

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF GOLF COMPETITIONS

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FOREWORD

It is the intention of the Ladies' Committee, in issuing these Rules and Conditions, that all players will have a clear concept of the aims and qualifying conditions of each competition and an understanding of the format under which every competition will be played.

It must be clearly stressed that the COMPETITION RULES AND CONDITIONS in the booklet must be strictly adhered to and that any failure to comply will attract a penalty of DISQUALIFICATION, unless deemed otherwise under THE RULES OF GOLF OF THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST. ANDREWS.

In formulating these RULES AND CONDITIONS your Committee have taken into account the traditions of Elland Golf Club, the wishes of the donors of the various trophies, and the intention that all Competitions will be played in a fair and equitable manner conducive to the complete enjoyment of all participants.

Finally, it must be re-emphasised that these are quite specific RULES AND CONDITIONS, and not Notes for Guidance, and that it is the responsibility of every player to ensure that they are fully acquainted with the RULES AND CONDITIONS before the start of play and, where applicable, before entering competitions.

The playing season for qualifying competitions is from the 1 March to 30 September. All the Competition Rules and Conditions will be reviewed on a regular basis to conform with the new World Handicapping Systems due to commence on the 1 November 2020.

GENERAL

1. ALL COMPETITIONS will be played in accordance with the RULES OF GOLF of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and any Local Rules in force at Elland Golf Club at the time.
2. ALL COMPETITIONS, except the Ruth Daniels Salver, must start on the first tee.
3. MATCHPLAY. All matchplay competitions must start on the first tee and the course should then be played in the correct order. Strokeplay/Medal competitions must also commence on the first tee unless a shot-gun start has been organised.
4. INTENTION TO PLAY must be indicated by signing in on the Touchscreen, or if there is a computer problem, in the Competition Book before playing in all Medal and Stableford competitions. Failure to do so will result in DISQUALIFICATION from the competition.
5. ALL ENTRY FEES must be paid before start of play and in Knock-Out Competitions before playing the first round. All entry fees form part of the Ladies' Section revenue and are non refundable.
6. EACH THURSDAY will be considered to be the Ladies' Main Competition Day and as such, players will have reserved tee-off times (see Notice Board) and precedence on the course between 9am and 3.30pm. In the event of a competition being cancelled on the main Competition Day, any scores recorded on an Alternative Day will not be counted towards Golfer of the Year. If no competition or Fun Day has been arranged the course is open to all members.
7. PRIZE Vouchers will be awarded in two divisions (Division 1: 0-27 handicap), (Division 2: 28 and above Handicap). £10 will be awarded to the overall winner of the ELM; GFC; and Audrey Drake Competitions (regardless of which division she is in) providing there are a minimum of six entrants. If the overall winner is from Division 2, the winner of Division One will also receive a £10 Voucher if there are a minimum of ten entrants. The vouchers may be spent in the Professional's Shop or be added to the Elland Golf Club bar card. The vouchers must be used within one year of issue. No prizes will be awarded in competitions with less than six entrants. If there are a minimum of six entrants but less than ten, one point will be awarded to the winner towards Golfer of the Year. If there are a minimum of ten entrants two points will be awarded to the winner and one point to the runner up towards Golfer of the Year.
8. HANDICAPS:
 - To obtain a CONGU handicap (Competition Handicap), a member must submit completed cards totalling 54 holes (9 holes or 18 holes in any combination) played at Elland, and must be accompanied and countersigned by a person approved by the committee.
 - To play in a major competition or be allowed to win a major award it is mandatory to have a Competition Handicap and to have submitted three

competition cards in the previous competition year (1st March to 30th September).

- To maintain a Competition Handicap it is necessary to submit at least three scores per competition year in either qualifying competitions, supplementary scores or 9 hole qualifying events.
8. As and when necessary the Committee will arrange dates and times of competitions. These must be STRICTLY adhered to.
 9. The Committee will make the final irrevocable decision regarding disputes, disagreements, interpretation of Rules and Conditions, penalties, disqualification or any other matter with regard to the playing of golf by ladies at Elland Golf Club.
 10. The Elland Golf Club Ladies' Committee may delegate all, or any, of the above responsibilities to the Competitions Secretary and/or any other current Committee Member. When this is so, the decision of the Competitions Secretary and/or the Committee Member will be FINAL.

**ALL ELLAND LADIES' MEDALS (ELM) ARE NOMINATED TO QUALIFY AS
ENGLAND GOLF MEDAL SCORES**

1. To qualify to play in an ELM a player must have a Competition Handicap. These competitions are open to all Full Lady Members. The handicap limit for EGMs is 40. Ladies with a higher handicap may play to submit cards for handicap purposes.

2. Players are eligible to play on the ELM Alternative Day providing they indicate their intention to do so by entering their name on the time sheet provided.
3. The Alternative Day will normally be the Sunday preceding the main Competition Day.
4. If the Alternative Day is cancelled it will not be re-scheduled, but the players can then play on the main Competition Day if they wish.
5. ELM scores must be entered on the computer, including NO RETURNS.
6. In the event of an ELM competition being cancelled on the main Competition Day, any scores recorded on an Alternative Day will not be counted towards Golfer of the Year.
7. The ELLAND LADIES' SALVER will be awarded to the player with a Competition Handicap, who has the LOWEST AGGREGATE of her FOUR BEST NETT ELM SCORES between 1st March and 30th September. This player will qualify to play in the EGM Regional Finals.

G F CASSON BOWL

1. Competition for the G F CASSON BOWL takes place over 18 holes of stroke play as scheduled in the Fixture List.
2. The competition is open to all Full Playing Lady Members of Elland Golf Club with a Competition Handicap.

3. The competition will run from 1st March one year to 30th September the following year.
4. In the event of a GFC competition being cancelled on the main Competition Day, any scores recorded on an Alternative Day will not be counted towards Golfer of the Year.
5. The G F CASSON BOWL will be awarded to the player with a Competition Handicap who has the LOWEST AGGREGATE of her FOUR BEST NETT GFC SCORES. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be decided by an 18 hole stroke play play-off. If there is still a tie a card countback of the last nine, six, three or one holes of the play-off shall be applied.
6. If, for any reason, a monthly competition is cancelled it will not be re-scheduled.

PHILADELPHIA AND COCKROFT BOWLS

1. Competition for the Philadelphia and Cockroft Bowls will be of a MATCHPLAY format over 18 holes.
2. The competition is open to all Full Playing Members of Elland Golf Club with a Competition Handicap (played off a maximum handicap of 36). This rule will remain in force throughout the competition and will become critical after 1st August by which time all subscriptions must be paid.
3. The competition will take place as drawn and directed by the Committee.
4. All matches are to be completed on or before the last day scheduled for the completion of each round. Matches are to be played at a time and date mutually agreed by the players.
5. All entry fees must be paid and names submitted before the last date for entry. Late entries will not be accepted. Names of entrants who have not paid entry fees will not be included in the draw.
6. Players shall, on the first tee, state their handicaps. Full difference between the two handicaps shall be given. These strokes will be taken in accordance with the Stroke Index of the course.
7. In the event of a tie after 18 holes, play will continue until one of the players wins a hole. Strokes shall be given and taken according to the Stroke Index, as previously.
8. Players should offer a minimum of three dates and times for a match. In the event of players being unable to agree upon a mutually acceptable time and date for a match it is the Order of the Committee that such matches will start at 9.30am on the last day scheduled for the completion of that round. Should one of the players fail to be on the tee at the specified time and the other one is present, the one who is present will be the winner of the match. Should neither player be on the tee at the specific time both will be disqualified. Notwithstanding the above, if the actions of either or both players make it impossible for a match to be played, the Committee reserves the right to DISQUALIFY either or both players. Extensions will only be granted in the case of illness, injury, bereavement, course closure or Jury Service.
9. If, for any reason, the finalists should be disqualified the competition winner will be decided by an 18 hole play-off between the losing semi-finalists. Should either of the losing semi-finalists have been disqualified, or should either of them have conceded the semi-final without taking part, then the other one will automatically be the competition winner.
10. Any DISPUTE must be referred to the Committee as soon as possible.

1. Players for the P G Cooper Plate will be the eight winners of the Elland Ladies' Medal (ELM) and Audrey Drake competitions in the three months April, May and June. If there are not enough competitions in any month another qualifying competition result can be used, e.g. Mr Vice Captain's day)
2. If a player wins more than one competition, the runner-up in the respective competition will qualify for a place in the P G Cooper plate.
3. If there is more than one GFC, ELM or Audrey Drake in any of these months, the finalist will be the player with the lowest nett score of these competitions.
4. The finalists will play a Matchplay Knock-Out competition to decide the winner provided their maximum handicap is 36 at the beginning of the knock-out stages.
5. In the matchplay stage of the competition, the 1st qualifier will play against the 8th, the 2nd will play against the 7th, the 3rd against the 6th, and the 4th against the 5th. The winners will then go forward to the next round of the competition.
6. The Competitions Secretary will announce the dates by which each round must be completed.
7. The Rules and Conditions of Play for the Matchplay Knock-Out Stages will be the same as those for the Philadelphia and Cockroft Bowls.

HELEN CROWTHER SALVER

1. The Helen Crowther Salver will consist of an 18 holes qualifying competition - stroke play. The players with the four best nett scores will play a Matchplay Knock-out competition to decide the overall winner of the Salver. The 1st qualifier will play against the 4th, and the 2nd will play against the third. The knockout rounds must be played off a maximum handicap of 36.
2. The date of the qualifying competition will be as scheduled in the Fixture List.
3. The qualifying competition is open to all Full Playing Lady Members of Elland Golf Club with a Competition Handicap, but to play in the knock-out stages players must have a maximum handicap of 36.
4. The Competitions Secretary will announce the dates by which each round must be completed.
5. The Rules and Conditions of Play for the Matchplay Knock-out Stages will be the same as those for the Philadelphia and Cockroft Bowls.

BETTY NAYLOR VETERANS' TROPHY

1. The Rules and Conditions of Play for the Betty Naylor Trophy will be the same as those

for the Philadelphia and Cockroft Bowls.

2. Additional to the above, entry will be restricted to ladies who are aged 55 or over on 1st March in the year of the competition.

HAMMERSTONES TROPHY

1. The Hammerstones Trophy will consist of an 18 holes qualifying stableford competition. The players with the four best stableford scores will play a Matchplay Knock-out competition to decide the overall winner of the Trophy. The 1st qualifier will play against the 4th, and the 2nd will play against the third. The knockout rounds must be played off a maximum handicap of 36.
2. The date of the qualifying competition will be as scheduled in the Fixture List.
3. The qualifying competition is open to all Full Playing Lady Members of Elland Golf Club with a Competition Handicap, but to play in the knock-out stages players must have a maximum handicap of 36.
4. The Competitions Secretary will announce the dates by which each round must be completed.
5. The Rules and Conditions of Play for the Matchplay Knock-out Stages will be the same as those for the Philadelphia and Cockroft Bowls.

RUTH DANIELS SALVER (THE NINE HOLE)

1. The competition for the Ruth Daniels Salver will be played over nine holes stroke play one Monday in each month, as scheduled in the Fixture List.
2. If play is cancelled the competition will take place, if possible, on the following Monday.
3. This is primarily a friendly competition intended to introduce new Lady Members to other Club Members and to competition golf.
4. A handicap is not necessary to play in this competition. Any new lady member without a handicap should play off 54. The scores of any such lady will not be recorded and will not count towards the trophy.
5. On arrival players are to sign in the Competition Book and play in two's or three's, as designated by the Lady Captain, in order of arrival.
6. Play may start on the 1st, 4th or 6th tees at 10.30am
7. The Committee will be constrained to deal severely with any players who attempt to subvert the intentions and aims of this competition by deliberately engineering their order of arrival to facilitate their playing with a fellow player of their own choice.
8. Providing there are a minimum of six players in the monthly competition, a golf ball will be awarded to the winner.

9. The Ruth Daniels Salver will be awarded to the player who, between 1st March one year and 30th September the following year, has the LOWEST AGGREGATE of her FOUR best scores. In the event of a tie, a deciding stroke play competition will be played over nine holes as directed by the Committee. If the competition is still tied, the winner will be decided by a countback over the last six, three or one holes of the play-off cards.

AUDREY DRAKE BOWL

1. The Audrey Drake Bowl is an 18 hole Stableford Competition to be played on one Monday of each month as scheduled in the Fixture List.
2. If, for any reason, the monthly Competition is cancelled it will not be re-scheduled.
3. The competition is open to all Full Playing Lady Members of Elland Golf Club with a Competition Handicap.
4. The competition will run from 1st October one year until 30th September the following year.
5. In the event of an Audrey Drake competition being cancelled on the main competition day (Monday), any scores recorded on an Alternative Day will not be counted towards Golfer of the Year.
6. The Audrey Drake Bowl will be awarded to the player with the HIGHEST AGGREGATE of her FOUR best scores.
7. In the event of a tie, a deciding competition of 18 holes Stableford will take place as directed by the Committee. If the competition is still tied, the winner will be decided by a countback over the last nine, six, three or one holes.

BROOK-CLEGG NINE HOLE CHALLENGE SALVER

1. The Brook-Clegg Challenge Salver is to be played over nine holes of Matchplay golf on dates to be mutually arranged by players.
2. All matches in the competition will be played between 1st March and 30th September.
3. Entry is open to Full Playing Lady Members of Elland Golf club with a Competition Handicap of 28 and over.
4. All entrants must place their names on the Entry List and thereafter play as many other entrants as possible. A player may play against any other player only once.
5. The winner of each match will be awarded two points and the loser no points. In the event of a tied match, each player will receive one point.
6. The winner of each match must inform the Competitions Secretary of the exact result by submitting their completed score card showing clearly the overall score.
7. The winner of the Challenge Salver will be the player who has the most points.
8. In the event of a two way tie, a play-off will take place over nine holes matchplay as

directed by the Committee. If, after nine holes, the match is all square, a further nine holes will immediately follow. If, after 18 holes, the match is all square play will continue until one or other of the players wins a hole. The winner of that hole will be the winner of the Salver.

9. In the event of a three way tie there will be a countback of the exact number of holes won. The top two players will then play off as in rule 8 above.

SHEILA BANKS TROPHY

1. The Sheila Banks Trophy will be awarded annually to the female Member of Elland Golf Club with a competition handicap and who has the greatest number of handicap reduction points. The member must be a home player and hold their handicap at Elland Golf Club.
2. These points must be achieved between 1st October one year and 30th September the following year.
3. One point will be awarded for each stroke reduction of handicap.
4. Handicap improvement points will be calculated from the player's handicap on 30th September.
5. In the case of a tie, the winner will be decided by an 18 hole stroke play competition as directed by the Committee. If two or more players still have equal scores, the winner shall be decided by a card countback over the last nine, six, three or one holes.

ECLECTIC COMPETITIONS

1. The Eclectics are multi-round competitions that result in one 18-hole score per player. The Eclectic is made up of 18 hole rounds with the best score on every hole counted during a specific period (March to September). After the closing date of the competition, each player's best score on every hole will be totaled to give a gross score over 18 holes. A reduction of the player's full handicap will then be made and the winner will be the player with the lowest nett score. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by a card count back of the nett scores over the last nine, six, three or one hole of the final Eclectic card.
 2. The player must sign the Competition Book and pay the entry fee before entering the first score.
 3. Gross scores only are to count but cards from all competitions may be submitted providing it is a medal stroke play competition (not Stableford).
 4. Prizes will be awarded in two divisions:- 0 - 27 handicap
28 - 54 handicap
- If a player's handicap changes during the season which results in moving to a different division, the scores will be automatically moved to the new division by the computer.

BIRDIE TREE

1. The Birdie Tree Competition will run from 1st October in one year to 30th September the following year.

2. Scores on all **INDIVIDUAL** stroke play, stableford and matchplay competitions over 18 holes shall be accepted. Nine hole competition scores are excluded.
3. All competitions recorded on the computer will automatically generate a record of Birdies. Any Birdies achieved in competitions not recorded on the computer must be recorded in the Competition Book and witnessed by the fellow player.
4. The player must sign the Competition Book and pay the entry fee to show her intention to enter the Birdie Tree Competition.
5. The winner will be the player with the most Birdies. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the player with the highest handicap.

HOLE IN ONE

1. The Hole in One will run from 1st October to 30th September the following year.
2. All scheduled Ladies' Competitions, including the YLCGA Inter-Club Team Matches played at Elland, shall form part of the event.
3. Any Hole in One achieved must be recorded in the Competition Book and witnessed by the fellow player.
4. All ladies achieving a Hole in One will be presented with a personal memento.

BUNNIES COMPETITION

1. The competition is open to Full Playing Lady Members of Elland Golf Club with a handicap of 30 and over.
2. The competition will be played in conjunction with the GFC, ELM and EGM competitions.
3. Two points will be awarded to the player with the **LOWEST NETT** score, one point to the player with the **SECOND LOWEST NETT** score.
4. A prize will be awarded annually to the player with the most points on 30th September.
5. Even if the winner is no longer a Bunny on 30th September she will still be awarded the trophy.

CENTENARY GREENSOMES SALVER

1. Competition for the Centenary Greensomes Salver will consist of an 18 hole Greensomes Stableford qualifying competition from which the four pairs with the highest scores will play Greensomes matchplay to decide the winners.

2. The date of the qualifying competition will be as scheduled in the fixture list.
3. The qualifying competition is open to all Full Playing Lady Members of Elland Golf Club with a Competition Handicap, but to play in the knock-out stages players must have a maximum handicap of 36.
4. For the initial qualifying round, the standard greensome calculations will apply – the total of 0.6 of the lower and 0.4 of the higher player rounded up. For the knockout rounds the greensome calculations will apply again. (pg 72 Congu Rules). The pair with the lower handicap will play off scratch and the higher handicap pair will receive the full handicap difference.
5. Intention to play in the qualifying round must be indicated by both players signing the Competition Book before playing.
6. Any ties occurring during the Qualifying Competition will be decided by a countback over the last nine, six, three or one holes.
7. In the matchplay stage of the competition, the 1st qualifiers will play against the 4th, the 2nd will play the 3rd. The winners will then go forward to the next round of the competition.
8. The Competitions Secretary will announce the dates by which each round of matchplay must be completed and thereafter the Rules and Conditions of Play will be the same as those for the Philadelphia and Cockroft Bowls.
9. If, for any reason, the finalists should be disqualified, the competition winners will be decided by an 18 hole play-off between the losing semi-finalists. Should either of the losing semi-finalists have been disqualified, or should either of them have conceded the semi-final without taking part, then the other team will automatically be the competition winner.
8. Any dispute must be referred to the Committee as soon as possible.

SNOWDROP CUP - WINTER STABLEFORD

1. The competition for the Snowdrop Cup Winter Stableford will be played over nine holes as scheduled in the fixture list.

2. This is primarily a SOCIAL competition and is NON QUALIFYING for handicap purposes. Scores should be entered into the computer and cards placed in the box.
3. The competition is open to all Full Playing Lady Members of Elland Golf Club.
4. A 9 hole scorecard should be used rather than the usual 18 hole scorecard. IF THESE ARE NOT AVAILABLE PLEASE USE THE NORMAL SCORECARD. Enter your gross score in the computer and it will allocate your points - the nine hole course allows one extra shot because of the different stroke index.
5. The winner of each competition will receive a voucher worth half the entry fees.
6. The Snowdrop Cup will be awarded to the player with the highest aggregate of her 4 best scores.
7. In the event of a tie the winner will be decided by a countback over the last six, three or one holes of the card.

9 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITIONS

1. A nine hole stableford competition will be organised whenever possible alongside 18 hole medal competitions on Thursdays.
2. The competition will be open to all Full Playing Lady Members of Elland Golf Club with a Competition Handicap
3. A 9 hole Score Card to be used rather than the usual 18 hole Score Card.
4. If there are a minimum of four entrants but less than eight, the winner will receive a prize voucher for £4. If there are a minimum of eight entrants the runner-up will also receive a prize voucher for £2. The vouchers may be spent at the Pro Shop, Robertshaws Electrical Store in Elland, Niemantas Jewellers in Brighouse, or be added to the Elland Golf Club bar card. The vouchers must be used within one year of issue.

DIGNITARIES COMPETITION DAYS - PRIZES

Any Nearest the Pin, Nearest the Line or the Putting Competition will be treated as stand alone competitions. There is no limit to the number of stand alone competition prizes that can be won by a competitor, in addition to a Nett or Gross prize from the main competitions. Only one Nett or Gross prize can be awarded within each competition, with the Nett prizes taking priority over Gross.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR

1. The Golfer of the Year competition will run from 1st March to 30th September.
2. In Club Competitions played over 18 holes, two points will be awarded to the winner

and one point to the runner-up provided there are a minimum of ten entrants. If there are a minimum of six entrants but less than ten, one point will be awarded to the winner only.

3. In any Club Competition which consists of more than one round of 18 holes, the overall winner will receive four points and the runner-up will receive two points, i.e., all the Knock-Out competitions and Lady Captain's prize.
4. The Golfer of the Year will be the player with the most points.
5. In the event of a tie the winner will be the player with the highest number of first places. If there is still a tie the prize will be shared.

SCRATCH CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

1. This is an Annual Prize awarded to the player with the AVERAGE BEST GROSS SCORE from ten cards in stroke play competitions between 1st March and 30th September.
2. A minimum of ten cards must be submitted.
3. In the event of a tie the prize will be shared.

APPENDIX 1

ENGLISH WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION ALTERNATIVE DAYS/PRACTICE ON THE COMPETITION COURSE Alternative Day arrangements for Club Competitions.

NB This does not apply to weekend and weekday EGM medals which are separate competitions.

Rule 7-1b of the Rules of Golf prohibits practice on the competition course prior to play on **any** day of a stroke play competition unless a condition of competition permitting practice has been introduced by the Committee in terms of the Note to that Rule. Alternative Day arrangements exist when a single competition is played over two days (the Main Day and the Alternative Day) which may or may not be consecutive, and in which a player is permitted to compete on only one of the two days. Unless the Committee has introduced a condition of competition permitting practice/play, any player ineligible to play on the first of the two days but intending to play on the second competition day would be in breach of rule 7-1b (the penalty for which is disqualification) by playing on the competition course at any time during the whole of the first day of the competition, e.g., if the Alternative Day is a Saturday and the Main Day the following Tuesday, any of the Tuesday players would be in breach by playing in a match or in general non-competition play on the Saturday. This breach would occur regardless of the length of time between the two competition days.

When club competitions involve Alternative Day arrangements, Committees are encouraged to permit those players not competing on the first day to be able to play on the course, subject to available tee times and club rules, without such play being deemed as practice for the day during which they intend to compete in the competition. A suggested wording (which can be tailored to suit club rules) for a condition of competition permitting practice/play is:

Main Day and Alternative Day Competitions (adopted by the Ladies Committee of Elland Golf Club)

When players have a choice between Main Day or Alternative Day participation for a single stroke play competition, in terms of Rule 7-1b of the Rules of Golf, 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

Extracted from:- R & A Rules of Golf.