

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide details of the Conditions of Competition related to the Carton House Ladies Golf Club. Conditions of Competition determine the structure of each competition including who may enter, eligibility to win, how to enter, what the schedule and format of the competition will be and how ties will be decided.

Note: Members, in these Conditions of Competition, refer to females only

The following Conditions, under which Club Competitions are to be played, are further to R&A Rules and have been approved by the Ladies' Committee. Members are advised to know and comply with them. Information is also available on the R&A and Golf Ireland websites.

The Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Rules Limited and the USGA, in addition to Local Rules as made and published by the Ladies' Committee, shall apply to all competitions. Players should familiarise themselves with these Rules

2. General Information:

- 2.1. Timesheets will go live each Monday at 8pm covering the Weekend (Saturday/Sunday) and the following Wednesday competitions.
- 2.2. Distance devices may be used, for distance measurement only, in all competitions. Measuring elevation changes is not allowed and must be deactivated in advance of starting a competition.
- 2.3. Golf Buggies are allowed in all competitions & subject to Golf Ireland Competition Rules and course condition permitting.
- 2.4. Mobile phones shall be placed on silent as they can distract other golfers. Except for Health and Safety/Emergencies/Doctors on Call).
- 2.5. Major Competitions comprise of the following:
 - Lady Captain's Prize
 - Lady Vice-Captain's Prize
 - President's Prize to the Ladies
 - Men's Captain's Prize to the Ladies
 - Professional Prize

2.6. Times of playing Competitions:

- 2.6.1. It is recommended that all Members avail of Ladies competition times on Saturday/ Sunday and Wednesday which are designated by a PINK background on BRS.
- 2.6.2. Ladies unused Saturday and Sunday lines are released back to Mens' Club by 8am Tuesday Morning.
- 2.6.3. The player must start at the time established by the Committee and/or as reserved on the BRS / time sheet by the player. Players must present themselves at the tee at least 5 minutes before their allotted Tee time. Not turning up on time for a competition tee time booked in the Members name is deemed a no-show and may attract penalties under the Rules of Golf and/or sanction from the Committee.
- 2.6.4. A member who plays outside of the allocated Competition times on BRS, must advise the Competition Secretary via email to cartoncomps@gmail.com before starting to play. See R & A Rule 5.3a
- 2.6.5. The Committee reserves the right to alter times of starting and pairings.

2.7. Competition Entry:

- 2.7.1. Bookings for all competitions must be made online through BRS or in the Pro-Shop.
- 2.7.2. Members must sign into the computer before playing. Signing into the computer represents the Members official entry to the Competition. Players will be allowed to enter their scores to the computer not less than 2 hours after signing into the system. This will be imposed by the computer system.
- 2.7.3. In certain situation members are allowed to sign into a competition using the "How Do I Do" or other system(s) as defined by Carton House Golf Club before playing. A printed label with the player's competition details will not be available in these circumstances. As such, players are required to fill in the details as outline below in section 2.8.1 in the available fields on the competition card. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the competition.

2.8. Score Card:

2.8.1. When a player signs into the Computer system, the system shall print a label with the player's and Competition details. The player must ensure that all details are accurate and amend the card. The printed label must be affixed to the player's card. In the event that the label printer and/or the computer is not operational, players are required to fill the following details in the available fields on the competition card:

- Date of the competition,
- Name of the competition and competitor,
- Player's handicap Index, players course handicap and playing handicap

Note: Players will not be penalized for failing to put their handicap information on their scorecard.

2.8.2. It is the responsibility of the player to play off the correct handicap index on the day.

2.8.3. Scorecards must be returned immediately upon returning to the Clubhouse. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

2.8.4. It is each player's responsibility to ensure that all competition cards in Qualifying Competitions, whether complete or not complete, are returned to the Competition Box and that all scores for completed holes are entered into the computer and in the case of holes not completed please denote zero on the card. Failure to do this may result in a sanction, including disqualification. Players who do not return cards are impacting the calculation of the PCC (Playing conditions calculation) which in turn impacts the handicap index of all competitors.

2.8.5. "No Returns" are not acceptable. Scores for completed holes played must be entered into the computer. Due to its impact on PCC calculation, "No Return" will result in warning / penalties being imposed on the player.

2.8.6. In the event that the computer is not working, each player must complete and return their card to the Competition Box or the alternative arrangements set out by the Competition Secretary

2.8.7. A scorecard is deemed to be returned after it is placed in the Competition box. A score card cannot be changed after it has been returned.

3. Conditions of Competition:

3.1. Playing Conditions

- 3.1.1. The status of Placing / Dropping in the rough / bunkers out of play etc. may be stated beside the computer. If it is not written down, it is the player's responsibility to check with the Pro-shop before going out to play.
- 3.1.2. Failure to adhere to the competition format results in disqualification.
- 3.1.3. Most competitions start on Hole 1. During winter competitions please check with the Pro Shop to confirm the starting hole.
- 3.1.4. All ladies competitions are normally played off the Red Tees (between the red markers), unless otherwise advised by the Club / Pro-shop on the day.
- 3.1.5. In the interest of avoiding slow play and aligned with WHS system allowing for a cut off score on each hole Carton Ladies Club shall apply a Nett Double Bogey system plus H'Cap allowance (see WHS guidance rules). eg par 5 + 2 (nett double bogey) +2 (example of allowance per H'cap)= 9shots.
- 3.1.6. 9 Hole Qualifying competitions are held on the same days as the 18 Ladies Competition Day - Wednesday. The Carton Ladies Rules of Competition apply to all the 9-hole competitions. On Wednesdays the last few competition slots are normally available for 9-hole players each week.
- 3.1.7. In the later and earlier months of any year, 9 and/or 18-hole competitions may be supplanted by 11 or 13 hole, or other limited number of holes, competitions. All Members are eligible to play in and win these competitions.
- 3.1.8. For competitions played over consecutive days (e.g. Lady Captains over two rounds), a player's handicap index shall be that of the day on which each round is played
- 3.1.9. If Suspension of Play becomes necessary: Players may discontinue play in a qualifying competition if they believe they are in danger from lightning, or the Committee suspends play. If a competition is declared null and void, a communication as to whether the competition is to be replayed under exactly the same conditions on another day, or if a new competition is to be played, or the competition is to be abandoned shall be shared either via the Noticeboard and /or Social Media.

3.2. Rules for Marker:

- 3.2.1. The Member must have a fellow competitor, or any golfer with an Initial handicap index to mark their Competition card, with the exception that all Major Competitions must be played with a fellow competitor. (Refer to Definitions Section).
- 3.2.2. A marker must have an Initial handicap index otherwise the competitor will be disqualified.

3.3. Eligibility to Play:

- 3.3.1. Only players who meet the eligibility rules for certain Competitions, as laid down by the Committee, may enter into Competitions. The Committee may waive restrictions in certain circumstances.
- 3.3.2. Only Members who have already paid their yearly Membership fee, Club levy and Golf Ireland fee will be classified as Members and may enter a club competition.
- 3.3.3. All fully paid-up Lady, Intermediate & Junior Members with an Initial handicap index are eligible to play in the weekly competitions, subject to certain restrictions as described in these Conditions of Competition.
- 3.3.4. A Member may play during a Competition to acquire a handicap index, but that Member cannot mark a card for a competitor. A player must inform her playing partner(s) if she does not have handicap index, before starting play.

3.4. Eligibility to Win:

- 3.4.1. Only players who meet the eligibility rules for certain Competitions, as laid down by the Committee, may win prizes in the Competitions. The Committee may waive restrictions in certain circumstances
- 3.4.2. Fully paid-up Lady, Intermediate and Junior Members with an **Initial** / or **Established** handicap index are eligible to play in and win any competition that is not specifically limited to a particular gender, age, handicap index or category as set out below in Table 1 below.
- 3.4.3. A player may only win one prize in a competition – except for Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin.

Competition	Initial HI	Established HI	1 Full Year's Membership of the Club	Number of Returned Cards
Standard Weekday/Weekend	X	X		
Medal/Strokes		X		
Majors				
Lady Captain's Prize	X ¹	X ²	X	3x 18 holes or 6 x 9-hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9-hole singles competition from Carton G.C in the current year
Lady Vice-Captain's Prize	X ¹	X ²	X	2x 18 holes or 4 x 9-hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9-hole singles competition from Carton G.C in the current year
Men's Captain's Prize to the Ladies	X ¹	X ²	X	2x 18 holes or 4 x 9-hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9-hole singles competition from Carton G.C in the current year
President's Prize to the Ladies	X ¹	X ²	X	2x 18 holes or 4 x 9-hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9-hole singles competition from Carton G.C in the current year
Professional Prize	X ¹	X ²	X	2x 18 holes or 4 x 9-hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9-hole singles competition from Carton G.C in the current year

Table 1: Eligibility to Win

X¹: Fully paid-up Members with an initial handicap index (Refer to Definitions Section) are eligible to play and can win the weekly competition but are **exempt from winning 1st prize** in any Major or Medal Competition

X²: Fully paid-up members must have an established Handicap Index (Refer to Definitions Section) to win 1st prize in any Major or Medal Competition

From time to time there will be exceptional circumstance which shall be at the discretion of the Ladies Committee, for example, a return to golf after injury or absence for a period of time since the introduction of WHS and hence unable to return 20 cards.

Return Cards: Completed cards from Carton Golf Club in the current year

- 3.4.4. Juniors & Intermediates with an initial handicap index are eligible to play and win the weekly competitions eg 18 and 9 hole competitions.
- 3.4.5. All Intermediates with a handicap index in excess of 39.9 will default to a handicap index of 39.9 for Majors and Medals. Intermediates are ineligible to win 1st prize in Majors.
- 3.4.6. Juniors can only compete for a Junior Prize in the Lady Captains and President Prize. For all other Majors, Juniors are exempt from winning 1st or 2nd, but can win all other prizes. All Juniors with a handicap index in excess of 39.9 will default to a handicap index of 39.9 for Majors and Medals.
- 3.4.7. **Medal and Stroke Competition**: During the Medal and Strokes competition if a player picks up their ball at any point eg does not complete a hole, then that player is unable to win the Medal/Strokes competition but can complete the round for handicap purposes.
- 3.4.7.1. The player who picks up her ball, must record a zero on her card for the hole that she picked up on.

3.5. Breaches of Rules of Golf and Golf Etiquette:

- 3.5.1. All Members are required to bring to the attention of the Ladies Committee concerns relating to breaches of the Rules of Golf or Golf Etiquette.
- 3.5.2. All Members are required to notify their playing partners immediately if she is unable to play, for any reason whatsoever and should advise her partners of the reason for not being available to play.
- 3.5.3. A Member may not remove herself from one line and/or transfer to another line without notifying all other persons on that line and if within 12 hrs also notify the Competition Secretary and that she is removing her name and of the reason for removal and/or transfer of her name.
- 3.5.4. All disputes shall be settled by the Committee, whose decision shall be final. The exception may be if a Member refers a dispute to the Governing Body, now known as Golf Ireland.
- 3.5.5. Penalties to Conditions where applicable: Penalties shall be applied as set down in R & A Rules of Golf.
- 3.5.6. Local Rules are noted on the backs of course cards, on the Club website and, additionally, on Club Notice Boards. It is the player's responsibility to familiarize herself with Local Rules.
- 3.5.7. Failure to adhere to the competition format results in disqualification

3.6. Prizes Allocation:

- 3.6.1. Prizes will be awarded depend on the numbers playing:

Weekly Singles & Team Prize Allocation	
1 Player / 1 Team	No prizes,
Between 2 and 11 Players / Teams (inclusive)	1st prize
Between 12 and 16 players / Teams (inclusive)	1st prize, 2nd prize
17 or more players	1st prize, 2nd prize, 3rd prize
>25 players the Committee shall determine the allocation of Class / Category Prizes	

Table 2: Prize Allocation

3.6.2. Decision of Ties and halved matches:

3.6.2.1. Stableford Ties shall be decided by:

- 9, 11, 12, 13-hole competitions: on last 9, 6,3,2,1 then last 8,7,5,4 then last 11 then last 10.
- 18-hole competition: on last 9, 6, 3, 1 holes and then the last 3, 6, 7, 8 of the first 9.
- 36-hole competitions: Decide on last 18. If still a tie, decide as for 18 holes.

If still a tie, then decide by lot.

3.6.3. Stroke's Ties shall be decided by:

- Gross score of the last 9 holes minus one-half handicap: if still tied continue
- Gross score of the last 6 holes minus one-third handicap: if still tied continue
- Gross score of the last 3 holes minus one-sixth handicap: if still tied continue
- Gross score for 18th hole minus one-eighteenth handicap

3.6.4. **GOY** shall be determined by points allocated during the year as outlined in Table 3 below. In the event of a tie for GOY, the winner of most points in Majors becomes overall winner. If still a tie, winner of most Medals. If still a tie, a play-off will be arranged.

Note: Junior members are ineligible to win GOY or be allocated points towards GOY

Competition and points towards Golfer Of the Year (GOY):

Category	Winners in Competition	Points Allocation Towards GOY
Majors	Captains Prize	10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
	Presidents Prize	9, 8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
	Vice Captains Prize	8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
	Mens Captain's Prize to the Ladies	7,6,5,4,3,2,1
	Professional Prize to Ladies	
Medals	Monthly Medals	6,5,4,3,2,1

Table 3: GOY Points Allocation

3.7. Practice:

- 3.7.1. Match Play: On any day of a match play competition, a player may practise on the competition course before a round.
- 3.7.2. Stroke Play: Before a round or play-off on any day of a stroke play competition, a competitor must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.
- 3.7.3. When two or more rounds of a stroke play (Medal or Major) competition are to be played over consecutive days (see definition) , a competitor must not practise between those rounds on any competition course remaining to be played, or test the surface of any putting green on such course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.
- 3.7.4. Exception: Practice putting or chipping on or near the first teeing ground or any practice area before starting a round or play-off is permitted.
- 3.7.5. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 5.2: Disqualification from the competition.

Note: The Committee may, in the conditions of a competition, prohibit practice on the competition course on any day of a match play competition or permit practice on the competition course or part of the course (on any day of or between rounds) of a stroke play competition.

3.8. Local Rule of note:

3.8.1. Local Rule 8: Main Day and Alternative Day Competitions

When players have a choice between Main Day or Alternative Day participation for a single stroke competition, any player who elects to play on the second day of the competition is permitted to play on the competition course on the first day of the said competition when and only when playing for Carton House in an Interclub match and with the approval of the Competitions Secretary.

3.8.2. Local Rule 9. Government restrictions for competitions

The Ladies committee will adhere to all Government restrictions regarding travel and playing guidelines in the event of extenuating circumstances.

3.9. Definitions: (Refer to Golf Ireland and R&A for further details)

- 3.9.1. **Course Handicap:** The number of handicap strokes a player receives, before handicap allowances, from a specific set of tees.
- 3.9.2. **Playing Handicap:** The Course Handicap adjusted for any handicap allowances or Terms of the Competition. It represents the actual number of strokes the player gives or receives for the round being played
- 3.9.3. **Handicap Index:** The measure of a player’s demonstrated ability calculated against the Slope Rating of a golf course of standard playing difficulty (that is, a course with a Slope Rating of 113)
- **Initial Handicap Index:** To attain the first Handicap Index (Initial Handicap Index) a player must submit at least three 18-hole or six 9-hole scores.
 - **Established Handicap Index:** An Established Handicap Index is calculated from a minimum of 20 Competition or General Play scorecards on the player’s WHS record. This allows the WHS system to take an average of the players lowest 8 most recent score differentials.
- 3.9.4. **Fellow Competitor:** A fellow Competitor is a current female member (including Intermediates and Juniors) playing in the designated time in the same competition.
- 3.9.5. **Consecutive days:** Competition days in direct sequence eg Saturday & Sunday.

4. Revision History

Revision #	Details	When Updated	Updated by
Rev. 10	Section 3.6.2.1 Addition of Hole 12 Discussed possibility of introducing Handicap Entry Limits and a Max Handicap Cap in some Majors. Review of the data in the ClubV1 Winners’ Report did not support the introduction of changes to the Major Competitions	Feb 2024	P. Galvin S. Keane L. Howe
Rev. 9	1. Addition of a definition around “Fellow Member” 2. Allow Intermediates to win Golfer of the Year (GOY) 3. Remove the need to disqualify if a player omits H’cap information on score cards 4. Add in a definition on Consecutive days	March 2023	B. Corcoran L. Howe With Input from:

			GO'L/SK/NW
Rev. 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General update to layout and introduction of a definition section 2. Section 2: Allow for mobile phones to be on silent 3. Section 2: Change in the timing of Timesheet "go live" 4. Section 2: The formal addition of Professional Prize to the Majors Completions. 5. Section 2.6: Ref to the return of PINK slots and the pilot exercise running in early 2022. 6. Section 2.6: Changes to the unused slots re-allocation 7. Section 2: In the case of holes not completed please denote zero on the card 8. Section 3: To allow for Class / Category prizes for >25 players based on Committee consideration. 9. Section 3: The introduction of an Initial and Established Handicaps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fully paid-up Members with an initial handicap index are eligible to play, but are exempt from winning 1st prize in any Major or Medal Competition b. Fully paid-up members must have an established handicap Index to win 1st prize in any Major or Medal Competition 10. Section 3: To move the Intermediate and Junior handicap index in excess of 36 to 39.9 in line with GI guidance for Majors and Medals. 11. Section 3: Introduce a cut off score on each hole of Nett Double Bogey system plus H'Cap allowance 12. Section 3: 9hole Qualifying on Wednesday only 13. Section 3 Changed from two pink slots on Wednesday for 9h to the last few competition slots. 14. Section 3: Introduced Table 1 to summarise the eligibility to win 15. Section 3: Addition of Table 2 for Prize allocation and the inclusion of teams 16. Section 3: Added in how to handle Strokes ties countbacks 17. Section 3.6: Clarification as to points allocation for GOY. 18. Introduce a detail column to the revision history section 	March 2022	B.Corcoran L.Howe With Input from: LD/SK/CG/MMcG/NW/ AC/GO'L
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