered into computer.

4.4: In the event that the computer is not working, each player must complete and return her card to the Competition Box.

4.5: A player's card must be marked and signed by a marker who holds a current CONGU handicap. Missing signatures and/or an incorrect (higher) handicap result in disqualification of the player.

4.6: It is the responsibility of the player to play off the correct handicap. (Note – if no handicap is recorded on the card a player may still win the gross prize)

4.7: A scorecard is deemed to be returned after it is placed in the Competition box. A score card cannot be changed after it has been returned.

5. Playing conditions:

5.1: The status of Placing / Dropping in the rough / bunkers out of play etc. may be stated beside the computer. If it is not written down, it is the player's responsibility to check with the Pro-shop before going out to play.

5.2: Competition Format: Failure to adhere to the competition format results in disqualification.

6. Eligibility to Play:

6.1: Only Members who have already paid their yearly Membership fee, Club levy and ILGU fee will be classified as Members and may enter a Club competition.

6.2: All fully paid-up Lady, Intermediate & Junior Members with a full current handicap are eligible to play in the weekly competitions, subject to certain restrictions as described in these Conditions of Competition.

6.3: A Member may play during a Competition to acquire a handicap, but that Member cannot mark a card for a competitor. A marker must have a valid handicap otherwise the competitor will be disqualified. A player must inform her playing partner(s) if she does not have handicap, before starting play.

7. Conditions of competition:

7.01: The following Conditions, under which Club Competitions are to be played, are further to R&A Rules and have been approved by the Ladies' Committee. Members are advised to know and comply with them. Information is also available on the R&A and ILGU websites.

7.02: **The Rules of Golf** as approved by R & A Rules Limited and the USGA, in addition to Local Rules as made and published by the Ladies' Committee, shall apply to all competitions. Players should familiarise themselves with these Rules

7.03: **Correct Handicap:** It is the player's own responsibility to play off the correct handicap on the day.

7.04: **All Major Competitions** must be played with fellow competitors.

7.05: Only players who meet the **eligibility rules** for certain Competitions, as laid down by the Committee, may enter into / win prizes, in those Competitions. The Committee may waive restrictions in certain circumstances.

7.06: **Fully paid-up Lady, Intermediate and Junior Girl** Members with a full, current handicap are eligible to play in and win any competition that is not specifically limited to a particular gender, age, handicap or category as set out below.

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7.07: **Intermediates** with a full current handicap of 36 & below and Junior Members with a full current handicap of 36 & below are eligible to play in 18 and 9 hole competitions, but are ineligible to win the Lady Captain's Prize, Lady Vice-Captain's Prize, the Mens' Captain's Prize to the Ladies and the President's Prize. **Only Lady Members** may win GOY.

7.08: In the later and earlier months of any year, 9 and/or 18 hole competitions may be supplanted by 11 or 13 hole, or other limited number of holes, competitions. All Members are eligible to play in and win these competitions.

7.09: **Maximum handicap for playing in medals** is 36 – players with higher handicaps may compete but they must play off 36.

7.10: **Lady Captain's Prize:** Fully paid-up Members with a full current handicap are eligible to play in this 18 hole competition. To win this competition, the Member must have one full year's Membership of the Club and have returned three 18 holes or 6 x 9 hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9 hole singles competition completed cards from Carton G.C. in the current season.

7.11: **Lady Vice Captain's, Men's Captains' Prize to the Ladies, President's Prizes:** Fully paid-up Members with a full current handicap are eligible to play in these 18 hole competitions. To win the competition, the Member must have one full year's Membership of the Club and have returned two 18 holes singles or 4 x 9 holes or a combination of 18 hole and 9 hole singles competition completed cards in the current season.

7.12: **Times of Starting:** See R & A Rule 5.3a

The player must start at the time established by the Committee and/or as reserved on the BRS / time sheet by the player. Players must present themselves at the tee at least 5 minutes before their allotted Tee time. Not turning up on time for a competition tee time booked in the Members name is deemed a no-show and may attract penalties under the Rules of Golf and/or sanction from the Committee.

7.13: **Competitions run over several Rounds** – Handicap implications:

Except where Rounds are played on consecutive days, a player's handicap shall be that of the day on which any Round is played.

7.14: **Breaches of Rules of Golf and Golf Etiquette:**

- i) All Members are **required** to bring to the attention of the Ladies Committee concerns relating to breaches of
 - the Rules of Golf or
 - Golf Etiquette
- ii) All Members are **required** to notify their playing partners **immediately** if she is unable to play, for any reason whatsoever and should advise her partners of the reason for not being available to play.
- iii) A Member may not remove herself from one line and/or transfer to another line without immediately notifying all other persons on that line that she is removing her name and of the reason for removal and/or transfer of her name.

7.15: **Starting Places:** Most competitions start on Hole 1. During winter competitions please check with the Pro Shop to confirm the starting hole.

7.16: **Teeing grounds to be used:** All ladies competitions are played off the Red Tees unless otherwise advised by the Club / Pro-shop on the day.

7.17: **Number of competitors constituting a competition for prize purposes:** A player may only win one prize in a competition – except for Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin. Prizes will be awarded depend on the numbers playing:

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Ladies Singles competitions	
1 Player	No prizes,
Between 2 and 10 Players (inclusive)	1 st prize
Between 11 and 16 players (inclusive)	1 st prize, 2 nd prize
17 or more players	1 st prize, 2 nd prize, 3 rd prize

7.18: **Decision of Ties and halved matches:** Ties shall be decided by:

- 9, 11, 13 hole competitions: on last 9, 6,3,2,1 then last 8,7,5,4 then last 11 then last 10.
- 18-hole competition: on last 9, 6, 3, 1 holes and then the last 3, 6, 7, 8 of the first 9.
- 36 hole competitions: Decide on last 18. If still a tie, decide as for 18 holes.

If still a tie, then decide by lot.

GOY winner – in the event of a tie for GOY, the winner of most points in Majors becomes overall winner. If still a tie, winner of most points in all the Medals. If still a tie, a play-off will be arranged.

7.19: **Disputes:** All disputes shall be settled by the Committee, whose decision shall be final. The exception may be if a Member refers a dispute to the Governing Body, now known as Golf Ireland. The Committee reserves the right to alter times of starting and pairings.

7.20: **Procedure to be adopted if a Suspension of Play becomes necessary:** Players may discontinue play in a qualifying competition if they believe they are in danger from lightning, or the Committee suspends play. If a competition is declared null and void, a notice will be posted on the Notice Board stating whether the competition is to be replayed under exactly the same conditions on another day, or if new competition is to be played, or the competition is to be abandoned.

7.21: **Penalties to Conditions where applicable:** Penalties shall be applied as set down in R & A Rules of Golf.

7.22: **Local Rules:** Local Rules are noted on the backs of course cards, on the club website AND, additionally, on Club Notice Boards. It is the player's responsibility to familiarize herself with Local Rules.

7.23: **9 Hole Qualifying** competitions are held on the same days as the 18 Ladies Competition Days - Saturday and Wednesday, with alternate day on Sunday. The Carton Ladies Rules of Competition apply to all the 9 hole competitions. On Wednesdays the last two Pink competition slots are available for 9 hole players each week. There is one 9 hole slot available at the last tee time on both Saturday and Sunday.

7.24: **Alternate Sundays** are being trialled for a 3 month period from March 2019. They are not available for medal and majors competitions.

7.25: **Change of Competition Format. Maximum Score per Hole for Medals/Strokes – Rule 21.2:** This is a new competition format for Medal/Stroke play. The maximum score per hole will be set at a value of 5 over Par. Maximum scores will be awarded for holes not completed or if the maximum score is exceeded. Players are expected to pick up once they have reached the maximum score – for example pick up after 8 shots on a par 3, 9 shots on a par 4 and 10 shots on a par 5. This new competition format will speed up play for all medal and strokeplay competitions.

Practice:

a. Match Play: On any day of a match play competition, a player may practise on the competition course before a round.

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b. Stroke Play: Before a round or play-off on any day of a stroke play competition, a competitor must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.

When two or more rounds of a stroke play competition are to be played over consecutive days, a competitor must not practise between those rounds on any competition course remaining to be played, or test the surface of any putting green on such course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.

Exception: Practice putting or chipping on or near the first teeing ground or any practice area before starting a round or play-off is permitted.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 5.2b: Disqualification.

Note: The Committee may, in the conditions of a competition, prohibit practice on the competition course on any day of a match play competition or permit practice on the competition course or part of the course (on any day of or between rounds) of a stroke play competition.

Local Rule 6. Main Day and Alternative Day Competitions

When players have a choice between Main Day or Alternative Day participation for a single stroke competition, any player who elects to play on the second day of the competition is permitted to play on the competition course on the first day of the said competition when and only when playing for Carton House in an Interclub match and with the approval of the Competitions Secretary.

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