

DROITWICH GOLF CLUB

LADIES COMPETITION RULES

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Responsibility for running and overseeing all competitions rests with the Ladies Committee. Details of forthcoming competitions, including rules, entry qualifications, fees, alternate day arrangements etc will be displayed on the Competitions Notice Board where necessary.

Players must use their current handicap index to determine their course and playing handicap. As of March 2022, players must have submitted at least 3 acceptable scores in the preceding playing year to be eligible for any prize.

Handicap allowances will be as recommended by the Rules of Handicapping.

To enter the ladies club competitions an annual fee must be paid. There is no entry fee for the England Golf medals or 9-hole handicap qualifiers.

Competition entry fees must be received by the designated closing date otherwise the entry will be deemed null and void.

Club competitions may be run in conjunction with another competition at the discretion of the Ladies' Committee.

In club competitions if 2/3 of the playing field has completed their round, the competition stands. In the Ladies Championship Qualifier, medal final, stableford final or outside competitions (R&A, PING etc) if the whole field is unable to complete their round due to unplayable course conditions or thunder and lightning, the competition will be rescheduled if possible.

The qualifying period for the medal and stableford trophies is 1st June in one year to 31st May of the following year.

In competitions where two or more players are tied, the winner or the last qualifying place will be decided using standard countback procedures laid down by the Rules of Golf, unless otherwise stated.

In any nett competition the first prize shall be awarded to the best nett score. The best gross is then determined from the remainder of the field. (except in the Redwood Trophy)

All matches and stroke play competitions to be a stipulated round of golf (see R&A Rules of Golf) which must start on the 1st tee. Penalty for failure to observe this rule; disqualification.

In knockout competitions each round must be completed and the result posted by the date shown on the draw sheet. No extensions will be considered (unless course closures have been in place).

In knockout competitions playing partners may not be changed once your first round match has commenced.

Final rounds of the knockout competitions should, if possible, be played on Club Finals Day or within 30 days of that date.

A competition card may be marked by anyone acceptable to the committee.

LADIES MUST CONFIRM THEIR INTENTION TO ENTER A COMPETITION BY SIGNING UP IN THE APPROPRIATE WAY (BOOK, SHEET OR COMPUTER).

HANDICAP INDEX DIVISIONS

Club Medals/Stablefords - Three divisions – 1, 2 & 3

Division 1: 0 - 17.9

Division 2: 18.0 - 24.0

Division 3: 24.1 - 54.0

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<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>CLUB MEDAL TROPHIES</u>	<u>CLUB STABLEFORD TROPHIES</u>
1	The Holyoake Cup	The Blake Cup
2	The Neligan Cup	The Bogey Cup
3	The Phillips Plate	The Phillips Plate

Ladies qualify to compete for the above trophies by being 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a medal or stableford competition. 10 medals and 9 stablefords will be scheduled throughout the year.

When one of these competitions falls on a weekend there will only be two divisions for prize vouchers, reflecting the lower number of players entering. Division 1 (0-17.9) & Division 2 (18.0-54.0). However there will still be three divisions for trophy qualification.

Details of the ladies who have qualified to play in the finals for the Cups and Trophies will be posted on the Competition Notice Board. The finals of the three medal trophies and three stableford trophies will be played on a designated day, specified by the Ladies Committee.

9-Hole Competitions

9-hole competitions may be played during the year in stableford format, in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

Club Championship & Joyce Haigh Qualifier

An 18-hole medal qualifying round for the Club Championship and Joyce Haigh Trophies will be held on a designated Tuesday.

The ladies returning the best eight gross scores will qualify for the Club Championship and those ladies with the next best eight gross scores will qualify for the Joyce Haigh Trophy.

Club Championship

Those qualifying in 1st to 8th position go forward to compete in a match play competition off scratch for the trophy. The draw will be seeded. The final will be played over 36 holes on Club Finals Day and will be refereed.

Joyce Haigh

Those qualifying in 9th – 16th position will go forward to compete in a match play competition off scratch for the trophy. The draw will be seeded. The final will be played over 18 holes on Club Finals Day and will be refereed.

Rose Bowl

The winner is the player with the best gross score in any medal round played between 1st October of one year and 30th September of the following year. In the event of a tie the trophy will be shared.

Vivienne Powis Trophy

The winner is the player with the best aggregate of four scores in the stableford competitions from 1st January – 31st December. In the event of a tie the trophy will be shared.

Burgoyne Cup

This is a match play knockout competition for handicap indices 0.0 – 25.8. An unseeded draw will be made. The final will be played on Finals Day and will be refereed. An entry fee is payable.

Bunny Trophy

This is a stableford competition for handicap indices 24.1 - 54.0

Centenary Chalice Bowl

An 18-hole medal competition. The overall winner will receive the trophy and a voucher with vouchers also being issued to the winners of the remaining divisions. In the event of a tie after count back the trophy will be shared.

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Redwood Trophy

A 36-hole medal competition. The winner is the player with the lowest nett score. In the event of a tie there will be a play off over 18 holes, stroke play. This will be played within 30 days of the competition date. In the event of a further tie the winner will be decided by sudden death stroke play, where shots will be taken according to the ladies stroke index. A gross prize is also awarded and if tied the prize will be shared. The same person may win both the nett and gross prizes.

Marjorie Rodger Trophy

The winner is the player who has reduced her handicap index by the greatest number of shots from 1st October of one year to 30th September of the following year. The trophy is shared in the event of a tie.

President's Salver

This is an 18-hole medal competition. In the event of a tie after count back the trophy will be shared. The Ladies' President donates prizes at her discretion.

Jarvis Cup (Jessup Cup)

This is a stableford competition. In the event of a tie after count back the trophy will be shared. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Swatkins Trophy

This is a stableford competition played over 9 holes, which all ladies of 70 years or over (on the day of the competition) are eligible to play. In the event of a tie after count back the trophy will be shared.

Elsie Knopp Seniors Trophy

This is a stableford competition played over 9 holes, which all ladies of 75 years or over (on the day of the competition) are eligible to play. In the event of a tie after count back the trophy will be shared. A silver photograph frame, retained for one year, will be awarded to the winner.

Senior Ladies 9-Hole Knockout

This is a match play knockout for ladies who are 70 years or over by the closing date. An un-seeded draw will be made. An entry fee is payable.

Ann Menzies Trophy

This is a team scramble competition played on the Tuesday following Easter.

Putting Cup

This competition is to be played on Lady Captain's Day on the practice putting green, the number of holes and format to be decided by Lady Captain.

Past Captain's Putter

This is an 18-hole stableford competition, open to all Past Lady Captains.

Winter/Summer Eclectics (1st October - 31st March / 1st April - 30th September)

The object of the competition is to obtain the lowest aggregate score over 18 holes. Players must sign the eclectic book before playing and state which entry number they are playing. Please note Eclectic cards **MUST NOT** be taken out in match play, better-ball or team competitions. Detailed rules are in the eclectic folder.

Winter/Summer Elderflower Eclectics (1st October - 31st March / 1st April - 30th September)

This is a 9-hole eclectic for ladies who are 70 years or over. You may only enter either the 9-hole eclectics or the 18-hole eclectics, you may not enter both.

Birdie Tree

This competition is open to players with handicap indices 0-13.5 and 13.6-21.4. In each sub division the winner is the player achieving the most birdies (or better) during the qualifying period; 1st March to 31st October. Only birdies recorded in acceptable score rounds may be recorded. Detailed rules are in the birdie folder.

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Par Bar

This competition is open to players with handicap indices 21.5-54.0. The winner is the player achieving the most pars (or better) in the qualifying period; 1st March to 31st October. Only pars recorded in acceptable score rounds may be recorded. Detailed rules are in the par bar folder.

Foursomes Knockout

A foursomes match play competition for handicap indices 0-26.7. Handicap allowance is half the combined aggregate for each pair. An unseeded draw is made. The final will be played over 18 holes on Club Finals Day and will be refereed. An entry fee is payable. The winners will be entered into the **Daily Mail Foursomes Knockout Competition** as the representatives for Droitwich Golf Club. In the event of the winning pair being unable to compete, the opportunity will be offered to the runners up. If the second pair is unable to represent the Club the Ladies Competition Committee will review the results of the knockout rounds and make a recommendation to the Ladies Committee.

End of Season Medal

A medal round with prizes for all three divisions. This is not a qualifying competition for the trophies.

Christmas Competition

A 9-hole shotgun competition. Arrangements to be decided by the Lady Captain.

England Golf Regional Medal Final

England Golf provide the rules for qualification and the club medal winner is calculated using the WHS portal system. All 18-hole individual club competitions are included in the calculation. The winner may qualify for the regional final.

Further information can be found on the England Golf website www.Englandgolf.org

England Golf / PING Competition

This competition will be run according to the rules set down by the sponsors. The score of the winning club pair will be entered on a national leader board and they may qualify to represent the Club in the National Grand Final or Plate Final. An entry fee is payable.

England Golf Australian Spoons

Foursomes stableford competition. England Golf provide the guidelines for running this competition. The winners may qualify to play in a Regional Final. An entry fee is payable.

England Golf Trust Stableford

This is an 18-hole competition, which may be played in conjunction with a club stableford. England Golf provides the guidelines for running this competition. The winners may qualify to play in a National Final. An entry fee is payable.

Coronation Foursomes

A foursomes stableford competition played according to rules set down by the R&A. The winners may qualify to play in a Regional Final. An entry fee is payable.

The Charles Heeley Challenge Bowl

This is an 18-hole competition, which may be played in conjunction with a club competition according to the rules defined by the organising committee. An entry fee is payable, which is donated to the charity nominated by the club hosting the final.

Breast Cancer Now

This is a medal round played in conjunction with an England Golf Medal in September where an entry fee is payable to the charity.

Golf Foundation

This is a medal competition, which may be played in conjunction with an England Golf medal. An entry fee is payable to the charity.

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Ladies' Invitation

A club member invites a guest from another club to play in a competition decided by the Ladies Committee. The Ladies Competition Committee is responsible for overseeing the running of this competition.

Ladies' Opens

The format for these competitions will be determined by the Ladies Committee and in line with Rules of Handicapping. As of 2022, all entrants must have submitted at least 3 acceptable scores in the 12 months prior to the closing date. The Ladies Competition Committee is responsible for overseeing the running of these competitions. Prize vouchers will be sent out by post.

Girls' Open

This is an 18-hole medal competition open to any girl aged under 18 at 00:00 hrs on 1st January of the current year, with a maximum handicap index of 31.9. The Trophy is awarded to the best nett score. There are also gross prizes. There is a 9-hole competition for handicap index 32.0-54.0. There will be a prize giving at the conclusion of the competition.

Other competitions may be run throughout the year as decided by the Ladies Committee, e.g. Iron and Wooden Lady competitions. Details will be displayed on the Competitions Notice Board.