Ryburn Golf Club

Terms of Competition

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All competition golf shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and Local Club Rules. All who play or mark scorecards are expected to be familiar with the above.

The full Local Rules are on display in the locker room. An abridged version is on the back of the score card. Any Temporary Local Rules are displayed in the Locker Room and on the Lobby poster board.

The use of **Distance Measuring Devices** is allowed. Distance measuring devices or options that show and gauge/measure other conditions that might affect play (eg gradient, wind speed, temperature etc) are not allowed and their use will lead to disqualification (Rule 14-3).

The use of **Motorised Transportation** (buggies) is allowed, subject to individual competition rules.

The use of **Caddies** is allowed

**Ladies Competition & Handicap Committee**

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1 **Times of playing Competitions:**

*Ladies generally play competitions on a Thursday. On Club V1 the time reserved for the Ladies to play is a Thursday afternoon however if ladies cannot play on a Thursday afternoon then they may play in a casual tee time. Members must sign into the competition time so that their fees are taken and they have entered the competition. Scores must be entered via Club V1 – if ladies are struggling because of IT issues they must inform a member of the Ladies Handicap & Competition Committee. On a Saturday ladies share tee times with the men from 7.30 – 9.30 am and 12.30 to 2.30 pm for most competitions. When these tee times are offered then all competitors must play within the competition tee times and no casual tee times can be booked for Competition Play.*

*If you are playing in a three ball it is preferable to go out last or before a gap in play so you don’t slow down following two balls down.*

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 member’s card must be marked and signed by a marker who holds a valid Handicap Index otherwise the member will be disqualified.

3 **Competition Entry**

3.1: Bookings for competitions must be made online through Club V1. If a Competition is to be entered by another means (eg writing names on a board) then ladies will be advised by the Competition Secretary and the rules of the Individual Competition.

3.1.1 Bookings on Club V1 generally open 2 weeks before the Competition Date apart from Majors when it opens earlier.

3.2: Members must be booked into the Competition before midnight on the day before play if they are intending to play in the morning. They must be booked in before midday on the day of play if they are intending to play after midday.

3.2: Members must sign in before playing. This represents the official entry to the Competition.

3.3: Fees are taken through Club V1 at the point when players book into a competition. Fees are automatically returned if a play withdraws before midnight of the day before. Members must have funds in their account to book into a Competition. Please ask a member of the Committee for more information.

Entry fees will not normally be refunded after the closing time/date for entries except in certain circumstances at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

3.4: Members must Sign In before they tee off and should aim to sign in a minimum of 10 minutes before play. Members who sign in after they tee off or who forget to sign in are disqualified. Fees will be returned if a member does not sign in however scores for any holes played must be returned. If a member cannot access the app, tablet or computer then they must sign into the green Signing In Book and inform a member of the Competition Committee that they have followed this procedure.

3.5: Latecomers should not start until the next vacant tee time.

4  **Scorecard**

4.1: Cards must be filled in with member’s full name, date, name of the competition and the Playing Handicap. The Handicap Index (HI) and Course Handicap should be entered. The relevant information is displayed on the app, pc or table when the member signs in.

4.2: It is the member’s responsibility to ensure that their competition card, whether they finish the competition or not, is returned to the Competition Box and that all scores for completed holes are entered into the computer/app. Failure to do so may result in a sanction, including disqualification.

4.2.1: Under no circumstance should no score (i.e. zero) be entered as a score**.** Members who do not return cards or input a 0 are impacting the calculation of the PCC (Playing Course Conditions). Members should use the NO SCORE option which then brings up a choice of ‘Did Not Play’ or ‘Played But Did Not Score’.

4.2.2: **Gross scores must be recorded on the score card.**

4.2.3: For handicap purposes, holes not played for a valid reason are recorded as ‘Did Not Play’ or ‘Played But Did Not Score’. This is for determining the **Score Differential** on the player’s **Scoring Record**:

* In a 9 hole round, all holes must be played for a 9 hole score to be submitted for handicap purposes.
* If 10, 11 or 12 holes have been played, the player will be given **Net Par + 1** on the first hole not played and **Net Par** for the remaining holes.
* If 14 or more holes have been played, the player will be given a score of **Net Par** for the holes not played.

*Note: Net Par is determined using the player’s****Course Handicap****, not the player’s****Playing Handicap****.*

4.3:  **‘No Returns’ are no longer acceptable.** All cards must be returned. Scores for completed holes must be entered into the computer using Did Not Play or Played But Did Not Score on each hole if appropriate. Failure to return scorecards and/or enter scores into the computer without good reason may result in the player losing the right to compete in Club Competitions for a specified period or, for more persistent offenders, to have their handicap suspended for an appropriate period

4.4: It is the players responsibility to enter all scores electronically as soon as possible after play and to return signed scorecards to the Competition Box unless alternative arrangements have been put in place by the Competition Committee. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Scores must be returned before the players leaves the club grounds. In the event that the tablet is not working, the PC is inaccessible and the player does not have the app then a photo of the card should be sent to a member of the Competition Committee so they can enter it onto the PC

4.5: A player’s card must be marked and signed by an appropriate person. Missing signatures, handicaps and/or playing off an incorrect (higher) handicap results in disqualification of the player.

4.6: The scorecard is considered returned when the player has placed it in the Competition Box specified for that competition. Removing a scorecard from the Competition Box and/or making changes once returned will result in disqualification.

5 **Playing Conditions**

5.1: The status of the course including Placing/Dropping in the rough/Bunkers out of play will be stated in the locker room and/or club house lobby. It is the player’s responsibility to check temporary rules and arrangements before they 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 and Yorkshire Golf Union Fee will be classified as Members and may enter a Club competition.

6.2: All fully paid-up 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 without a handicap may play during a Competition to record a score for handicap if the individual terms of competition allow however that Member cannot mark a card for a competitor. A member must inform their playing partner(s) if they do not have a handicap, before arranging to play.

7 **Conditions of competition:**

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

7.2: Fully paid-up Members with a full, current handicap of 54 and below 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.

7.3: The competition is not closed until score cards have been checked so closure of the competition may be delayed up to 48 hours. This will not affect handicap updates which happen automatically at midnight.

7.4: To enter into Major Competitions members must have played in three 18 hole qualifying competitions or a combination of 18 hole and 9 hole singles qualifying competitions, at Ryburn Golf Club in the current season. Scores submitted for initial handicap allocation do not count towards the 3 ‘Acceptable Scores’. This is a recommendation from England Golf following the introduction of WHS.

7.5: Local Rules: Local Rules are noted on the backs of course cards, on the club website and on Club Notice Boards. It is the player’s responsibility to familiarize themselves with all Local Rules.

*7.6: 9 Hole Qualifying competitions are held on the same days as the 18 Ladies Competition Days. Ladies may arrange to play with another lady who prefers to play 9 holes or play with an 18 hole two ball and drop out after 9. Please speak to a member of the Ladies Competition Committee for further information*

**8 Suspension of Play due to adverse Course or Weather conditions.**

8.1: Deciding when to suspend play due to adverse course or weather conditions is the responsibility of the Competition Committee. Guidance is provided in the ***Rules of Golf***, [***Committee Procedures, section 6E***](https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/rules/committee-procedures/6e).

No competitor can make their own decision that the course is unplayable – that decision can be taken, at any time on the day of the Competition, by any two members of the Competition Committee or by one member of the Competition Committee and the Green’s Chairman.  Players can bring concerns about course conditions to the attention of the Competition Committee who will liaise with the Greens Committee however please be aware this will not result in an instant decision unless the committee members are at the club.

8.2: Players unwilling to commence play at their designated time due to fog may enter their names on the timesheet and play at a later available time on the same day.

8.3: If bad weather stops play then medals are usually not replayed at a later date however Majors are if possible.

8.4: Members should ensure they have read the Rules of Golf in relation to lightning.

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

i) All Members are required to bring to the attention of the Main or Ladies Committee concerns relating to breaches of the Rules of Golf or the Code of Conduct. The Committee will refer to the Code of Conduct in the sanctions decision making process.

ii) All Members are required to notify their playing partners immediately if unable to play, for any reason whatsoever.

iii) A Member may not remove themselves from one tee time and/or transfer to another tee time without immediately notifying all other persons on that line that they are removing their name and of the reason for removal and/or transfer.

Disputes: All disputes shall be settled by the Committee. If the complainant is not happy with the Committee Decision they may refer their dispute to England Golf following the process laid down by England Golf.

Ladies Competitions:

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| Major Competitions | Format | |
| Lady Captain’s Prize Day  Fee - £3  Handicap Allowance: 95% | This is a stroke play competition with ladies choosing their playing partners and tee time. All prizes are provided by the Lady Captain. Competition Fees go to the club.  All ladies tee off in the afternoon, usually from around 1.30/2.00 with the last tee time around 3pm. Lady Captain does not play and therefore this competition does not count towards the Mary Spencer Prize.  All Ladies are expected to stay for dinner with the prize giving taking place that evening. | |
| Ryburn Cup  Fee - £3  Handicap Allowance: 100% | This is a match play knockout competition played over the course of the summer – usually one game per month. Booking is open from the date of the AGM up until the day of Medal 1 when the draw is made. The responsibility to arrange the match is with the player at the top of the draw. A minimum of 3 dates must be given by each player (not in the same week) and should include at least one date at a weekend. In the event of a tie for a match, the match is extended one hole at a time until a winner is determined.  The winner is responsible for adding the outcome to the draw. | |
| Atkinson Bowl  Fee - £3  Handicap Allowance: 95%  Handicap Allowance for Matchplay final: 100% | This is a stroke play competition with a draw for playing partners however if two players cannot play at the same time then they may arrange to play with a different partner.  The winning lady goes on to play the winner of the Men’s Atkinson Competition in a match play knockout. This match must be played before the end of October. Competitors are equally responsible for organizing the match. Handicaps will take into account the mixed gender match. | |
| Siddall Bracelet  Fee - £3  Handicap Allowance: 100% | This is a 9-hole Matchplay knockout competition with all rounds played over a Saturday afternoon starting at noon. Each match walks in as soon as their match is won and then waits for their next competitor to come in before going straight out to play the next match. **9 Hole Stroke Index and Handicap must be used.**  The draw is made on the Thursday before play.  Games that are drawn after the 9th play down the first again and the match is extended one hole at a time until a winner is determined. | |
| Winnie Spencer Foursomes  Fee - £3 each | Players play in a team of two and each player drive off on alternate holes. After the drive then alternate shots are played. Ladies chose their own partner.  Handicap allowance is 50% of combined team handicap. | |
| Scholefield Cup  Fee - £3  Handicap Allowance: 95% | This is a stroke play competition. Members choose their own playing partner. | |
| Medal Cup  No Fee  Handicap Allowance: 95% | This is a stroke play competition for all Ladies who have won a Medal Competition during the season. It is played on a Sunday and there is a draw for partners. | |
| Medal Competitions | | Format |
| Ryburn Medals  Fee – £2  Handicap Allowance: 95% | | Ryburn Medals 1 – 11 are played on Thursday, Medals 1a – 11a are played on Saturday. Medal 12 played on Sunday. Ladies generally try to play each medal with a different person to retain the friendly and social feel at Ryburn.  Medals are amalgamated to find the overall winner of each Ryburn Medal Competition – eg. Medal 1 will be combined with Medal 1a to find the winner of Ryburn Medal 1.  Ladies may play in all Medal Competitions but must state before they play which competition will count towards the Ryburn Medal. If they don’t nominate a particular day then the first competition (usually the Saturday) will count. Ladies only need to pay for the game which counts towards Ryburn Medal Comp. If you have played in both competitions please speak to the Finance Secretary to arrange for the fee for the second comp to be returned. |
| Lady Vice Captain’s Day  Fee: £3 | | This day is organized by the Lady Vice Captain who decides the competition format. Competition Fee goes to the club. Lady Vice Captain does not play but provides the prizes.  Mary Schofield Brooch is played for as a Nearest the Pin Comp on the 9th. |
| Monthly Stablefords  £2  Handicap Allowance: 95% | | Open to all members. Tee times are not reserved for Monday Stablefords but please book into the Competition slot to be entered into the comp and then book a casual tee time. |
| Prize for All  Handicap Allowance: 95% | | This is usually a Stableford. No fee. All playing ladies bring a wrapped prize with a value up to £5 - winner gets first choice of prize. |
| Extra Prize Day  Fee : £2 | | This day is hosted by two Ladies who volunteer to host the day. Please speak to the Lady Captain at the beginning of her year if you would like to volunteer with another lady. The hosting ladies don’t usually play but they provide the prizes. Competition Fee goes to the club. |
| Veterans Prize  No Fee | | Open to Ladies over 50. Played as part of Ryburn Medal 5 with no separate fee. |
| Past Lady Captain’s | | 18 Hole Medal Competition for all past Lady Captains. Current Past Lady Captain organizes the day and the prizes. |
| Cancer Relief (Stableford)  Fee: £0  Handicap Allowance: 95% | | No fees but ladies give a donation to play in aid of Cancer Relief. Players find their own playing partners |
| 4 Ball Better Ball/PING  Fee – £2 for 4BBB only.  Fee for Ping is decided by Ping | | Ladies play in teams of two and each play their own ball. The best score is counted towards total. The highest scoring team (who are eligible to play in the PING comp according to their rules) are entered and may qualify to play in the PING Final at Gainsborough Golf Club. |

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| Competition | Format |
| Gross Prize Winner | This prize is awarded to the player with the best average of their best 6 gross scores over the year |
| EGU Medal Winner | This prize is awarded to the player with the best average of their 4 best Medal Scores. The winner may go on to play in the England Golf Regional Play Offs |
| Golfer of the Year  Mary Spencer | All ladies are included in this competition – points are gained for placing in all medal comps and some majors. 1st – 4 points, 2nd – 3 points, 3rd – 2 points and 4th – 1 point. |
| Eclectic | The computer tracks your best score on each hole over the summer – the winner is the person with the best overall card. |
| Birdie Tree | This prize is worked out by the computer although all who score a birdie are invited to add a bird to the Birdie Tree. Birdies only count in stroke play competitions, not in Match Play. Lady Captain provides a small prize. |
| Par Pyramid | Similar to the Birdie Tree but open only for ladies with a Playing Index of 32 or higher. If you want your gross Par to be counted please add a label with your name to the Par Pyramid with the comp date and the hole. Lady Vice Captain provides a small prize |

Winter League: The winter league is played on Thursday and Sunday throughout winter – usually mid October to mid April. Both days are shotgun starts with a draw. Fees are paid in cash on the day. New Ladies and those without a handicap are encouraged to join in as it’s a fun comp, a good way to practice and to get to know everyone.

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| Comp | Format |
| Thursday Winter League  Fee: £1 | 9 hole Stableford – draw on day for playing partners. Winner of league received 6 golf balls, 2nd receives 3  Entry includes tea/coffee and biscuits in the club house after play.  The draw is at 12.45 and tee off at 1pm. Tees are reserved for ladies playing at 1pm. Ladies may play outside this time but must book a casual tee time. All must sign into the Winter League sign in book (top drawer in powder room). Scores must be submitted after lay in manner agreed by Committee. |
| Sunday Winter League  Fee: £1 | 9 hole Matchplay or Calcutta – draw for teams on the day. Tee is at 12.30 with the draw 10 minutes before. As the days get lighter the start is pushed back by 30 minutes. Winner of league received 6 golf balls, 2nd receives 3  Entry fee includes tea/coffee and biscuits in the club house after play.  All must sign into the Winter League sign in book (top drawer in powder room). |

**Club Competitions for all members:**

Open Day: The first day of the season. Men play an individual comp in the morning. All ladies are invited to play in the afternoon in a mixed competition – partners decided by a draw. Lady Captain and Mr Captain play together as do Lady Vice Captain and Mr Vice Captain – they drive off the first tee whilst everyone watches and then the rest of the players walk to their allotted tee for a Shotgun start.

Presidents Cup and Centenary Trophy: These competitions are in the diary and open to men and ladies – you may play with anyone and at any time, not just with the ladies!

Binns Mixed Foursomes: This is open to all members with a handicap. You may play with a man of your choice however if you would like to play and don’t have a man please speak to Lady Captain or another lady who will help you find a man. The format is each couple play only one ball with alternate drives (men usually drive off odd tees) and then alternate shots after each drive.

Texas Scramble: Once a month on a Friday evening throughout summer – no need to bring a partner - just turn up between 5 and 5.15 to be entered into the draw. A very informal, fun evening – perfect to practice your golf and meet new members. If you don’t have a handicap yet you can still play.

9 Hole Stableford League – on designated Friday’s through the summer. No need to book or find a partner – just turn up at 6 to put your name is in the draw. On the last day of the league the top ten scores go through to a final where all 10 players tee off on the first and the worst score drops out and so on until one player wins on the 9th.