

RULES FOR BUNGAY LADIES' COMPETITIONS

NB The 'Bungay Ladies' Year' mentioned throughout this book refers to the period from 1 October to 30 September.

GENERAL

1. For most competitions, eg Medals and Stablefords, players must 'sign in' using one of the two PSI screens (one in Pro shop, one in foyer). Both screens have contactless club card readers. Hold your chip and pin card over the reader to access your details on the system and to authorise the deduction of the competition entry fee (£2.50) from your competition account. You can also sign in on the howdidido app and the competition fee will be automatically deducted. Please ensure that your competition account is in credit. After play enter your score on one of the screens or via the app and deposit your signed scorecard in the ladies' competitions box in the foyer.
2. For Ladies' Knockout and Eclectic competitions, players must sign up on the noticeboard entry sheet and pay the competition entry fee into the Fees box in locker room.
3. For all remaining competitions, eg Mixed Weekend and Fun, players must sign up on the noticeboard entry sheet and follow the entry/payment instructions.
4. The official time for playing competitions on Tuesdays is from 8.30-11.20am. Competitors may not play before this time as it is possible that the 'conditions of competition' could be altered by the greens staff before 8.30am. Players may play any qualifying competition later in the day on the designated day when the course is available to them but must tell the Competition Secretary before play so that their scorecard can be included in the results. (During Covid-19 restrictions these official timings do not apply.)
5. Anyone playing outside our official time must ensure that the course is available for them to play in the correct sequence. It is not permissible to play a competition in any order other than from holes 1 to 18 except when starting times have been arranged from both the first and the eleventh tees, and also Shotgun starts.
6. Players must be on the tee, ready to start at their designated tee-time. Lateness will lead to a two-shot penalty or loss of first hole. More than 5 minutes late will lead to disqualification. Players who arrive later than their allotted tee time can slot in if there is a space in a later group but cannot enter the competition.
7. Amateur golfers are not permitted to play for cash prizes. They may play for vouchers, gift cards or gifts (R&A Rules of Amateur Status Rule 3).

8. Ladies are encouraged not to have the same person(s) marking their cards on a regular basis. This is monitored by the Handicap Secretary and will be acted upon if necessary.

ENGLAND GOLF MEDALS (EG Medals)

At Bungay all Medal competitions are played under the rules laid down by England Golf. The Bungay lady who has returned the lowest score over four EG Medal competitions is eligible to go forward to the EG Regional Finals and the Grand Final. The rules for EG Medals are clearly set out on the England Golf website www.Englandgolf.org

How this affects our club:

- EG Medal competitions will be held on Tuesdays and at weekends. A lady can enter either or both. (During Covid-19 restrictions weekend competitions are suspended.)
- The current entry fee is £2.50 for 18 holes and £1.50 for 9 holes.
- Play may be in 2- or 3-balls.

TROPHY COMPETITIONS

1. To enter a trophy competition players must have a current handicap index.
2. Members in Flexible, Affiliate, Winter or 2nd club membership categories may not enter trophy competitions, with the following exceptions. Players in the Flexible membership category are eligible to play in the Bill Harding Mixed Texas Scramble, Joe Deacon Mixed Texas Scramble, and Watts Salver (Mixed Pairs 4BBB Stableford).
3. Where there is a *handicap index limit*, players with a higher handicap can enter the competition but must play off the official handicap limit for that competition.
4. Where there is a *handicap index restriction* (the Cunningham Cup and the Kathleen Bowerbank Salver), players must hold a handicap within the restriction.
5. There must be a minimum of 12 entries for scores to qualify for any Trophy competition, with the exceptions of the Club Championship Salver, the Club Championship Cup and the Past & Present Captains' Cup.
6. All trophy competitions must be played on the official competition day and must be marked by a participant in the same competition.
7. In the event of a tie, the winner(s) will be determined on countback except for the Club Championship Salver (36-hole Scratch), when the winner will be determined by a sudden death play-off starting at the first hole, which will take place following play on the day of the event.
8. Trophies cannot be removed from the clubhouse *at all*.

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

1. If players are aware that they have limited availability due to extended holidays and other commitments during the season, they should think very carefully before entering.
2. There will be *no exceptions* to entry deadlines.
3. Sign up on noticeboard entry sheet, place entry fee of £2.50 in Fees box in locker room.
4. Arranging matches:
 - a) Players whose names are above on the list must contact their opponents within two weeks of the draw being published, and subsequently within two weeks of the commencement of each round, in order to arrange a mutually agreeable date.
 - b) They must offer at least three dates spread over a minimum of two weeks. At least one date must be at a weekend and at least one date on a weekday.
 - c) Once a date is agreed, it may only be rescheduled by mutual agreement.
5. Players whose names are above on the list must tee off first initially.
6. *No extensions* to final dates for each round except in exceptional circumstances.
7. If the course is closed for any reason, the final date for that round will be extended by the number of days the course was closed.
8. Players may discontinue play by agreement, eg in bad weather, sudden illness or darkness. However, they must resume the match on the same hole where play was suspended (either at the tee or along the fairway) and ensure their play does not disrupt any other competition taking place at that time. The reconvened match must be played before the final date for that round.
9. Summer Knockout Finals should be played on Finals Day. If this is not possible, you must play *before* Finals Day and you must inform the Knockout Competition Organiser of the date in advance.
10. You must inform the Knockout Competition Organiser of the date arranged for the Finals of the Winter Knockout Competitions.
11. **All Finals of Knockout competitions must have a referee** who will be appointed by the Competition Secretary or the Knockout Competition Organiser.

COUNTBACK

In the event of a tie in stroke play competitions, the winner will be determined by countback, with the exception of the Club Championship Salver, as follows:

- Gross score** competitions: 36 holes, the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole(s)
18 holes, the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole(s)
9 holes, the last 6, 3 or 1 hole(s)

Handicap stroke play competitions (other than Stablefords and Pars) handicaps must be deducted in proportion:

½ handicap last 9	⅓ handicap last 6
1/6 handicap last 3	1/18 handicap last 1

If the competition is played off two tees, the countback is based on holes 10-18 (regardless of which half is played first).

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY IN THE EVENT OF LIGHTNING

Please be aware that it may not be possible to hear the klaxon on all parts of the course, and you are responsible for your safety at all times. If you wish to stop play, you should do so, whether or not the klaxon has sounded.

If **the Committee** decides to suspend play or discontinue the competition, the siren will be sounded as follows:

One prolonged note of the klaxon: Suspend play immediately

Action: Mark your ball and stand in a safe place or come in.

Two short notes of the klaxon: Resume play

Action: Resume play if you wish.

Three short notes of the klaxon: Competition discontinued

Action: Leave the course as quickly as possible.

USE OF BUGGY DURING COMPETITIVE PLAY

1. The following players may use a buggy in competitions organised by the Ladies' section:

- a) Any player who would not otherwise be able to complete a round because of a temporary medical problem or injury.

Authorisation for a 'one-off' use of buggy will be given when a verbal request is made to a member of the Ladies' Committee or Competition Organiser.

- b) Any player who would not otherwise be able to complete a round of golf because of:

- a disability within the meaning of section 6 of the Equality Act 2012, including age-related mobility difficulties; OR
- another long-term medical condition.

Authorisation to use a buggy in the longer term will be given on completion of a 'Self Certificate' (to be found in the back of the CIB file in the locker room) and

sent to the Ladies' Committee.

2. Players who are authorised to use a buggy may not carry a player who has not complied with the given procedure, nor her clubs, in Ladies' competitions.
3. Club buggies will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.
4. Should the medical condition resolve, the player should inform a member of the Ladies' Committee without delay to effect the removal of the authorisation.
5. Any player who uses a buggy in competition without complying with the given procedure will be disqualified from the competition.
6. Members are advised that the use of buggies in County matches and other competitions which are organised by bodies outside B&WVGC may be subject to conditions different from ours and medical certificates may be required.

DISPUTES SUB-COMMITTEE

1. In the event of a dispute, the Ladies' Disputes Sub-Committee will convene without delay.
2. The Committee will consist of at least three of the following Committee members: Ladies' President, Lady Captain, Lady Vice-Captain, Handicap Secretary and Competition Secretary.
3. The purpose of this Committee is to:
 - a) ascertain the facts;
 - b) research the rules pertaining to the dispute;
 - c) draw on expert advice if necessary (eg the Professional, the R&A);
 - d) inform the players involved of the decision without delay.

The Sub-Committee's decision is final although the players have a right to appeal.

LADY CAPTAIN'S CHARITY DAY Bungay ladies may play in this event, but only up to a maximum of two Bungay ladies per team of four.

BIRDIE AND PAR CUPS

1. Gross Birdies and Pars achieved in all qualifying competitions count towards the Birdie and Par Cups.
2. Details should be entered on the appropriate card (one card per birdie or par achieved in each competition). It should be signed by the marker and placed in the Eclectics box.
3. If a player in the Bronze A or Bronze B category achieves a birdie or better this should be entered clearly on a Par Cup card. Likewise, if a player in the Silver category achieves

an eagle or better, this should be entered clearly on a Birdie Cup card.

4. If a lady moves from one Division to another during the course of the year, the par/birdies achieved are calculated in the Division in which they were achieved.
5. If a lady achieves a par or birdie in a competition from which she is later disqualified, they become invalid.
6. Birdie Cup (+5-17.4 handicap index, course handicap +6-20): Birdies will be awarded 1 point, eagles 2 points and albatrosses 3 points.
7. Par/Birdie Cup (17.5-24.2 handicap index, 21-28 course handicap): Pars will be awarded 1 point, birdies 2 points, eagles 3 points and albatrosses 4 points.
8. Jenny Edmonds Par Cup (24.3-54.0 handicap index, 29-54 handicap): Pars will be awarded 1 point, birdies 2 points, eagles 3 points and albatrosses 4 points.

ECLECTIC COMPETITIONS

There are 3 Eclectic Divisions:

- Eclectic Salver, +5-17.4 handicap index, course handicap +6-20 (pink cards)
- Bronze A Eclectic Salver, 17.5-24.2 handicap index, course handicap 21-28 (green cards)
- Bronze B Eclectic Cup (Joan Chilvers Cup), 24.3-54.0 HI, course handicap 29-54 (blue cards)

You may enter 12 cards in each season:

- Winter 1 October - 31 March
- Summer 1 April - 30 September

Eclectics can be submitted at any time (but refer to Exceptions below), provided you have signed the appropriate book before play and the card is marked by a player who has a current handicap index.

Exceptions are:

- Your *first* card may not be entered during Stableford competitions on Tuesdays at any time of the year but can be played on any other day of the week during casual play as long as the card is countersigned by a marker who holds a current handicap.
- *Subsequent* cards cannot be played in Stableford competitions on Tuesdays during the *summer* (April to September). This is in order to speed up play during our busy time of year. You can however play an Eclectic card on a Tuesday in the summer during a *Medal* round or on any other day of the week during casual play.
- When a 36-hole competition is played on the same day, an eclectic card may only be played on the first round and not the second.

PROCEDURE

1. Sign up on noticeboard and pay entry fee of £2.50 per season in fees box in locker room before submitting first card.
2. Before going out at each attempt, sign the appropriate eclectic book and record clearly the card number and date of the round.
3. Use the correct coloured card for your handicap range.
4. The *first* card should be over 18 holes. If you have not scored on every hole on your first card, you may submit it, but scores will not be published until you have achieved a score on all 18 holes at subsequent attempts.
5. *Subsequent* cards do not have to be played over a full round, but each attempt counts as one of the 12.
6. After play, enter your completed and countersigned card in the eclectic box. In the event that no scores are improved write 'N/R' on card (no countersignature required) and place in box.
7. Keep a master card for your own record.
8. Only scores from the *first round on any one day* are allowed.
9. The result is calculated using half the player's current handicap at the end of the competition.
10. At the end of each season, results for players are calculated in their Division of entry, regardless of any changes in handicap that occur during that season.
11. The winners of the overall trophies (Winter and Summer) are determined in the Division in which they played during the Summer competition.

ECLECTIC TROPHIES

At the end of both seasons, the Eclectic Salver will be presented to the overall winner in the lowest HI range; the Bronze A Salver will be presented to the overall winner in the middle HI range and the Bronze B (Joan Chilvers) Cup will be presented to the overall winner in the highest range.

HANDICAPS

1. ACQUIRING A HANDICAP INDEX, COURSE HANDICAP AND PLAYING HANDICAP

To enable an initial handicap index allocation a total of 54 holes must be submitted which can be a mixture of 9-hole and/or 18-hole cards always starting from the first tee. The maximum Handicap Index (HI) is 54.0. Cards should not all be marked by the same

person; at least one must be marked by a Bungay lady member who holds a current handicap. Cards may also be marked by a male member.

When a handicap is obtained, players will be allocated a lifetime CDH number (unique to them) by the Central Database of Handicaps. This number will appear on their handicap certificates.

Once you have a HI, this is then converted into a Course Handicap by applying the Slope Rating table which is located outside the Pro shop or available on the England Golf app. Depending on the format of play, a handicap allowance may be applied to arrive at your Playing Handicap. The handicap allowance for Medals, Stablefords is 95%.

2. CASUAL ROUND SCORECARDS (formerly known as Supplementary Cards)

All players may return as many Casual Round Scorecards in a calendar year as they wish.

- Players *must* sign in on one of the two PSI screens, either in the Pro shop or foyer, *before* commencing their Casual Round. There is no fee. Having a reserved tee time on BRS does *not* constitute signing in for a Casual Round.
- On completion of the round players *must* record their score on either of the PSI screens. This should be done the same day as the round is played.
- The completed scorecard should be placed in the scorecard box in the ladies' changing room. Please ensure the card is completed correctly with the player's name and signature, marker's name, tee used, date and scores. The round must be played in adherence to the Rules of Golf. For example, 'gimmes' are not allowed.
- Cards must be marked or verified by a person holding an official World Handicapping System (WHS) HI.

3. REDUCTION/INCREASE OF HANDICAP

The WHS is an average-based system and your handicap will not see-saw very much and in some cases may not be affected at all depending on your most recent scores recorded. To prevent your HI from increasing too quickly, every time it is updated the best 8 of last 20 calculation is compared to the lowest HI that you have achieved during the last 365 days.

At the end of each competition a Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) takes place automatically to determine if scores on that day were significantly higher or lower than expected due to adverse weather conditions or the course played more difficult than normal. Once the PCC is determined, your final score differential will be calculated and may or may not affect your HI.

If your score produces a score differential that is between 7.0 and 9.9 strokes better, your HI will be reduced by 1.0 stroke. If the score differential is 10.0 or more strokes better your HI will be reduced by 2.0 strokes.

4. ANNUAL REVIEW

The Handicap Committee will conduct an Annual Review of handicaps and will notify any players who have had adjustments made to their handicaps.

5. 9-HOLE QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

Qualifying competitions over 9 holes have been introduced by CONGU due to increasing demand by players who feel that they are unable to play 18 holes. The format is Stableford or Medal. A 9-hole score is scaled up to an equivalent 18-hole score differential by adding net pars for the remaining holes plus one additional stroke.

HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB

1. The Hole-in-One Club, open to all playing members of the Ladies' section, is an 'insurance fund' to help any lady scoring a hole-in-one to buy a round of drinks to celebrate.
2. The subscription is currently £2.
3. The funds may be claimed for a hole-in-one occurring on our own course during any qualifying competition (not Knockouts or Eclectics).
4. Should two or more holes-in-one be achieved in quick succession, the appropriate subscriptions would be due in order to pay all claimants.
5. It is organised by the Ladies' Committee.

All other rules are covered by the official R&A Rules Book

HANDICAP LIMITS FOR BUNGAY LADIES' AND MIXED TROPHY COMPETITIONS

BILL HARDING TROPHY	25.9 M L 31
BOYCOTT SHIELD	31
BUNTY EKE TROPHY	31
BUSTEED CUP	31
CHALLENGE BOWL & SPOONS	31
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CUP & SALVER	31
DIANA DAVEY CUP	31
GRANNIES' CUP	31
JOE DEACON TROPHY	25.9 M L 31
MRS KEITH HARRISON CUP	31
LEES WATSON CUP	31
MARGARET SELF CUP	31
MARY ROWAN ROSEBOWL	31
PAST AND PRESENT CAPTAINS' CUP	31
VALERIE MOORE CUP	31
VETERANS' TROPHY (MAREE OWEN)	31
WATTS SALVER (MIXED PAIRS)	M 25.9 L 31 85% allowance
<u>ECLECTICS</u>	
ECLECTIC SALVER	+5-17.4
BRONZE A ECLECTIC SALVER	17.5-24.2
JOAN CHILVERS CUP	24.3-54.0
<u>KNOCKOUTS</u>	
MRS NEVILLE SADD CUP (Summer Singles)	25.9
CUNNINGHAM CUP (Summer Singles)	17.4
KATHLEEN BOWERBANK (Summer Singles)	17.5-31.0
THELMA RODGER CUP (Winter Foursomes)	25.9
LADIES' FOURSOMES CUP (Summer Foursomes)	25.9
HOOD CUP (Winter Mixed)	M 22.3 L 25.9
HOOD PLATE (Winter Mixed, 1st Round Losers)	M 22.3 L 25.9
ROSEBOWL (Summer Mixed)	M 22.3 L 25.9