

# Men's Handicap and Competitions Guide

Welcome to Truro Golf Club. We hope you will enjoy being a member of our club and to assist you in becoming familiar with all aspects of the golf club we have prepared this document.

Please familiarise yourself with your current Club Captain, Manager and the committee members who will be more than happy to answer any questions you might have. The committee members are detailed on the General Notice board and on the website.

Our club has a Handicap and Competitions Committee which manages and directs all competitive golf ensuring compliance with R&A and Club rules. Committee members are elected at the AGM which takes place in December each year.

We have a website [www.trurogolfclub.co.uk](http://www.trurogolfclub.co.uk) where you will find valuable information including a link to the 'Members Hub' with Tee information and a diary of forthcoming competitions. Tee times can be booked online via the BRS golf app. For this function, please contact the Club's Manager for instructions on how to set this function up as you will need a username and passcode. The Manager can be contacted by email [office@trurogolfclub.co.uk](mailto:office@trurogolfclub.co.uk).

To enjoy a full range of support on your mobile devices and computer we advocate the use of: England Golf, HowdidIDo and ClubV1 systems applications. These are available via the Apple App store or Android play store.

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## 1. NOTICE BOARDS

In the foyer:

You will find notice boards for all sections of the club.

From time to time there will also be sign-up sheets for Club competitions, e.g. AM/AM's, where ladies and men can enter the same competition, so keep an eye out on all the boards for new competitions which you are eligible to enter.

In the Gents Locker Room:

A Competition board, where the various competition sheets are posted, including a section on Open Days and knockout draws.

Seniors' (Gents of 60 and over) Notice board.

## 2. LOCKERS

There are a small number of lockers and are available to rent for £20 per annum. If there are none currently available, then you can add your name to a waiting list. Please email the Club manager [office@trurogolfclub.co.uk](mailto:office@trurogolfclub.co.uk) for further details.

## 3. HANDICAPS

Handicap Indexes are managed by the World Handicap System (WHS) and governed by England Golf.

The reason for having a handicap index is: -

To encourage participation in both competition and social golf.

To make playing golf fairer and more enjoyable, for all.

To enable golfers of differing ability to compete against each other.

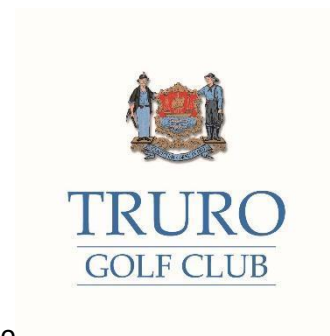
To gain a handicap index, you must complete 54 holes on the home club course. This can be achieved by playing 6 x 9 holes or 3 x 18 holes (or a combination of both). You must record your scores on a Scorecard obtained from the Pro Shop and it must be marked and signed by a responsible person acceptable to the Handicap Committee. i.e by a full / affiliate member with a mature handicap

The signed cards must then be posted through the office letter box in the entrance foyer.

To enter any competition, you must have a handicap index.

## 4. COMPETITIONS

The Men's competitions generally fall into three categories.



Major trophies - there are several competitions (further details follow)  
Club Competitions - numerous competitions not attracting Major status  
Social - Club matches, Texas Scrambles etc

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The majority of Mens 'major' competitions are played in a medal format and have a maximum Playing Handicap of 18. Players with higher handicap indexes may enter and their gross score will be used for handicap purposes. However, their nett score will be derived by deducting 18 from their gross score.

Where a major is a Stableford event the maximum Playing Handicap is also 18. There is one exception to this general rule as the Kemp Cup that is open to all had a maximum Playing Handicap of 24 for Men and 30 for Ladies.

Before you play it is imperative to know your correct Handicap Index. You then need to cross reference this with the course rating table (copies situated in the foyer and near the 1st tee) to find out your correct Course Handicap. Please refer to this table before you play as YOU are responsible for ensuring that you play off the correct course handicap and that this correct course handicap is shown on your card. Should you play off a lower course handicap in error there is no penalty but if you play off a higher course handicap you will be disqualified.

Most competitions now have handicap allowances to ensure the equity of golf. These will be displayed with the details of the competitions but all medals and Stablefords have a 95% handicap allowance. You will need to calculate this off your Course Handicap and write it in the Strokes Rec'd box on your scorecard. This will now become your Playing Handicap for competition purposes only. You can clarify this in the Professional Shop at the point of registration and payment to play.

There may occasionally be a time when you play another round before your handicap index has been updated. If this occurs, please note the CONGU guidance which reads: "A player's Handicap Index should be updated no later than the day after a score was submitted, or as soon as possible thereafter. In a situation when a new round is played before the player's Handicap Index has been updated, including when multiple rounds are played on the same day, it is recommended that the player uses their existing Handicap Index. However, in certain circumstances, the Committee in charge of the competition (or the Handicap Committee) has the discretion to decide what Playing Handicap the player should use."

#### **4.1 COMPETITION ENTRY**

Most competitions are entered via the HowdidIDo application. The 'booking' tab allows access to a range of competitions that are open for entry. Simply select your time band and there will be a random draw on the preceding Thursday.

The draw will be available via the HowDidIDo application and emailed to members. It will inform you of your tee time and playing partners.

For 'Roll Up' Competitions such as Sunday Summer Stablefords and the Wednesday stableford you will need to book your tee via BRS and then on arrival go into the Professional Shop to enter the event and pay your entrance fee.

Events such as Am/Am's and team events are generally advertised on the notice boards and sign-up sheets are there for you to enter.

#### **4.2 COMPETITION REGISTRATION**

On arrival members should 'check in' at the Professional Shop, pay entry fee and pick up your score card. At this stage confirm the type of competition and if you need to clarify your handicap index. In most events the system will have calculated your 'Playing Handicap' and the Pro Shop team will inform you what it is.

For Single events there is an entry fee with an option to enter the 2's sweep that is administered by the Professional.

### **4.3 WITHDRAWING FROM A COMPETITION**

If you find that, having signed up for a comp, you cannot play after all, you can remove your name using the HowDidIDo application.

If, on the day of the competition you find that you cannot play, you must contact the Professional Shop and inform them of your decision and reasons. This may only be conducted in person or via telephone. Email or text is not acceptable.

If your tee time arrives and your name is still on the list but you don't appear, you will be penalised. Under the Club's Rules, players are requested to be at the tee 5 minutes before their starting time.

If you are late on the tee, but within 5 minutes of your actual starting time, you will, in stroke play competitions, incur a 2 shot penalty. If you are more than 5 minutes late you will be disqualified.

If a competitor fails to turn up for any competition or a Club match within 5 minutes of their designated tee time, without giving prior reason to the Professional the issue will be referred to the Club Manager and Chair of Handicaps and Competitions who will inquire into the matter. Where appropriate members may be sanctioned, there will be no appeal process.

### **4.4 BAD WEATHER**

The decision to postpone or cancel a Competition will be taken by the following officials only:

- a. Before the Day. By the Professional, Chairman of Competitions and Handicaps, Club Manager or Greenkeeper
- b. On the day by the duty Greenkeeper who will if necessary consult with either of the above

If you are in doubt about the course's closure on any given day, please phone the Club and choose option 6 which will give a recorded update on the state of the course. There are also daily updates on Facebook, Club V1/HDID.

Do not assume the course will be closed and not turn up. You will be penalised. During the play of a competition, it is forbidden to shelter from the elements and hold others up. Play must be continuous. You are not allowed to stop playing because of a heavy downpour unless there is electrical activity, if so, you will hear a prolonged siren to indicate you must leave the course. You should not leave the course for refreshment.

### **4.5 COMPETITION PLAY**

The following may, especially for those new to competitive golf, appear complicated and difficult to understand. However, the rules need to cover most aspects of competitive golf, and this intrinsically demands a lengthy explanation. If you have any queries contact a member of the Committee, our Club Professional or Manager.

All competitive golfers are bound by the Rules of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club. A copy of this is available from the Club Manager and players should carry this rule book with them on the course. There is also a very useful R&A app which can be downloaded to your phone. Truro Golf Club has its own Competition Rules by which all members must also abide. This will include Local Rules and they are displayed on the various Notice Boards.

A medal competition is a “stroke play” competition, with medal scoring i.e. the player must put 18 gross scores on their card, the total of these 18 scores minus the player’s playing handicap being their nett score for the purposes of the competition.

In a “Stableford” competition the playing handicap is used hole by hole, to give a total in points, e.g. a nett birdie scores 3 points, a net par scores 2 points and a nett bogey scores 1 point. If you go beyond a nett bogey you won’t score at all on that hole, so you should pick up your ball and move on, to keep up the pace of play.

Some competitions can lead to inclusion in regional or national finals incurring an additional cost sometimes and again this will be clearly stated on the entry sheet but please bear in mind that these competitions will require travel at your own expense. Further information on the date & venue of these can be found on the relevant websites. Only Full playing members may represent the Club.

#### **4.6 QUALIFYING CRITERIA**

In all Competitions at Truro Golf Club (including mixed section and any team events) any player must have 3 qualifying competition scores within the previous ‘rolling’ 12 months to win a prize.

In Major competitions the Handicap will be capped at 18. The player with the best score must have competed in 3 qualifying competitions within the preceding 12 months in order to receive the trophy. If a player has not submitted the required number of competition scorecards the trophy will be awarded to the next best score that complies with this requirement.

With effect from 9th September 2022 all Team events (betterball, AMAM, Scramble etc) will require each player within the team to have submitted 3 qualifying competition scorecards within the past 12 months. This will apply to mixed tee events.

Juniors with a handicap index of 12.0 or less are eligible to enter both major and club competitions. Country and Affiliated members cannot enter majors but may take part in monthly medals, social golf competitions and club nights.

Entries will be accepted to club championship competitions (Treliske Cup) from members with ‘full’ playing rights and who have played in 3 competitions at Truro Golf Club within the previous rolling 12 months. The players with the lowest gross and net score with a handicap at TGC will represent our club at the relevant county competitions. These are currently the Depot and Petherick Cups.

#### **4.7 ETIQUETTE**

- Avoid slow play and let those behind you through as soon as possible particularly if you are losing ground on those in front or must look for a lost ball. You are allowed 3 minutes under the R&A Rules to search for your ball, but you must let those behind through immediately. You must not make them wait for your 3 minutes to be up.
- Please keep all verbal communication at a low level – except when shouting ‘FORE’. Mobile phones should be on Silent.
- Please put litter in the bins provided or take it home with you.
- Please repair pitch marks and divots even if they are not yours.
- Please rake bunkers smoothly and replace the rakes.

- Please observe the 'no go' areas for trolleys, white dotted lines at the approach to many of the greens denote these areas. Do not take your trolley on to the tee or the green.  
The green staff have priority on the course so please be patient.
- Conduct yourself with common sense and courtesy and your round and that of others will be more enjoyable.
- Mark your ball so that you can identify it as yours.
- Comply with the club on course dress code - Please see website / notice boards for details.

#### **4.8 END OF PLAY AND RESULTS**

- All cards must accurately and clearly show your name, date, name of the competition, tees you played from, handicap index, course handicap, playing handicap, gross scores for 18 holes, your marker's signature and your own.
- Score cards should be agreed and signed with your playing partners as soon as you have completed your round of golf before you enter the club house or locker room.
- Your scores must then be entered into the PSi System located in the entrance foyer.
- Generally, a 'live leaderboard' will be available via HowDidIDo so that you can see updates of your position within the competition.
- You must return your card to the box in the entrance foyer after each comp, even if you decided not to complete the course.
- Failure or error in any of these (apart from playing handicap and inputting your score) will mean disqualification, though your gross score may still count for handicap purposes.
- Results may be viewed on the HowDidIDo website, and your new handicap will be calculated when the system updates overnight.
- Where the event is a Major Competition there is an expectation that the winner and 'placed' players return to the club to receive their trophies / prizes from the Club Captain or his Vice Captain.

#### **4.9 ABANDONMENT OF CLUB COMPETITIONS**

If a club competition is suspended or abandoned due to weather / course conditions and it is impractical to identify an alternative date the following ruling will apply;

1. For a result to be achieved 75% of the field must have completed 9 holes.
2. For any competitor not completing 9 holes they will be issued a refund on their entry.
3. If less than 75% of the field cannot complete 9 holes then all players will be issued a refund.
4. Entry for the 2's competition will be valid if 75% of the field have played 9 holes and prizes awarded for any 2's recorded.

#### **5. USE OF BUGGIES**

The use of buggies will be restricted to those who have an illness or injury that prevents them from walking the course. Buggies will not be used by playing partners unless they also have such a condition.

The illness or injury MUST be lodged with our Club Manager who will retain the information ensuring that the sensitive data is managed properly.

Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the competition concerned.

## 6. KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

These are entered when the relevant list is advertised, by using the "Bookings" option on the HowDidIDo and Club Systems V1 application. Additionally, members can also enter by adding their name to the appropriate list displayed on the Gents notice board. All entry fees should be paid at the time of entry, if that is not possible, they MUST be paid prior to the draw. If members have not paid by that date, they will not be entered.

All players must have competed in three qualifying competitions within the previous rolling 12 months for each match.

Following the draw, a record of it will be displayed on the Gents Noticeboard. Dates by which each round is to be played will be published.

Contact: - There is a **JOINT** responsibility to arrange and fulfil the match. You must be prepared to offer at least two dates and your opponent(s) must be able to offer you two dates if yours are unacceptable. One of these dates must be on a weekend. NO EXTENSIONS will be granted.

If a match has not been played prior to the stated end of round date the general rule will be that all players will be eliminated from that knockout competition.

Where there are circumstances where a player(s) consider that their opponents have significantly hindered the arranging and playing of the match the circumstances may be referred to the Club Captain and Chair of Handicap and Competitions for review and where necessary a decision upon how to resolve the match.

The process for this is for player(s) to contact the Golf Club Office via email providing an overview of the situation and the evidence to validate the complaint. The Club Manager will then refer the matter to the Captain and Head of Handicap and Competitions for a decision. Their decision will be final and there will be no appeals procedure.

In match singles, the stroke allowance is the full difference between Course Handicaps.

In match play Foursomes the handicap allowance calculation is 50% of the difference of combined Course Handicap's.

Better ball knockouts the allowance is 90% of the difference between the lowest course handicap in the group and the players own Course Handicap.

If you arrive late for your match but within 5 minutes of the agreed start time you lose the 1<sup>st</sup> hole. If you are more than 5 minutes late for your match, your opponent is entitled to claim the match. (This is between the players to decide)



## 7. GENERAL PLAY ROUNDS

Gents may submit additional cards for Handicap purposes. Previously they were known as Supplementary Rounds., they are now called General Play Rounds. Before playing a General Play Round for handicapping purposes members must do one of the following:

Notify the Professional, Club Manager or a member of the Handicap and Competitions Committee of your intention to play. (This applies for away matches too). There is a book in the Professional shop to record those who are going to be submitting a card. This MUST be completed ahead of play. The scorecard must be scored and signed by another player who holds a Handicap Index and then submitted into the office letterbox in the entrance foyer.

OR

Use the England Golf Application to register your intention to play such a round and then complete the required authentication process and submit the score.

Players must submit their scores if they have registered their intention to play a General Play Round. Please be aware this may include a round of 9 holes.

## 8. ORDER OF MERITS

There are two Men's Order of Merit Competitions; these are Scratch and Nett.

The following Competitions contribute to the overall score:

- Tinson Cup
- Autumn Cup
- Presidents Putter
- May Medal
- June Medal
- July Medal
- Bowmaker Cup
- August Medal
- September Medal
- Ellam Club
- **Chairman's Trophy Club Championship Handicap 36H**

The nett OOM awards points are awarded to the Top 50 nett scores. 1st place receives 50 points through to 50th place who will receive 1 point.

In the event of ties the points for those places will be added together and divided by the number of players. i.e. If three players had the same winning score each would receive  $50\text{pts} + 49\text{pts} + 48\text{pts} = 147$ . This is divided by the 3 qualifying players and equals 49 points each.

The Scratch Order of Merit works in the same way although only the Top 20 Scratch scores qualify. Updates will be posted on the Men's Noticeboard and be available via HowDidIDo.

### 8.1 WINTER LEAGUE

Rules for Winter League will be posted within the Members Section of the Truro Golf Club website before the commencement of the competition.

## 9. LIST OF COMPETITIONS

PH = Playing Handicap

CH = Course Handicap

HI = Handicap Index

Competition	Format	Holes	Section	Max H'cap	Allowance	Tee	Board	Notes
Autumn Cup	Individual Medal	18	Men	18 PH 18 CH for K.O	95%	White	Yes	Top 16 qualify for knockout. Top4 seeded. Vouchers down to semi-finalists.
August Trophy	Foursomes Knockout Medal	18	Mixed	Men 18 Ladies 30 CH	50% of combined	Men White Ladies red	Yes	Married couples. Played off Ladies card
Bowmaker Cup	Individual Medal	18	Men	18 PH	95%	White	Yes	
Brian Gripe	Knockout. Four ball match play	18	Men	18 CH	90% of difference	Mens white	Yes	Vouchers down to quarter finalists
Charity Am/Am	Team Stableford	18	Mixed	Men 24 CH Ladies 30 CH	85%	Mens white Ladies red	No	Ladies receive 1 shot adjustment 2 scores to count
Captains Day	Individual Stableford	18	All	24 CH	95%	White	Yes	
Claydon Cup	Individual Medal	18	Men	24 PH	95%	White	Yes	For members who haven't won an individual major previously.
Easter Salver	Mixed Foursomes Stableford	18	Mixed	Men 18 CH Ladies 30CH	50% of combined	White Red	Yes	Salver and vouchers
Ellam Cup	Individual Medal	18	Men	18 CH	95%	White	Yes	Scratch prize as well as trophy and vouchers
Family Foursomes Cup	Foursomes Matchplay Knockout	18	Any	Men 18CH Ladies 30CH	50% combined	White Red	Yes	Family pairings, not husband and wife and brothers and sisters. Must be more than one generation. ½ shot adjustment for ladies
Goblets Qualifier	Foursomes Stableford	18	Men	24 CH	50% combined	White	No	Top 5 represent the club at County week.
Not The Famous Grouse	Foursomes Stableford	18	Men	24 CH	50% combined	Tees of the day	No	
Harry Champion Trophy	Individual medal	18	Senior Men	Full	95%	White	No	Trophy and vouchers
Highbury Cup	Individual Stableford	18	Senior Men	Full	95%	White	No	Trophy and vouchers
James Wilson Cup	Individual stableford	18	Senior Men	Full	See note	Yellow	No	Full handicap plus one for every 2 years over 65.
Kemp Cup	Individual stableford	18	Men Ladies	Men 24 PH Ladies 30 PH	95%	White Red	Yes	Play off own cards Ladies receive 1 shot adjustment

Kenwyn Cup (Open)	Mixed foursomes	29	Mixed	Men 18 CH Ladies 30 CH	50% combined	White Red	Yes	Run by Ladies Section
Leonard Pinner Cup	Matchplay, singles knockout	18	Senior Men	Full CH	Full difference	White	No	
Lombard Cup	Individual matchplay knockout	18	Men	Scratch	N/A	White	Yes	Top 16 qualify from Treiske Cup. Top4 seeded.
Mixed Greensomes	Stableford	18	Mixed	Men 18 CH Ladies 30 CH	60%of low, 40% of high combined	Yellow Red	No	Wine and spirits Ladies receive ½ shot adjustment
Monthly Medal	Individual medal	18	Men	PH	95%	White	No	3 Divisions. +4 to 10 PH 11 to 18PH 19+ PH
New Years Day	3 ball better ball stableford	18	Men Ladies	Men 24 CH Ladies 36 CH	75%	Yellow red	No	
Parsons Nose	Mixed Greensome stableford	18	Mixed	Men 24 CH Ladies 36 CH	60% low 40% high combined	Yellow red	No	Organised by Lady Captain
Presidents Putter	Individual Medal	18	Men	Men 18 PH	95%	White Red	No	vouchers
Pro / Am	Medal for Professionals Team stableford	18	Men Ladies	Men 24 / ladies 30	95%	White Red	NO	Cards PGA 1 shot adjustment for Ladies
Professionals Day	Individual stableford	18	Men Ladies	Men 24 PH Ladies 36 PH	95%	White Red	No	Prizes - Professional
Red Barrel	Individual Matchplay knockout	18	Men	18 CH	Full difference	White	Yes	Vouchers to ¼ finalist
RNLI	Individual stableford	18	Men Ladies	Men 24PH Ladies 30PH	95%	Yellow / Red	No	Donation to RNLI
Roberts Foursomes	Matchplay Knockout	18	Men	18 CH	50% of combined difference	White	Yes	Vouchers to quarter finalists
Simmons Hodge Bowl (Open)	Individual Medal	36	Men	18 PH	95%	White	Yes	Trophy and vouchers
Tinson Cups	Individual Medal	18	Men	Men 18 PH	95%	White	Yes	Trophy and vouchers

Treliske Cup (Scratch)	Individual Medal	36	Men	Scratch	N/A	White	Yes	Designated Club Scratch Champion. Top 16 qualify for Lombard Knockout with top 4 seeded in the draw.
Chairman's Trophy(Handicap)	Individual Medal	36	Men	Net	95%	White	Yes	Designated Handicap champion
Turkey Trots	Individual Stableford	18	Men	Men 54	95%	Tees of the day	No	3 Divisions
West Briton Bowl	Bogey	18	Men	18 PH	95%	White	Yes	Trophy and Vouchers
General stablefords	Individual stableford	18	Men	54 PH	95%	Yellow	No	Vouchers 3 Divisions
Winter Cup	Individual medal	18	Men	18 PH	95%	White	Yes	Trophy and Vouchers