

Club Bye-laws

7th January 2020

Date.	Clause.	Amendments.
November 2011	A2(a)	(November to October) replaces (January to December).
November 2011	A2(b)(i)	Any full members of the Club who have attained the age of 65 and are fully retired and not engaged in gainful employment and have been a member for 20 years, shall be entitled to a reduction on their annual subscription on application in writing to the Secretary.
November 2011	A2(b)(ii)	Full Members of the Club who have reached the age of 80 and have been a member of the Club for 20 years on application shall be entitled to over 80 membership at the fee rate of 30% (or such other % rate as from time to time set by the Committee) of the full playing membership rate of the appropriate gender but shall be entitled to all the benefits of full membership. Replaces
		Full Members of the Club who have reached the age of 80 and have been a member of the Club for 20 years on application shall be entitled to over 80 membership at the fee rate of Non-Playing Membership but shall be entitled to all the benefits of full membership.
November 2011	A6	Con Davies Lounge replaces Mixed Lounge and Dining room.
November 2011	D2 b)	Maurice Birkett Lounge replaces Gentlemen's Lounge Active replaces official.
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November 2011	D3 a)	Active replaces official.
November 2011	D17 5	This clause is deleted .
		5 General Ladies' Club Competition Rules:
		 a) A Member will sign for the Draw – this will signify her intention to play in the competition. b) Once the Draw is made, the Timesheet will be posted.
		 c) On the morning of the competition, the Timesheet will be passed on to the Professional and players will be required to pay, before play, in the Pro's shop. No signature will be required at this point.
		 d) The Club Competition Fee will be set by the Ladies' Committee.
		 e) If a player is unable to play on the day, she must contact her playing partner and the Professional or the Competition Secretary. Failure to turn up without notification will result In disgualification for the next two competitions.
		 f) In the case of Knockout Competitions, the Entry Fee is paid when signing up for the Draw. No other signature will be required.

Date.	Clause.	Amendments.
December 2013	A6	Amended to include all Junior Members
	A7	Amended to limit number of concessionary green fees
	A8	(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)-all deleted and incorporated in Rule 6.1
	B1a	Amended membership procedure
	B1	b,c,d –becomes Bye-Law B1b –(interview of applicant)
	B1e	Renumbered as B1c
	B1f	Renumbered as B1d
	B1g	Renumbered as B1e
	B1h	Renumbered as B1f
	B1i	Renumbered as B1g
	B1j	Renumbered as B1h
	B1k	Deleted and incorporated in rule 6.2
	B1I	Deleted and incorporated in rule 6.2
	B1m	Renumbered as Bye-Law B1i
	B2k	Deleted and incorporated in rule 6.2
	B2I	Amended to include mentor for new member.
	B2m	Renumbered as B2I
		New Bye-Law – B3 –Junior Members without proposer.
		New Bye-Law – B4 – Cub applications
	D1d	Amended-defined use of golf buggy
	D2	Wording to include signing in electronically
	D6	Usage of white tees – Sheffield Union match days
	D17.2	Amended definition
	D17.2	Amended – Ladies Handicap to include reference to "CONGU"
	D17.3	Amended competition times.
	D17.5	Amended –"General Ladies `Club Competition Rules"
	D17.6	Amended – Reference to EG Medals
	D17.7	Amended – Handicap limits
	D17.8	Bye-Law deleted and incorporated in D17.2a
	D17.9	Renumbered to D17.8 and amended rules for–Knockout Competitions
	D17.9b	Renumbered D17.9
	E2	Dress Code amended –additional restrictions included
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	E3 & E4	Combined and renumbered E3-clubhouse dress clarified
	E5 & E6	Deleted and both incorporated into Bye-Laws E2 & E3
January 2015	D14	Re-written to define conditions of "Qualified Junior"
	D14 a)	New Bye Law
	C6	Addition of "Qualified Juniors" allowed to play the course on Saturdays and Sundays before noon
January 2015	D17 2(a	
January 2016	D1	To clarify the position for forms of competitions not specifically covered by the R&A Rules of Golf
January 2017	E3	Dress code Bye Law to be amended to allow wearing of smart blue denim jeans in Clubhouse at times as specified.
January 2018	E2	Dress code Bye-Law to be amended to allow wearing of sports socks
January 2019	C6	Amended Play on Course tee times
January 2019	E3	Changes to Dress Code Bye Law times on the wearing of jeans in the Clubhouse
January 2019	Section D	To ratify amendments required relating to Section D, Competitions, of The Bye Laws, due to: 1. Updating in line with CONGU handicap directives, 2019 R&A Rules and Annexe A. 2. Amending wording and re-aligning into the appropriate Sections. 3. Removing duplication. 4. Amending where necessary competition eligibility, including for male and female juniors.
January 2020	D1 (e)	Junior members to be accompanied by a full member when playing in non Junior Competitions

A) General (Revised November 2011)

- A1. The Committee is empowered to rule on any doubtful point of dispute. Under exceptional circumstances the Committee may waive the restraints put upon members by the bye-law.
- A2. The Committee is empowered to waive payment of an annual subscription or to reduce, as follows, the amount thereof:-

(a) Members elected during the year (November to October) will pay one twelfth the annual subscriptions; for each remaining full month.

(b) (i) Any full members of the Club who have attained the age of 65 and are fully retired and not engaged in gainful employment and have been a member for 20 years, shall be entitled to a reduction on their annual subscription on application in writing to the Secretary.

(b) (ii) Full Members of the Club who have reached the age of 80 and have been a member of the Club for 20 years on application shall be entitled to over 80 membership at the fee rate of 30% (or such other % rate as from time to time set by the Committee) of the full playing membership rate of the appropriate gender but shall be entitled to all the benefits of full membership.

- A3. No written or printed notice or placard of any kind shall be put up or exhibited on the Club premises (except by the Secretary) without the sanction of the Committee.
- A4. Members who are not carrying out official duties must not take cars on to the Course.
- A5. The Clubhouse and Bar shall be open to Members at such hours as the Committee shall from time to time determine. These hours shall be posted in the Clubhouse by the Secretary.
- A6. Junior Members may use the Con Davies Lounge when accompanied by an adult. Junior Members over the age of 16 may use the Maurice Birkett Lounge until 6.30 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Junior Members may purchase food, which should be consumed in the 19th Hole Bar or Con Davies Lounge. Normal licensing laws apply.

Persons under the age of 18 are not permitted to purchase or consume alcohol on club premises.

A7. Full Members may introduce playing visitors subject to the payment of the concessionary green fee and accepting full responsibility for the suitability and behaviour of those so introduced. Playing visitors shall be permitted to play at the concessionary rate on the number of occasions as determined by The Committee whether introduced by the same member or not and such visitors must play in the company of the member introducing them. There is no limit on the number of times a visitor may play the Course on payment of the full Green Fee. The names and relevant particulars of all visitors must be entered in the book provided for the purpose. Junior Members may introduce junior playing visitors who are bona fide Members of a Golf Club. Junior visitors will be subject to the terms and conditions as laid down in Bye-Law A7.

B) New Members

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

B1. Applicants with a proposer

- a. Any Member wishing to propose someone for membership should submit a letter to the office for the attention of the Membership Committee. The letter should include details of the applicant's golfing history and handicap and should state reasons why the applicant would be an asset to the Club.
- b. The Membership Committee shall then invite the applicant to attend a meeting at the Club accompanied by the proposer. The applicant will be given an application form to complete and have signed by the proposer and a seconder, and then be delivered to the Club Office.
- c. The membership committee will be represented by at least two of its members. The Captain or Ladies Captain as appropriate shall also be invited to attend
- d. The meeting allows all parties to discuss any relevant issues to satisfy themselves that the applicant's membership of the club will be mutually beneficial.
- e. The meeting will also be used to explain to the applicant the ethos of the club and the conduct associated with such ethos. The proposer shall be reminded that the successful integration of the member in to the club is their responsibility.
- f. If all parties are happy to proceed, the application form shall be posted on the notice board for a period of 28 days.
- g. If there are no objections from existing members or the members of the Main Committee at their next meeting, then the applicant shall be offered the appropriate level of membership.
- h. Once the appropriate fee is paid, the applicant shall receive membership status.
- i. In the case of a new member who had not previously played the game, they will be required to take a short course of lessons with the Professional, one of which will include a lesson in course etiquette and management.

B2. Applicants without a Proposer

- a. Anyone looking for membership should obtain an application form from the office/secretary.
- b. The applicant shall then submit the form to the Membership Committee along with a covering letter stating the reasons why they believe that they would be an asset to the golf club. The letter should include details of the applicants golfing history and handicap.
- c. The membership committee will then invite the applicant to attend a meeting at the golf club.

- d. The membership committee will be represented by at least two of its members. The Captain or Ladies Captain as appropriate shall also be invited to attend
- e. The meeting allows all parties to discuss any relevant issues to satisfy themselves that the applicant's membership of the club will be mutually beneficial.
- f. The meeting will also be used to explain to the applicant the ethos of the club and the conduct associated with such ethos.
- g. The committee shall then consider any further steps that should be taken to establish the applicant's suitability for membership. This may include an experienced member or the Professional taking them for a game of golf and assessing their ability and conduct.
- h. If all parties are happy to proceed, the application form shall be posted on the notice board for a period of 28 days.
- i. If there are no objections from existing members or the members of the Main Committee at their next meeting, then the applicant shall be offered the appropriate level of membership.
- j. Once the appropriate fee is paid, the applicant shall receive membership status.
- k. The Membership Committee shall appoint a Mentor or Mentors to assist in integrating the new member in to the Club including an introduction to the Captain and the Professional. The Mentor shall also ensure that the new member is familiarised with the clubhouse facilities, the procedures relating to competitions, Club Etiquette and relevant Rules and Bye Laws plus any other matters that will ensure that the new member is made to feel as welcome as possible.
- I. In the case of a new member who had not previously played the game, they will be required to take a short course of lessons with the Professional, one of which will include a lesson in course etiquette and management.
- B3. Junior Members without a Proposer
 - a. A junior applicant without a proposer should submit a written application to the office, for the attention of the Membership Committee.
 - b. The Membership Chairman will arrange for an applicant with playing experience to be introduced to the Junior Captain, who will invite the applicant to play with the Juniors. If the applicant is considered to be a suitable member, the applicant will be given an application form to complete. The form will be signed by two junior members, who by doing so will undertake to mentor the applicant. The form will be countersigned by the Junior Organiser or his Deputy. The Junior Organiser/Deputy is not restricted to countersigning only one application per year.
- **B4.** Cub Members
 - a. Applications for Cub membership should be by letter to the club office.

C) COURSE

C1. When our Course is being used for major Union events other Clubs in the area may be willing to allow the courtesy of their courses to a few of our Members. The numbers will be limited at busy times.

Arrangements to play at other Clubs should invariably be made through our Secretary. Reciprocal arrangements of this nature are accepted by the majority of Clubs in the area.

- C2. The Course may be deemed unfit for play by the Chairman of the Greens, or in his/her absence the Head Greenkeeper or in the absence of both, the Professional in consultation with the Greens Staff,
- C3. Instructions may be posted from time to time in order to regulate play.
- C4. Regulations relating to the use of trolleys and Buggies will be posted.
- C5. The Greens Sub Committee, in consultation with Golf Sub Committee, may introduce and shall publish such temporary local rules as they deem necessary. These are to be ratified at the next full committee meeting.
- C6. Play on the Course before noon (BST) or 11.30am (GMT) on Saturdays and Sundays shall be restricted to Full Members, Qualified Juniors and to guests introduced by and playing with Full Members. Visitors, other than member guests, are not allowed to play on the Course on Saturdays. This bye law is is waived when play occurs in a competition for which the excluded members are eligible and at the discretion of the Committee.
- C7. Reserved starting times and tees must be approved by the Main Committee; approved times and tees will be displayed.
- C8. Priority on the Course shall be in accordance with the "R and A Rules of Golf, Section 1, Etiquette".
- C9. The 1st and 10th Tees shall be the only recognised starting places.

Players starting a round from the 1st or 10th tees must give priority to matches approaching the 18th or 9th greens who intend to continue their rounds, unless:

- a) The 1st or 10th Tees are officially reserved.
- b) There is a continuity of matches approaching the 18th or 9th greens, in which case matches should alternate.

COMPETITION GENERAL

- a) All competitions shall be played in accordance with CONGU, R&A Rules of Golf, the Local Rules of the Club and any temporary Local Rules in place at the time.
- b) Where, under the R and A Guidance on Running a Competition, it is stated that the form of golf to be played is not covered by the Rules of Golf, the Committee has determined that the Rules of Golf shall apply where relevant to the format to be played. Any disputes shall be determined in accordance with Bye-Law D16.
- c) Details of the Club Honours Board Competitions are set out in Annexe A to these Bye-Laws.
- d) Play in official Stroke Play Competitions shall be either in 2-balls or 3-balls unless otherwise stated in the Terms of Competition.
- e) All Junior Members, under the age of 18 on 1st January, must be accompanied by a Full Member when playing in any competition not specifically arranged for Junior Members.
- f) Permission should be sought from the Golf S/C to use 'Ride-on' Buggies in Honours Board Competitions.
 - If requested a suitable medical certificate/document must be produced before permission is granted
 - A record will be kept and updated as appropriate

The Use of Golf Buggy (Cart):

- The member occupies and uses the Golf Buggy at his/her own risk. Any member using their own vehicle shall maintain his own insurance to the extent they deem it necessary
- Any person who accepts the privilege of operating a Golf Buggy is deemed, by doing so, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle and will be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof
- The member forever releases, discharges, indemnifies and holds harmless Doncaster Golf Club and its Officers, employees, servants or agents from any and all loss, damage, expenses, claims, demands, actions and causes whatsoever arising from the actions or omissions of the Member, and/or any other persons associated with the Member, during the use and storage of the Golf Buggy at Doncaster Golf Club.
- D2. Competitions may be entered by Members who:
 - a) have paid their subscriptions in accordance with current Club Rules
 - b) have a competition CONGU handicap
 - c) have paid entry monies and entered name on appropriate Competition Sheet/Book or signed in electronically.
 - d) Country Members who hold a Competition Handicap may play in competitions other than Honours Board Competitions.

- e) Temporary members and Members' Guests may play in Social / Holiday Competitions.
- f) Qualified Juniors may play in all stroke play and match play competitions except the Leslie Davis Stableford. Eligibility to play is defined in Annexe A where appropriate, and will be indicated on the Start Sheet. <u>Definition</u> - Qualified Juniors are male Juniors with a competition Handicap of 12 or less and female Juniors with a competition Handicap of 15 or less OR who have attained the age of 18 on the date of the competition.
- g) Any junior with a competition handicap may play in all competitions with the exception of Honours Board Competitions.

BEFORE AND DURING PLAY

- D3. Play shall start at the first tee unless stated in the Terms of Competition.
- D4. The Starting Sheet for Stroke Play Competitions will normally be posted on the relevant Notice Board in Locker Rooms, two weeks before the date of the competition.
 - In Competitions regulated by a Starting Sheet, commencement of play shall be strictly in accordance with the times posted on the sheet. Failure to comply with this rule, without a reasonable excuse, may lead to disqualification. If a player enters other Members' names on a Start Sheet, those Members are likewise committed, so it is the responsibility of the player to inform those for whom he has entered names.
 - A Member who fails to appear for a reserved starting time, without reasonable excuse, shall be required to pay the appropriate Entry Fee and may be suspended from competitions at the discretion of the Golf Sub-Committee.
- D5. Suspension of Play
 - a) Procedure for the Suspension of Play: the signal for the suspension of play will be a series of short blasts on the klaxon.
 - b) Procedure when play is suspended: When play is suspended by the Golf Sub-Committee or those listed in Clause C2 above, <u>play shall</u> <u>cease immediately</u> and shall not resume until so ordered by the aforementioned. Penalty for breach of R & A Rule is Disqualification.
 - c) Resumption of Play: the signal for the resumption of play will be continuous blasts on the klaxon.
- D6. Sheltering is allowed in all Social / Holiday Competitions.
- D7. Stroke Play Competitions:
 - a) In Singles Stroke play competitions, competitors shall play off Full Handicap.
 - b) In Fourball Better Ball Stroke play competitions the stroke allowance will be 90% of each player's handicap.
 - c) In Foursomes Stroke play competitions the stroke allowance will be half the combined handicaps.

- d) Stroke Play Ties Unless stated otherwise, in the event of a tie or ties, CONGU approved software will be used to determine results.
- e) Other than the Monday Stableford and Glasby Medal, all Medal, Stableford and Bogey competitions will be decided on the Best Back 9, 6, 3, 1, holes if still tied holes 18, 17, 16, 15, etc will be used.
- f) Appropriate prize money will be shared in the Monday Stableford and Glasby Medal. In other competitions there will be a Winner and Runner Up prize. Gentlemen finishing in subsequent positions, with the same score will share the appropriate prize money unless stated in the terms of competition. Ladies finishing in subsequent positions will be awarded prizes based on the order decided by D7e).
- g) Unless stated otherwise, where ties are decided using the last 9 holes, last 6 holes, etc, the last 9 is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18,etc. on the scorecard.
- D8. In Match Play Competitions:
 - a) Play shall start at the first tee. Gentlemen may mutually agree an alternative tee.
 - b) Players have equal responsibility to arrange a match. Both sides will be disqualified in the event of a match not being determined by the closing date, except in the Captain's Prize Competition, when the decision will be at the Captain's discretion. Where matches have not been determined due to course closure a short extension may be granted by the Chair of Golf
 - c) In the event of a halved match, the result shall be determined by Sudden Death, unless both sides agree <u>before play commences</u>, to a replay before the closing date for the round.
 - d) In Foursomes Match Play, the stroke allowance shall be 1/2 difference between aggregate handicaps of each side.
 - e) In Fourball better ball Match Play, the stroke allowance will be 90% difference, taken from the player with the lowest handicap.
 - f) In 36-hole, Four-ball better ball Match Play Competitions, strokes should be given or taken on the basis of two 18 hole rounds in accordance with the Handicap Stroke Index.

PRACTICE BEFORE STROKE PLAY

- D9. R & A Rules apply except that practice is permitted:
 - a) on or near the practice putting greens near the Clubhouse
 - b) on the greens and practice area to the north of the 11th tee
 - c) on the small practice area and green near the 10th tee
 - d) on the day of a Social Competition

QUALIFYING SINGLES COMPETITIONS

- D10. For these competitions, specific Local Rules of Competition will apply in addition to the R&A Rules of Golf: A player must:
 - a. Enter his/her name on the Official Start Time Sheet/Book for the event
 - b. Return his/her scorecard (whether completed or not), dated and named, with handicap and form of competition entered in the appropriate places, and duly signed.

- c. Ensure that his/her Gross Scores are entered on the card and where appropriate the computer.
- d. The Golf Sub-Committee may give consideration to banning from competitions (for a stated duration) any player who is in persistent breach of all, or any, of these rules.

GENTLEMEN

- D11. To be eligible to play in Honours Board Competitions, competitors must be in possession of a Competition Handicap. Extenuating circumstances will be considered, on merit, by the Golf Sub-Committee.
- D12. In competitions played in Divisions, the limits will be:-

1st Division Scratch to 12 inclusive

2nd Division 13 to 20 inclusive

3rd Division 21 to 36 inclusive

- D13. In the following competitions, Divisional prizes will be allocated:-
 - 1 J Hann-Smith Memorial Salver (all rounds)
 - 2 Bessacarr Medal
 - 3 Annual Medal
 - 4 Annual Bogey
 - 5 Clayton Dewandre

LADIES

D14.

- a. The Ladies' Committee shall have full powers to organise all Ladies' Club Competitions and its decision shall be final.
- b. To be eligible to play in Honours' Board Competitions, Trophy Competitions and for Team places, Members must hold a Competition CONGU handicap.
- c. Play shall start at the 1st tee for both stroke play and match play unless otherwise stated in the Terms of the Competition.
- d. Ladies' Club Competitions will be played in Ladies' allocated times or at times agreed by the Competition Secretary.
- e. A member adding their name to a competition sign-up sheet is indicating her intention to play in the competition. A draw will be made unless stated in the Terms of Competition and a Time Sheet will be posted approximately one week before the competition.
- f. On the morning of the competition, the Time sheet will be passed to the Professional and players will be required to pay in the Professional's shop. The player should sign in on the computer if the competition has been set up on the system.
- g. The Club Competition fee will be set by the Ladies' Committee.

- h. If a player is unable to play on the day, she must contact her playing partner and the Professional or the Ladies' Competition Secretary.
- i. Failure to turn up without notification will result in disqualification for the next two competitions.
- j. In the case of Knockout Competitions, the entry fee is paid when signing up for the Draw. No other signature will be required.
- k. Handicap Limits: Ladies' Club Competitions have a handicap limit of 54 except where stated in the Terms of Competition.
- I. All competitions will be drawn in divisions except where stated in the Terms of Competition.
- m. For the Lady Captain's Trophy, Terms of Competition are at the discretion of the Lady Captain.
- n. In Knockout Competitions, ties and all-square are resolved as in Club Bye-Law D8. Finals will be resolved by Sudden Death; the play-off hole will be the 18th to be played until a resolution is achieved.
- Finals Any extension of time to play will only be granted up to the end of the current Lady Captain's term of office, and at the discretion of the Ladies' Committee. Rounds – no extension of time will be given.
- p. England Golf (EG) MEDALS:
 - i. There will be no Fee for EG Medal Competitions.
 - ii. The Ladies' Committee may elect to play a Club Competition alongside an EG Medal. When a Lady signs up for the Club Competition she is deemed to have also entered the EG Medal.
 - iii. Players not wishing to enter the Club Competition are required to signal their intention to play the EG Medal by signing the appropriate list in the Ladies' Locker Room, and reporting to the Pro <u>before</u> play on the day.
 - iv. Play may be in 2s and 3s at a time when the course is available on the day of the EG Medal. If there is only one entrant a card can be accepted if marked by another member. Scores must be entered into the computer and completed cards placed in the box.

MIXED GOLF

D15. In Mixed Competitions, there shall be no restrictions on the composition of partnerships, with the exception of the Dorothy Bryson Competition (in which, at the express wishes of the donor, husbands and wives may not play together) and the Clegg Family Mixed Foursomes (in which the pairings shall be Husband and Wife or blood relatives).

INTERPRETATION

D16. In the event of a dispute over the interpretation of the rules, the decision of the Golf Sub -Committee or the Ladies' Competition Sub-Committee, if applicable, shall be final and binding as far as it affects that dispute.

DRESS

E1. All members, visitors and guests are expected to be appropriately dressed on the course and in the clubhouse and surrounding areas. The club reserves the right to refuse access to anyone not conforming to these rules.

E2. ON THE COURSE

- Approved Golf attire must be worn
- Gentlemen must wear shirts with collars and sleeves. Collars may be substituted by polo or turtle neck tops
- All shirts must be tucked into trousers or shorts
- All shorts must be tailored and to the knee. Cargo, or camouflage shorts etc. not allowed
- Knee length, ankle and trainer sports socks may be worn with shorts
- Trousers must not be tucked into socks unless under waterproof trousers
- Headwear must be worn in the appropriate way e.g. peaked caps not back to front etc.
- Recognised golf shoes must be worn
- Ladies may wear sleeveless shirts with a collar, or collarless tops with sleeves. They may wear shirts that are shaped and designed to be worn outside trousers
- Ladies may wear shorts or calf length trousers and may wear white trainer socks
- No trainers, tracksuits, blue denim jeans, sports shoes

E3. IN THE CLUBHOUSE

- Smart casual wear, unless otherwise specified e.g. Formal nights etc.
- Clean dry golf attire is acceptable as smart casual wear
- Children are not bound by the Clubhouse dress rules, but accompanying adults are asked to encourage children to dress in sympathy with these rules

- No tracksuits, Tee shirts, beachwear, workwear, waterproofs, headgear, trainers, etc.
- Smart blue denim jeans will be allowed in the Clubhouse after 4.00pm.

Should you happen to arrive without the appropriate apparel, the Professional Shop carries a full stock of appropriate golfing attire to resolve this issue. Failure to comply with the Club Rules will give the staff no alternative but to ask you to leave the course.