

MENS’ COMPETITION RULES AND RULES FOR PLAYING GOLF

General

1. All Competitions shall be played under the “Rules of Golf” which shall prevail. The Committee is empowered to vary Competition Rules save where they conflict with the “Rules of Golf”.
2. The Club runs two types of Competition namely Club Knock out Competitions and Monthly Stroke Play Competitions. Monthly Stroke Play Competitions may be Medal, Stableford or Bogey.
3. **Eligibility**
Competitors shall:
 - (a) Be 7 Day Full Members unless otherwise stated.
 - (b) Have an official Club WHS Handicap index.
 - (c) To obtain a WHS Handicap Index, a golfer must submit to their respective Committee scorecards of 54 holes (3x18, 6x9 or any combination of 9 and 18 holes) on their home course. The maximum handicap index that is available to all golfers is 54.
 - (d) Have paid their annual subscription.

Note 1 – New Members who provide the Handicap Committee with a from their previous club will be allocated their current handicap index at the date of joining the Club.

Note 2 – New Members who join without a valid WHS Handicap index certificate shall be allocated a handicap index in accordance with the procedure outlined in c) above.

Note 3 – To be eligible to enter Annual Knockout Competitions, Members must complete a minimum of 6 qualifying rounds in the preceding year. New Members who have been allocated with a WHS handicap index in the year preceding knockout competitions are eligible to enter without completing the required 6 qualifying rounds.

This amendment only applies to Competitions open to 7 Day Members. Knockout Competitions open to other categories of membership (7 DR, 5-Day, Cadets etc) are not affected.

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4. Entering Competitions

- a) An entry sheet for each Competition shall be posted on the Notice Board in the Men’s locker room or, displayed on the computer indicating the categories of Members eligible to play, the entry fee and method of payment.
- b) Competitors shall enter their names on the entry sheet either against a reserved time or indicating proposed time of starting and shall follow the instructions for payment of entry fees as specified.

Note – The Rules of Golf state that if a competitor fails to enter a Competition in the correct manner, he does not have an acceptable score. Accordingly, such a player does not have a score either for the Competition or for handicap purposes.

5. Entry Fees

Entry fees shall be determined by the Committee and shall be paid as prescribed in the relevant Competition Notice.

6. Rounds

All Competitions and matches shall be played over one stipulated round, unless otherwise stated. A stipulated round is 18 holes in the correct sequence commencing at the First Tee.

7. Starting Tee

Play in Competitions and matches shall start at the First Tee, unless otherwise stated on the entry sheet or in the Competition details.

8. Tee Markers

Play shall commence from the White Tee markers unless otherwise stated.

9. Handicaps

The WHS Handicap index categories are:

Category 1 - Handicap 5 or less

Category 2 - Handicap 6 to 12 inclusive

Category 3 - Handicap 13 to 20 inclusive

Category 4 - Handicap 21 to 28 inclusive

Category 5 - Handicap 29 to 36 inclusive

Category 6 - Handicap 37 to 54 inclusive

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Division 1 – Handicap 12 or less

Division 2 – Handicap 13-28,

Division 3 – Handicap 29-54

It is the responsibility of the player to play off his correct handicap index and he shall ensure that it has been correctly entered on his scorecard. Likewise, he shall declare his handicap index correctly to his opponent in Match play.

Players must report immediately to the Handicap Secretary, details of all gross scores or stableford points in qualifying Competitions returned at other Clubs, together with the date, name of the Club, the Course Par and the Competition Standard Scratch Score. Players are reminded that failure to report scores returned at other Clubs is likely to lead to the suspension of their handicaps.

10. Stroke Allowances

Stroke allowances shall be as stated on the entry sheet or on the Competition details.

11. Card Marking

For Singles, Foursome and Aggregate Four-Ball Competitions, record the gross score on each hole. For Four-Ball Competitions, record the gross score at each hole of whichever partner’s score is to count and keep the scores of the two partners in separate columns. Correct handicaps must be shown. The work of the Competition Secretary will be eased if Markers also calculate the net score and points when applicable and, if playing, record their own gross score in the ‘Marker’s Score’ column on the scorecard.

12. Practice Grounds

Players may practice only from the areas and at the times prescribed on the Club Notice Board. When the course is closed (e.g. Captain’s Day, Guest Day, etc.) practice is not allowed by non-competitors on the course, on the putting green or in the nets.

13. Putting Green

Chipping or running the ball is only allowed at the far end of the putting green towards the three chipping flags. Under no circumstances should practice take

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place from the side adjacent to the 1st fairway whilst the 1st tee is in use. Pitching is not permitted to this practice area under any circumstances. Players practicing on the putting green should always be cautious.

14. **Local Rules**

Local Rules shall be published on the Club Notice Board. It is the responsibility of the player to be aware of all Local Rules, whether permanent or temporary.

15. **Responsibility of Players in Match Play Competitions**

Both players are responsible for fixing their matches as indicated on the sheet. Matches must be completed by the date given on the draw sheet. In the event of a result not being recorded by the due date, **both sides will be eliminated**. However, if only one side has been unable to play by the due date, the other side may claim the match as a walkover.

The Committee may prescribe a protocol which shall be used in the event of any dispute as to any party claiming a walkover which must be made to the Committee within 48 hours of the closing date.

16. **Halved Matches**

A halved match shall be decided on a “sudden death” play-off. Players are to proceed directly from the 18th green to the first tee (or to the 10th tee from the 9th green if starting on 10th hole) and play is to continue until one side wins a hole, strokes being given and received as shown on the scorecard.

17. **Results**

The result of the match shall be recorded on the draw sheet and the competition terminal immediately after play.

18. **Finals**

All finals shall be played over 36 holes except for the Veterans’ Cup, which shall be 18 holes.

19. **Four-Ball Competitions**

Play shall start from either the 1st or 10th Tee in accordance with the starting time regulations shown on the Notice Board in the car park.

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20. Score Cards

Score cards must be returned as stated on the Competition entry sheet. For qualifying Competitions, scores must be entered on the computer. In all circumstances it is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the correct score and correct handicap are entered on his card as well as complying with the rules of golf, otherwise disqualification may occur.

21. Method to be Used to Decide Ties

- (a) The Club Championship and the Walton Trophy shall be held jointly by those tying.
- (b) Captain’s Day - There will be a play-off starting from the 1st tee before prize giving.

In all other Competitions, the winner shall be the person having the best score or best number of stableford points over the first of the following holes:

- (i) Holes 10-18 inclusive
- (ii) Holes 13-18 inclusive
- (iii) Holes 16-18 inclusive
- (iv) Hole 18
- (v) Holes 4-9 inclusive
- (vi) Holes 7-9 inclusive

Where there is a qualifying round in a Competition, competitors tying for the last place shall qualify except in the Wallis Arthur which shall be decided as above.

22. Cadets

Cadets reaching Cat 2 Handicap status may play in all Mens Club Competitions by paying the respective entry fee and are eligible to win prizes. Cadets must always be accompanied by an adult member when playing in Mens Club Competitions.

23. Qualifying Competitions (QC)

These will be indicated on the entry sheet.

- ### 24. Evacuation Rules
- For any competition, when the klaxon is sounded (one prolonged note) players must immediately mark their ball and leave the course. A player completing the hole or taking any other shots will be disqualified.

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25. **Buggies**

Use of sit-on buggies is prohibited for all Competitions. For those Members who are unable to play without the aid of a buggy, this Rule may be waived at the discretion of the Committee and a medical certificate may be required. Playing partners must not ride in the buggy.

26. **Course Marshal, Starters and Others**

Only on the day of play the Course Marshal on duty and or a member of the Men’s Committee on the club premises and or a starter at the time may in their sole discretion make individual variations to the order of play, tee times and start tees to be used for any competition, match play and or general play to achieve a better use of the course and smooth passage of play.

In addition, players more than five minutes late maybe deferred from starting.

Members or their guests not complying with the dress code or not having paid their subscription fees or guests the proper green fee shall be denied access to the course until any default has been remedied.

Whilst on the course the Course Marshall shall give directions to any players to promote a smooth passage of play.

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MEN’S COMPETITION DETAILS

Monthly Stroke Play Competitions

1. Monthly Medal and Stableford Competitions (QC) White Tees

Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members (playing at permitted times) and Cadets with a valid WHS Handicap.

The Competitions are divided into two divisions; Senior Division (Handicap 12 and below) and Junior Division (Handicap 13 – 54). Medal play before 12.00pm is only permitted as 2-Balls or 3-Balls. Stableford Competitions are permitted to be played as 2- Balls, 3-Balls or 4-Balls. Play shall commence from either 1st or 10th tees, subject to restrictions stated on the entry sheet. A Competition all be void unless entrants number eight or more. (Senior and Junior Divisions may be amalgamated to achieve at least 8 entries for a valid competition) Senior and Junior Division Medal and Stableford winners and players with equal scores with the winners, shall qualify for the Gold Medal Competition.

Cadets reaching Cat 2 Handicap status may play in all Men’s Club Competitions by paying the respective entry fee and are eligible to win prizes. Cadets must always be accompanied by an adult member when playing in Men’s Club Competitions.

2. Midweek Bogey and Stableford Competitions (QC) White Tees

Open to all Members and Cadets with a WHS handicap. Adult Members may play in twos threes or fours subject to the normal tee-off time restrictions.

Club Competitions

(All competitions to be played off white tees unless otherwise stated)

7 Day, 7 Day Restricted and Cadet Members are allowed to play in the following Competitions, at the appropriate times.

Cadets reaching Cat 2 Handicap status may play in all Men’s Club Competitions by paying the respective entry fee and are eligible to win prizes. Cadets must always be accompanied by an adult member when playing in Men’s Club Competitions.

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3. **Handicap Allowances in Match Play Knockouts**

Singles _____ The full difference between the handicaps of the two players.

Foursomes ½ the full difference between the aggregate handicaps of each side

Greensomes The full difference of the two pairs after calculating their combined team handicap using 60% of the lower handicap and 40 % of the higher.

Four-ball Player with lowest handicap to concede strokes to the other three players of 90% of the difference between the full handicaps.

4. **Handicap Allowances in Competitions**

Singles Full handicap allowance

Foursomes ½ of the total of combined handicaps of both players

Four-ball 90% of handicap of each player

Strokes shall be taken according to the men’s stroke index shown on the card, unless otherwise stated.

5. **36 Holes Stroke Play Competitions**

The Club Championship (QC) - Open to 7 Day Full Members and Category 1 & 2 Cadets. Played off scratch and run concurrently with the Burges Cup.

Burges Cup (QC) - Open to 7 Day Full Members and Category 1 & 2 Cadets.

Ollie Trophy - Played simultaneously with Burges Cup and open to Members with handicaps 10 to 20. The Burges Cup winner cannot also win the Ollie Trophy.

Collis Trophy – By invitation only to 7 Day Full Members of handicap 7 or less and Category 1 & 2 Cadets. Morning round is Foursomes and afternoon round is Singles. Joint winners.

Cripps Trophy – By invitation only to 7 Day Full Members and Cadets of handicaps 8 to 12. Morning round is Foursomes and afternoon round is singles. Joint winners.

6. **18 Holes Stroke Play Competitions**

The following stroke play Competitions are open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members playing at their appropriate times.

Lifeboat Spoons (QC) - Open to Cadets in accordance with the provisions for Monthly Medal and Stableford Competitions.

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Hospital Cup (QC) - Open to Category 1 & 2 Cadets.

Norris Cup (QC) - Restricted to Members with handicaps 13 to 20.

H D Fisher Cup (QC) - Restricted to Members with handicaps 6 to 12.

Turner Salver (QC) - Run concurrently with Senior Club Championship and open to all Members aged 55 and over. The Senior Club Champion cannot win the Turner Salver.

7. **18 Holes Singles Match Play Competitions**

Thorpe Hall Challenge Bowl - Restricted to 7 Day Full Members

The Winner will represent the Club in the EGU Alan Lockwood Trophy

Iles Cup - Restricted to 7 Day Full Members with handicaps up to 10. To be played off scratch.

Machin Challenge Bowl - An Autumn to Spring Competition. Restricted to 7 Day Full Members

Veterans Challenge Cup - Restricted to men aged 55 years and over. Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members.

Alan Lindsey Cup - Open to all adult Members. To be played on weekdays only. The Winner will represent the Club in the EGU Alan Lockwood Trophy

Wye Challenge Cup - Restricted to Members of handicap 20 - 28. Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members.

Frank Allen Cup - Restricted to eight 7 Day Full Members from each of the Senior and Junior Divisions who qualify in the appropriate Medal Competition.

Walton Memorial Salver (Played off Yellow Tees) - Restricted to the Captain and Past Captains of the Club who are still Playing Members.

Wallis Arthur Gold Cup - Open to the eight 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members who qualify in the appropriate Medal Competition, together with eight Ladies. The draw is such that each lady plays a man in the first round. The handicap allowance is the full difference in handicaps. Ladies shall play off the red tees and each shall receive an additional 3 courtesy shots. Where a lady is receiving strokes they are to be taken from the stroke index on the ladies card. Where a man is receiving strokes they are to be taken from the stroke index on the men’s card.

8. **18 Holes Bogey Competition**

Guinness Cup (QC) - Open to 7 Day, 7 Day Restricted Members and Category 1 and 2 Cadets playing at their appropriate times. Record gross score where better than a double bogey

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9. Four-Ball Better-Ball Match Play

Wick Bowl – Restricted to 7 Day Full Members. Entrants choose their own partner. Play may start at either 1st or 10th tee until semi-final and final rounds, which must start at the 1st tee.

The Finalists will represent the Club in the EGU Mullis Trophy

Ken Berry Cup - Open to all adult Members with an active handicap. To be played on weekdays only. Entrants choose their own partner.

10. Greensome / Foursomes Matches

Rand Smith Challenge Bowl - An Autumn to Spring Foursomes Competition open to 7 Day Full Members. Partners are drawn on a high/low basis according to handicap.

Bradban Trophies – Foursomes - Open to 7 Day Full Members. Entrants choose their own partner.

Mixed Foursomes Challenge Bowl - Open to all adult Members. Entrants choose their own partner.

Frank Lockhart Trophy – Greensome - Open to all playing members with a WHS Handicap, play must be arranged within the limits of the member category.

Foursomes - open to all family members, including cadets of either sex when playing with an adult member. Entrants choose their own partner.

11. Greensome Foursomes Medal

Bonallack Trophy - Open to all categories of Men, Ladies and Cadets with a WHS handicap (when playing with an adult Member) and playing at their appropriate times. The pairing may be two Ladies, two Men, one Lady and one Man or one adult Member playing with a Cadet of either sex. The round does not have to be the first of the day. Each Lady receives 3 courtesy shots. To calculate the handicap allowance Ladies are to first add the 3 shots to their handicap. The allowance is then the lower handicap times 0.6, plus the higher handicap times 0.4. Entrants choose their own partner.

12. Greensome Foursomes Stableford

Welton Bowl - Open to 7 Day Full Members. This Competition is also the qualifying Competition for the Kindred Clubs Shield. The Rules of the Kindred Clubs Shield forbid the pairing of two players of 9 handicap or less, so if a pair wishes to take part and qualify, partners should be arranged with this Rule in mind. The allowance is the lower handicap times 0.6, plus the higher handicap times 0.4. Entrants choose their own partner

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13. Singles Stableford Competitions

Walton Trophy - Restricted to the Captain and Past Captains of the Club.
(Played off Yellow Tees)

Harris Veterans Trophy - Restricted to 7 Day Full Members of aged 55 and over.
(Played off Yellow Tees)

Latham Senior Veterans Cup – Open to all categories of Members over 65 years of age. (Played off Yellow Tees)

Founders Cup – Open to 7 Day Full and 7 Day Restricted Members (Played off White Tees)

Grandfather’s Tankard – restricted to Grandfathers and played in conjunction with the June Stableford (Played off White tees)

14. Finals Day

Finals must be played on Finals Day or before. All finals are to be played off white tees and over 36 holes, with the exception of the Veterans Cup which is played over 18 holes.

15. The Gold Medal

An 18-hole Competition for the winners of each monthly Medal and Stableford Competitions (September to August inclusive) and those tying. There is a Senior and Junior division. A player shall compete in the division in which he first qualified but off his current handicap.

16. Four-Ball Better-Ball Stableford Competitions

St. Georges Day Trophy – Entrants choose their own partner. Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members playing at their appropriate times. Played over two days. Members may enter on both days but must play with a different partner.

St. David’s Day Trophy (Welsh Cup) – Entrants choose their own partner. Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members playing at their appropriate times.

Dickie Henderson – Entrants choose their own partner. Open to all adult categories. Played over two days. Members may enter on both days but must play with a different partner.

Centenary Salver – Entrants choose their own partner. Open to all categories of membership including Ladies and Cadets. Any combination of Men and/or Ladies but no more than two Cadets may play in any four ball and they cannot partner each other.

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Harries Trophies - Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members. Entrants choose their own partner.

17. One Day Mixed Foursomes (normally greensomes but in discretion of The Committee)

The following Competitions are run by the joint Committee’s

- St David’s Mixed
- St Patricks Mixed
- St George’s Mixed
- Rhododendron Mixed (Husband and Wife partnership not permitted).

Open to Men with a 7 Day or 7 Day Restricted Membership who have an active handicap. (To achieve a full list of players, 5-day members and those without an active handicap may be allowed to enter after a reasonable period in the discretion of the Men’s Committee)

18. The Millennium Eclectic Cup

Open to all adult categories. Awarded to the player with the best eclectic score from all qualifying Competitions played from April and September inclusive.

19. The Victor Berry Cup

The Victor Berry Cup is awarded to the player returning the best aggregate score of any three, monthly Medal cards during the year (October to September inclusive).

20. The Kent Cannon

This trophy is awarded to a Member who, in the opinion of the current Captain, the Vice-Captain and the Immediate Past Captain, has made the most significant contribution to the game of golf during the year.