Terms of Open Competitions 2021/22

The Match & Handicap Committee of Erewash Valley Golf Club have laid down the necessary requirements and conditions for entry into Open Competitions with regard to the Rules of Golf and the R&A Committee Procedures Guidance.

EVGC reserves the right to amend the Terms of Competitions with no prior notice. For 2021 onwards, as a result of the introduction of WHS, this Terms of Competition document contains significant revisions. It is the player's responsibility to make themselves familiar with this document.

The following are requirements of entry into Open Competitions & Rules of Competitions. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a player's disqualification.

1.   Entry Requirements

1.1.   EVGC Open Competitions are for members of affiliated golf clubs only. A player with a Handicap Index held by iGolf and not an affiliated club is not eligible for entry.

1.2.   A lifetime CDH /England Golf Membership number must be provided on entry.

1.3.   A current WHS Handicap Index is required for entry into all EVGC Open Competitions. It is a requirement set out by the EVGC Match &Handicap Committee that in order to be eligible to win the competition or be awarded any competition winnings, a player will have completed a minimum of 3 Handicap Qualifying Scores, completed as an affiliated club member, in the preceding 12 month period. The records of handicap qualifying scores of those players / teams in prize winning positions will be checked on the WHS Platform completion of the competition.

1.4.   Players who do not meet the EVGC entry criteria in paragraph 1.2 above should be aware that if playing as part of a pair or team in an Open Competition, the pair or the team will be ineligible to win the competition or be awarded any competition winnings.

1.5.   Entry must be made in advance by one of the following methods:
- Via the club website
- Via the Golf Empire website
- By calling the club admin office

1.6.   Entry **must** be accompanied by payment of the competition entry fee in advance of the commencement of play. Should unexpected circumstances result in withdraw from the competition, refunds will be given up until 48 hours prior to the event. Player substitutions can be made and should be notified to the club in advance of play.

1.7.   On the day of the competition, and **in advance of the start of play**, it is necessary for a player to register at the registration desk in the clubhouse or where otherwise indicated. In the case of the Kestrel (singles handicap qualifying comp) failure to pre-register before play via the method specified will result in the player's score being inadmissible for both the competition and for handicap purposes, even if the score card is submitted and no matter whether the score is good or bad. (Rules of Handicapping 2.1a iii).

1.8.   It is important that players keep to their allocated start time. A starter will usually be present at the 1st tee. Teeing off either early or late without the authorisation of the Event Organising Team on the day may result in disqualification or the General Penalty of 2 strokes (Rules of Golf 5.3a).

2.   Competition Format & Handicap Allowance

2.1.   Details of the format of each Open Competition & handicap allowances are forwarded to players in advance of the competition and are available at the registration desk on the day of the competition. Brief details only can be seen at the point of entry. Please contact the club if further information is required prior to entry.

2.2.   A number of EVGC Open Competitions have maximum handicaps applied. Under WHS this will be shown as a maximum Handicap Index. Scorecards should always be marked with both your Handicap Index and your Playing Handicap (strokes received). Scorecards may be printed in advance with these details, except during national Covid-19 restrictions when a player may be asked to complete this.

2.3.   With reference to the EVGC Course Handicap Tables relevant to the tee set(s) in use on the day, the Playing Handicap is obtained by the calculation:
Playing Handicap = Course Handicap x Handicap Allowance

2.4.   Under WHS some Open competitions may be played using multiple tees with different pars. It is important to check the details of format, tees in play and handicap allowance for the specific competition in advance of play. Details will always be available from the registration desk or the starter on the day.

2.5.   In pairs or team competition formats, players with a Handicap Index higher than the maximum quoted for that competition, will simply play as if their Handicap Index is equal to the maximum quoted.

3.   Marking a Card & Submitting a Score

3.1.   It is a requirement of all EVGC Open Competitions that your name, the date and your Handicap Index is completed at the top of the scorecard. Pre-printed labels may be provided on the cards, but if absent, it is up to the player to add this information.

3.2.   We endeavour to prepare the scorecards a couple of days in advance with player names and handicap details. In the event of player substitutions or late entries, a player may be issued a blank scorecard from the registration desk.

- In team events of 3 or 4 players, one player in the team will be required to mark the card and sign it in the box labelled 'Marker's Signature'.
- From July 19th 2021 the requirement for the player to also sign the card returns. Keep a note of your own betterball score in the column for 'Marker's Score'.
- In the Kestrel singles event, a player will be issued with their own scorecard which they should swop with another player in their tee time for marking. Keep a note of your own scores in the column for 'Marker's Score'.

3.3.   It is a requirement of all competitions that the tees from which a competitor plays from is indicated on the scorecard.

3.4.   After play each player should check their own score with their marker. Both the player and the marker should sign the card, and ideally the marker will also print their name.

3.5.   It remains the player's responsibility to make sure that his / her marker has correctly recorded the gross scores hole by hole and not solely the total or nett score for the round.

3.6.   A player should return their scorecard as soon as possible after completion of their round by placing it in the collection box as indicated. A scorecard is considered to be returned once it has been placed in the scorecard box or handed to a member of the Event Organising Team. Once the scorecard has been returned, the player must not change the scorecard (Rules of Golf 3.3b). Undue delay in returning an electronic score or the scorecard may result in disqualification or penalty under Rules of Golf 3.3(b) and Rules of Handicapping 7.1b & 7.1c.

Specific to The Kestrel Singles Open

3.7.   The Kestrel is a handicap qualifying singles stroke play competition and as such, scores will be required to be entered electronically in addition to the return of the scorecard. Unless otherwise instructed by the Event Organising Team, please **enter your own score** electronically in one of 2 ways:
- Via HowDidiDo mobile score entry.
- For players who do not have access to mobile score entry, use the PSI screen as directed using your surname & first name to log in.

If a software or hardware problem on the day prevents electronic score entry a player must report this to the Event Organising Team and leave the scorecard in one of the scorecard boxes.

3.8.   Please enter scores, even if the card is incomplete. The score will not be allowable in the Kestrel for prizes but can still count for handicapping purposes as long as the player pre-registered (signed in) before play and there was no breach of The Rules of Golf (Rules of Handicapping 2.1b & 2.2a).

3.9.   For an 18 hole scorecard to be acceptable for handicap purposes, a minimum of 10 holes must have been played.

3.10.   In the Kestrel singles qualifying competition, it is an absolute requirement to return the actual scorecard after the scores are submitted electronically. Leave the card in the scorecard box as indicated. If there is a discrepancy between the score entered electronically and the score signed for on the card (even if signed by the Marker only), it will be the card which will be accepted as the correct score and the electronic entry will be amended.

3.11.   Retirement from the competition for whatever reason should be reported to either the Pro Shop or a member of the Event Organising Team, and the scorecard returned to show the number of holes completed. If the EVGC Match & Handicap Committee decide that the reason for retirement was a valid one (sudden injury or illness, emergency etc), the score will be posted for handicap providing that the minimum number of holes have been completed (10 from 18).

3.12.   If the EVGC Match &Handicap Committee decide that a player had no valid reason to fail to submit a score, the Committee can impose a penalty score according to The Rules of Handicapping Rule 7.1b & 7.1c.

3.13.   If play is discontinued for whatever reason, please leave your scorecard in the collection box. This helps the committee to close the competition quickly and effectively by having the cards of all players accounted for.

3.14.   The Guidance followed by the EVGC Match & Handicap Committee when making decisions on whether scores are acceptable or not for handicap qualifying is contained in the Rules of Handicapping 2.1b. The Committee decision is final.

4.   In the Event of Ties

4.1.   In all EVGC Open Competitions ties will be decided by a scorecard countback.

5.   Results & Prizes

5.1.   Information on the number & value of prizes awarded in EVGC Open Competitions will be published by the Event Organising Team.

5.2.   For most EVGC Open Competitions, the scores & WHS Handicap records will be checked as soon as possible following completion of the event, usually the following day. Winners will then be notified by e-mail.

Specific to The Kestrel Singles Open

5.3.   Players will be advised on the day of play whether or not a prize presentation is planned. In the case of a presentation being held, the scores & WHS Handicap records will be checked as soon as possible following completion of the competition on the same day.

5.4.   Prize winners will be announced and then later published as soon as practicable. However, whilst every effort will be made by the EVGC Match & Handicap Committee to 'close' and publish the competition on the same day, this may not be possible until the next day, depending on any outstanding handicap queries etc.

5.5.   Under WHS, any changes to a player's Handicap Index are processed overnight following the competition and notified to the player by e-mail the next morning. this will occur even if the competition has not been 'closed' by the EVGC Match & Handicap Committee. These Handicap Index changes must therefore be considered as provisional and subject to change after the competition has been closed.

5.6.   The results of the competition are independent of the WHS Handicap Index changes.

5.7.   A player may still be subject to disqualification from the competition even after receiving a notification of a change to their Handicap Index. In some cases, the EVGC Match & Handicap Committee may also reverse the change to the Handicap Index depending on the reason for the disqualification (Rules of Handicapping 21b).

6.   Local Rules

6.1.   EVGC have a number of Local Rules which may be applicable in Spring, Summer, or the Autumn. It is a player's responsibility to be aware of any Local Rules which may be in force at the time of a competition. Please check the reverse side of the scorecard or with a member of the Event Organising Team.

7.   Suspension or Cancellation of a Competition

7.1.   The EVGC Procedure for Suspension or Cancellation of a Competition is available on request or in the Pro Shop.

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