



Handicaps and Competitions Manual

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1 Overview

This manual covers the rules and regulations on handicaps and competitions at Donnington Grove Golf Club. It is maintained by the club competitions and handicaps committee (DGCHC) which reports to the main club committee (Donnington Grove Golf Club Committee)

The information provided in this manual will be communicated to all members of Donnington Grove Golf Club via the club notice boards and the member's web site.

<https://donningtongrove.hub.clubv1.com/Club/Members>

From time to time this manual will be reviewed and modified by DGCHC. These rules are to be read in conjunction with the general rules for all golf played at Donnington grove Golf Club. (See below)

<https://members.donnington-grove.com/wp-content/uploads/DGCC-rules-update-April-2016.pdf>

2 Scope

This document covers all Donnington Grove club competitions played by men and ladies and provides information on the rules and entry requirements for each event.

The objective of this manual is to encourage all members to play and enjoy competitive golf at DGGC to the full.

3 Handicaps

3.1 Handicaps Indexes.

DGGC allocates and maintains handicap indexes under the World Handicapping System Please see

<https://donningtongrove.hub.clubv1.com/Club/Members>

3.2 Transferring or Obtaining a Handicap.

New members with a handicap index held at another club may transfer their handicap directly by providing their current handicap certification number (CDH) directly to the DG competitions and handicap committee or via the DG

golf manager.

For new members without a competitive handicap, the process of obtaining one is: -

The member should play 3 rounds of 18 holes and submit 3 cards clearly marked "FOR HANDICAP" with the date and time of each round, the name of the new member and signed by both the new member and a DG member as marker. For further information on how to correctly complete a score card, please see here:

<http://www.donningtongrovegolf.com/page.aspx?pid=62306>

At least one of the rounds should be with a DG committee member.

- Either contact DGCHC directly: committee@donnington-grove.com
- Or contact the Club Captain, Vice-Captain, Lady Captain or Lady Vice-Captain via the DG golf manager golf@donnington-grove.com
- The member should retain cards until the set of 3 cards are completed and then hand them to the Pro shop or left in the competition's cards box in the Professionals Shop.
- Once the 3 completed cards are received, a handicap will be allocated in accordance with WHS rules and will be included in the printed list of handicaps available on the club Notice Board and the Members' website.

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3.3 Annual Review and General Play Adjustments

In early January each year, DGCHC will undertake the annual review of handicaps based on all scores submitted during the year. Any adjustments will be communicated directly with members and any changes to handicap index agreed.

3.4 General Play Cards (aka Casual Play Cards)

General Play cards are designed to enable members to maintain their handicap index when not playing in qualifying competitions.

Members must follow a specific process for completing general play cards Full details and can be found here;

<http://www.donningtongrovegolf.com/page.aspx?pid=62306>

4 General Competition Rules

The “Rules of Golf” apply to all Donnington Grove competitions and in all events the decision of the Donnington Grove Golf Club Committee is final. In the unlikely event that this manual does not cover a competition dispute, a special DGCHC meeting will be convened. **The dispute will be discussed in full, the decision of the DGCHC is final.** The quorum is a minimum of three DGCHC members, one of which must be the Club Captain or Vice-Captain or Competitions secretary.

Members are expected to display both the correct etiquette and the correct spirit of the game when playing in any DG competition. (Please see DG general club rules)

4.1 Avoidance of Slow Play

Not all members play golf at the same speed. However, to maximise numbers and for everyone to enjoy himself or herself, members are asked to follow a small number of simple do's and don'ts.

- **Do** if in doubt play a provisional shot immediately.
- **Do** keep up with the group in front – if you lose more than a clear hole and a half be prepared to let following groups play through.
- **Do** listen to instructions given by course marshals; they are there to help us all.
- **Do** be prepared to let the following group through if you stop at The Halfway House.
- **Don't** forget to ask to play through if you are that following group!
- **Don't** use mobile phones on the course except in emergencies or by prior agreement with your playing partner(s).
- **Don't** mark cards or chat on the green when the following group is waiting to play.
- **Don't** cause delay by putting your playing partner(s) off their game by talking or moving when they are playing their shots.

4.2 Competition Eligibility and Entry

All members must possess a handicap index to enter a club competition. Members without a handicap index may play in but **NOT** be part of the competition, and will not be charged any entry fee to play on the day, subject to there being an available slot in the competition.

Entry requirements for specific competitions are dependent on membership status and are detailed below. Other eligibility criteria for each competition will be clearly displayed on the competitions board prior to the competition, on the club website and in the Pro shop on the day of the competition.

Competition entry will normally be via the PSI terminal located in the Pro Shop, "How Did I Do", and the "ClubV1" app. In some cases, entry forms will be available in the Pro shop 4 weeks before the competition date. Members may enter their names on the start sheet directly or via a member of the Pro shop staff.

Entry into **club competitions will be either** in time zones where playing partners will be drawn (see below) or in specific tee time slots which will form the order of play for the competition. Members will be advised in advance of the format to be used.

Please note that the responsibility rests with each member for entering his or her names in club competitions. If this is done on their behalf, in the event of any issue or resulting fines, it will be the member who is held accountable.

4.3 Early/Late Tee Times

It is understood that for various reasons (e.g. work commitments) some members may require a specific competition tee time. If this is the case, the member *should* indicate this clearly to the Pro Shop or a competition committee member, (or telephone the competition secretary directly), in advance of the draw or start sheet completion. (Please see 4.4) Every effort will be made to accommodate these requirements.

4.4 Competitions Draw And / Or Start Sheet.

For all competitions where members book in advance the closing date and time will be 12:00 noon on the day BEFORE the competition. The draw/start sheet will be emailed to members and made available via the club website, and V1 Members App (Members can also call the pro shop if they have no access to the Internet).

Regular club competitions are also held on Saturdays, Sundays and during the week where there is no such draw or start sheet process. For these competitions, members may play at a tee time of choice throughout the day. They must first however register with the Pro shop to enter the competition by paying the appropriate fee.

Drawn and start sheet competitions will contain the following information;

- Competition Name
- Competition Date
- Tee Times
- Competitor Names
- Format for the competition
- Tees for the competition
- Handicap Stroke Allowances

Entry to the competition after the draw is made cannot be guaranteed and will incur an increase of the entry fee to double that of the original.

4.5 Reserve List

If no suitable tee-time is available, members may place their names on a reserve list, together with a contact number and a preference for the start times required. If there is a withdrawal, names will be promoted by the Pro shop from the reserve list in the order they were entered - subject to the Pro Shop being able to make contact in a reasonable time. Members may not promote people from the reserve list themselves or promote themselves ahead of others on the reserve list.

4.6 Entry Fee Refunds

No refunds will be given to members who enter a competition and then do not turn up to play. A refund may however be appropriate if the start of the competition is delayed or must be rescheduled for a future date.

4.7 Withdrawal from Competitions

For all fixed period/drawn competitions a member may withdraw their name from the start sheet up to **12:00** noon on the day **BEFORE** the competition; for example, up to 12:00 on Friday for a Saturday competition. Members cancelling **AFTER** this deadline may be required to pay the entry fee even though they do not participate. This should be paid as soon as possible and before entry to another competition. Please note that members may not be allowed entry to another competition until the previous entry fee is paid. The committee will make contact to discuss before any final decisions are made.

4.8 'No-Show'

Any player whose name appears on the start sheet and who fails to play, having not given notice of withdrawal, to the Pro shop or a DGCHC member, **BEFORE** the day of the competition will be required to pay the entry fee AND may be barred from entering the next equivalent competition. This is to discourage behaviour that may prevent other members playing in the competition. The committee will make contact to discuss the situation before any final decisions are made.

This '**like for like**' ban means that a 'no show' in a weekend medal competition will incur a ban in the next weekend medal competition. If the 'no show' is in a board competition it will be a ban from the next board competition. (Rolling knock out competitions are not included in this ban)

Members will be requested to pay **any entry fees ASAP**. If a member commits a 'no show' for a second time within a 3-month period, they will be referred to the DGCHC. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, a 3-month competitions ban may be enforced. Continuous abuse of the

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competition entry process will result in the member being referred to the Clubs disciplinary committee.

4.9 Tee Times

In any fixed period/drawn competition members must start at the time stipulated on the draw sheet. In the case of match-play knockout competitions the start time will be that agreed with their opponents. Members are required to be on the tee **10 minutes before** their allotted tee time.

If a member arrives on the tee within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in match play or two strokes in stroke play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification. NB. In four-ball competitions – Rules of Golf 30-3a or 31-2 apply.

4.10 Format of Play

DGCC uses several different formats for play in club competitions. These are designed to balance speed of play with allowing the maximum number of members to participate in each competition.

The formats are as follows;

- All board singles competitions must be played in 3 balls, with drawn playing partners and played within a fixed competition time period.
- All board pair's competitions will be played in four balls, within a fixed competition time period.
- Saturday/Sunday Medal/Stableford competitions will be played in 2/3/4 balls with a mix of drawn and nominated playing partners with no fixed time period during the competition date.
- Mid-week medals will be played in either 2/3/4 balls and at a tee time of choice with no fixed time period during the competition date.

4.11 Delayed start / abandoned competition

In the event of adverse weather or course conditions (flooding, ice, fog, etc.), or safety issues (e.g. in a lightning storm) it may be necessary to delay or even abandon a competition. Where the start of the competition is delayed for more than one hour it **may** be abandoned for that day **and if possible be rescheduled**. Entry fees will be refunded if a competition is cancelled and not rescheduled. Any play should be re-started from the point where it was stopped in accordance with the Rules of Golf either by completing the hole or marking the ball and resuming play from that point.

<https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/rules/the-rules-of-golf/rule-5#5-7>

4.12 Competition Green Fee's

In some competitions the payment of a green fee is necessary (e.g. mid-week members playing in a knock out match at a weekend).

All such green fees must be paid in the Pro Shop before starting their competition round. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

4.13 Competition Scorecards

Pre-printed competition scorecards will normally be made available in the Pro shop on the day of the competition. Following completion of a competition round, member scores must be entered into the PSI and then the card placed in the competitions box provided under the PSI.

*The competition name, date, time, **handicap index**, tees played and correct **gross score** for each hole must be marked in the appropriate place on the scorecard. **The marker and the competitor must also sign the card.** If the returned card is not correctly completed (**the bold items above are mandatory**) the member will be disqualified and the players handicap index may be affected (as per the World Handicapping System). **Please see the relevant section from the rules of golf.***

<https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/rules/the-rules-of-golf/rule-3#3-2d>

4.14 Cards Not Returned

If a member does not return their competition card at the time of competition close, then the score will count as a **NO RETURN**. It will also result in disqualification with possible impact on the player's handicap).

4.15 Nil Return Score

Where a medal competition card is returned but a member fails to complete a score for every hole on the card, the score will be classed as a Nil Return.

Members should be aware that this has a negative and distorting effect on the competition as a whole'

Where a Nil return score is recorded the World Handicap system treats this as a double bogey on every hole not completed - affecting the overall playing conditions calculation and hence the handicap adjustments for every other member playing on the same day. Members are asked to complete a score for all other completed holes during the competition round.

Members are asked therefore to avoid 'nil returns' in competitions. At all times. Continued submission of nil return scorecards may result in sanction by DGCHC.

4.16 'Walk Offs'

A member submitting a nil return scorecard and walking off the course (without valid reason) during a club competition shall face the same 'like for like' ban as a 'no show' (see 4.7 above).

DGGC disapproves strongly of such behaviour that contravenes both club etiquette and the spirit of the game. Persistent 'walk offs' will result in referral to DGGC disciplinary committee for further sanction.

4.17 Scorecard Reminders for Pairs and Team Competitions

In four-ball, foursomes and greensomes competitions, the card need only be signed by one of the playing partners and the marker.

In four-ball competitions, the gross scores to count must be individually identifiable; otherwise the pair will be disqualified (Rule 31-3).

In Texas scramble competitions, two members of the team should sign the card.

4.18 Entry into Pair's Competitions and Rolling Knockouts.

Both players in any club pair's competition must have a handicap index at the time of entry.

For a reminder of the rules governing the play in various format pair's competitions please see the rules of golf.

<https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/rules/the-rules-of-golf/rule-22#22-1>

<https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/rules/the-rules-of-golf/rule-21#21-5>

4.19 Competition Handicap Allowances

The following table contains competition stroke allowances as used by DGGC in the various Men and Ladies competitions.

Type of Competition	Handicap Allowance
Match Play	
Singles	Full difference
Foursomes	1/2 of the full difference of combined course handicaps
Four-Ball (better ball)	90% difference between course handicaps taken from lowest handicap
Par/Bogey	
Singles	95 % of course handicap
Foursomes	1/2 of aggregate course handicap of the partners
Four-Ball (better ball)	Each partner receives 90% of full course handicap
Stroke Play	
Singles	95 % of course handicap
Foursomes	1/2 of aggregate course handicap of the partners
Four-Ball (better ball)	Each partner receives 85% of full course handicap
Stableford	
Singles	95 % of course handicap
Foursomes	1/2 of aggregate course handicap of the partners
Four-Ball	Each partner receives 85% of course handicap
Greensomes	
	Lower course handicap x 0.6 plus higher course handicap x 0.4. If the handicaps of the partners are equal, the Greensomes handicap is half the combined course handicap

4.20 Stableford Scoring

DGCC runs several competitions each year where Stableford scoring is the basis of the event. Points are awarded in relation to (net) par at each hole and the member or team's net score is used to calculate the points.

The Stroke Index at each hole is used to determine how many shots a player/team deducts from their gross score depending on their handicap allowance for the competition.

Score on Hole (Nett)	Points recorded
More than 1 over par	0
1 over par	1
Par	2
1 under par	3
2 under par	4
3 under par	5
4 under par	6

4.21 Mixed Competitions

In any mixed competition Ladies should always play from the red tees. Men must play from either yellow or white tees depending on the competition being played.

Stableford Competitions:

Where the mixed competition has Men playing off the Yellow Tees and Ladies off the Red Tees, then Ladies will get an additional 2 shots on their handicap allowance.

Where the mixed competition has Men playing off the White Tees and Ladies off the Red Tees , then Men will get an additional 1 shot on their handicap allowance

Strokeplay:

The calculation for additional shots on strokeplay competitions, is more complex and the number of additional shots can vary depending on the course handicap for individual players.

Generally speaking, Ladies will receive a 2 shot allowance on Yellow/Red competitions, with no allowance for Men on White/Red competitions.

However, because of the complexity of the calculation, the calculation in the Club V1 system for a playing handicap will be the allowance given.

5 Qualifying competitions

In accordance with WHS requirements **ALL DG competitions** (Including winter competitions) are to be classed as qualifying for handicap purposes unless course conditions on the day dictate otherwise.

5.1 Competition Results.

DG mixed medal competitions are divided into a maximum of 3 playing divisions dependent on the number of entrants, based on handicap. This is to ensure that all members have a fair chance of winning. The split of divisions will be determined by the Committee and subject to review on a regular basis to ensure a fair spread of members in each division.

The number of divisions will be dependent on the number of entrants.

Prizes awarded will be dependent on the entry fees taken / number of divisions.

The committee will determine the prize money to be awarded on a competition by competition basis.

If less than 6 entrants, no prizes will be awarded and the entry fees will be refunded.

Number of entrants	Divisions
Less than 6	N/A
6-40	1
41-60	2
61+	3

After each competition, full results will be published on the competition noticeboards and web site. Please see here;

<http://www.donningtongrovegolf.com/competitions.aspx>

In the event of a tie, resolution will be on the following basis.

Nett Count Back	B18,B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1
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5.2 Two's Pool

In several club competitions, the Pro shop runs a separate 2's competition. Members must pay £2 to enter to the Pro Shop when collecting the competition scorecard. The pool of money is divided between all players scoring a 2 (or better) during their round. The prize is paid out via the pro shop account of each player.

6 Medal and Stableford Competitions

6.1 Entry Fees

Entry fees will be reviewed by the committee on a regular basis. The entry fee for each competition will be published with the competition details.

6.2 Tees

The tees specified for the Men's tees to use are the tees we expect to use. However, there will be times when playing conditions dictate the need to change these tees. The Pro Shop and committee can change the tees to use on the day before playing commences.

6.3 Stableford's - October To March

These are normally played on the first Saturday of the month as mixed stableford competitions with men off the winter course (yellow tees). Eligibility will be defined on the club notice boards and member's web site.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:30 – 08:30
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stableford
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95 % of course handicap
Qualifier	Yes

All prizes will be in the form of Pro-shop vouchers.

The value of the vouchers is dependent on the number of players who have entered the competition.

6.4 Medals - April to September

During the months of April to September, monthly medals are played as mixed stroke play competitions. Generally, these are played on the first Saturday of the month with several extra medals being offered on the last Sunday of every other month. Eligibility will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board and the member's web site. Tee times may be arranged by choice or during the member roll up tee times. Before playing the competition round, players must pay the entry fee via the Pro shop and have their card marked according to competition rules

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	06:30 – 08:30
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stroke Play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95 % of Course handicap
Qualifier	Yes

All prizes will be in the form of Pro-shop vouchers

The value of the vouchers is dependent on the number of players who have entered the competition.

The committee or Pro Shop can change the Men's tees to Yellow if playing conditions on the day dictate.

6.5 Mid-Week Stablefords October to March

These are played as mixed stableford competitions. Tee times may be arranged by choice or during the member roll up tee times. Before playing the competition round, players must pay the entry fee via the Pro shop and have their card marked according to competition rules

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	N/A
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stableford
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95% of Course handicap
Qualifier	Yes

All prizes will be in the form of vouchers for the Pro-Shop.

The value of the vouchers is dependent on the number of players who have entered the competition.

6.4 Mid-Week Medals – April to October

These are played as a combination of mixed stroke play and stableford competitions (check club diary for details). Tee times may be arranged by choice or by using roll up tee times. Before playing the competition round, players must pay the entry fee via the Pro shop and have their card marked according to competition rules (see 4.12 above)

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	N/A
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stroke play/Stableford
Men's' Tees	White/Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95% of Course handicap
Qualifier	Yes

All prizes will be in the form of vouchers for the Pro-Shop.

The value of the vouchers is dependent on the number of players who have entered the competition.

7 Board Competitions

All Board Competition prize winners are expected to attend the annual club presentation evening where they will be presented with their trophies.

Entry into all DGGC Board Competitions criteria.

- Open to all 7-day members
- Gentlemen's Handicap Index limit 28.0
- Ladies Handicap limit 36.0
- Must have played at least 3 qualifying competitions in the previous 12 months

5 Day members may enter The Midweek Championships and the Summer Knockouts

Board Competitions

Men's Club Championship Gross & Nett

Ladies Club Championship Gross & Nett

Midweek Championship Parasampia Cup

Japan Cup

Shotoku Cup

Anniversary Foursomes

Greensomes Cup

Parasampia Bogey

Mixed Greensomes Cup

Captains Rosebowl

Winter/Summer Four Ball Knockouts Pairs

Winter/Summer Singles Knockouts Foursomes Summer

Knockout

Summer Greensomes Knockout

7.1 Mens Club Championship

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

This is a gentleman only competition. The competition is played over 36 holes over 2 consecutive days. This competition runs in conjunction with the Ladies Club Championship. Full details of this flagship event including the basis of tie resolutions may be found in the Club Championship Manual.



Gross Championship

Winner: The Club Champion receives the Club Trophy on presentation evening, an individual prize

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening

The Top 3 Gross scores will be “asked” to represent the Club in the BB&O “Champion Club Competition”

(Any player not able to play in this event their place will be offered to the player with the next best score)

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Net Championship

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation evening plus an individual prize.

Runner-Up: Individual prize.

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

NB:- A member may win more than one of the above prizes.

7.2 Ladies Club Championship

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

This is a Ladies only competition played over 36 holes over 2 consecutive days. This runs in conjunction with the men's club championship event.

Please refer to the club championship document for full details.



Gross Championship

Winner: The Club Champion receives the championship trophy and represents the Club in future events and presentation functions.

Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening

Runner-Up: Individual prize (subject a minimum of 10 lady entrants).

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Net Championship

Winner: Club trophy presented with an individual prize.

Runner-Up: Individual prize and a £10 voucher (subject to 10 entrants)

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

NB:- A player may win more than one of the above prizes.

7.3 Midweek Championship

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

This is a separate gentlemen and ladies' competition, dependent on a minimum of 8 lady entrants or the competition will be played as a mixed competition.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	08:00
Format	Singles
Scoring	Medal
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95% of Course handicap
Qualifier	Yes



Winner:

Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.

Runner-Up:

Individual prize

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

7.4 Parasampia Cup

This is a separate Gentlemen and Ladies competition.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:00
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stroke Play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95% of Course handicap
Qualifier	Yes



Winners:

Club Trophies presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prizes presented at Presentation Evening

Runners-Up:

Individual prizes

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

7.5 Japan Cup

This is a separate Gentlemen and Ladies competition.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:00
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stableford
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95% of Course handicap
Qualifier	Yes



Winner:

Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.

Runner-Up:

Individual prize

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

7.6 Shotoku Cup

This is a mixed (Gentlemen and Ladies) competition.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:00
Format	Four-ball better ball
Scoring	Stableford
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	85% Course handicap
Qualifier	No



Winners:

Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening. Plus Individual prizes

Runners-Up:

Individual prizes

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

7.7 Anniversary Foursomes

This is a separate Gentlemen and Ladies competition - no mixed pairs. This is also a qualifier for the Gentlemen's and Ladies Daily Mail Foursomes and the Gentlemen's BB&O County Foursomes.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	From 07:00 – 10.00
Format	Foursomes
Scoring	Stroke Play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	1/2 combined Course handicap
Qualifier	No



Winners:

Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prizes

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board

7.8 Greensomes Cup

This is a mixed (Gentlemen's and Ladies) competition.

Starting Tee	07:00
First Tee Time	First
Format	Greensomes
Scoring	Stroke Play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Lower course handicap x 0.6 plus higher course handicap x 0.4. If the handicaps of the partners are equal, the Greensomes course handicap is half the combined course handicap.
Qualifier	No



Winners:

Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.

Individual prizes

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

7.9 Parasampia Bogey

This is a separate Gentlemen's and Ladies competition.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:00
Format	Singles
Scoring	Bogey
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95% of Course handicap
Qualifier	Yes



Winner:

Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize

Runner-Up:

Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

7.10 Mixed Greensomes Cup

This is a Mixed pairs competition

Starting Tee	07:00
First Tee Time	First
Format	Greensomes
Scoring	Stroke Play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Lower course handicap x 0.6 plus higher course handicap x 0.4. If the handicaps of the partners are equal, the Greensomes course handicap is half the combined Course handicap.
Qualifier	No



Winners:

Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.

Individual prizes

Runners-Up:

Individual prizes

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

7.11 Captain's Rosebowl

This is a separate Men's and Ladies competition.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:00
Format	Singles
Scoring	Captain's choice
Men Tees	Captain's choice
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95% of Course handicap
Qualifier	Yes



Winners:

Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

8 Knock-out competitions

DGGC runs several match play knock out competitions both in winter and summer. The format of these rolling competitions and the rules relating to them are available on the individual entry forms and the club web site see here

<https://donningtongrove.hub.clubv1.com/Club/Knockouts>

Members are requested to familiarise themselves with the rules Before they enter any knock out competition.

Open to all 5 & 7-day members eligible to play in board competitions.

Five-day members may play in these competitions: however they must be prepared to play over a weekend and bank holiday period when the appropriate green-fee must be paid.

If there is any dispute relating to these competitions, DGCHC will adjudicate and make a decision, which shall be final.

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

8.1 Winter Four Ball Knock-Outs Pairs

This is a mixed (Gentlemen and Ladies) competition

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	As arranged
Format	Four ball better ball
Scoring	Match play
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	90% difference taken from lowest course handicap of the four players.
Qualifier	No
Tie Resolution	Match continues from first hole until a hole is won.

Winner:

Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening

Individual prizes

Runner-Up:

Individual prizes

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.



Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

8.2 Winter Singles Knock-Outs

This is a mixed (Gentlemen and Ladies) competition.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	As arranged
Format	Singles
Scoring	Match play
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full difference off lowest course handicap
Qualifier	No
Tie Resolution	Match continues from first hole until a hole is won.



Winner:
Club Trophy
Individual prize

Runner-Up:
Individual prize

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

8.3 Summer Singles Knock-Outs

This is a mixed (Gentlemen and Ladies) competition.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	As arranged
Format	Singles
Scoring	Match play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full difference off lowest course handicap
Qualifier	No
Tie Resolution	Match continues from first hole until a hole is won.



Winner:

Club Trophy

Individual prize and a voucher to the value of £50

Runner-Up:

Individual prize and a voucher to the value of £25

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

8.4 Summer Four-Ball Knock-Outs

This is a mixed (Gentlemen and Ladies) competition.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	As arranged
Format	Four-ball
Scoring	Match play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	90% difference taken from lowest course handicap of the four players.
Qualifier	No
Tie Resolution	Match continues from first hole until a hole is won.



Winner:

Club Trophy
Individual prizes

Runner-Up:

Individual prizes

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

8.5 Foursomes Summer Knock-Outs

This is a mixed (Gentlemen and Ladies) competition.

Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	As arranged
Format	Foursomes
Scoring	Match play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	1/2 combined difference
Qualifier	No
Tie Resolution	Match continues from first hole until a hole is won.



Winner:
Club Trophy
Individual

Runner-Up:
Individual prizes

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

9 Other Club Competitions

9.1 The Professionals Tournament

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

This is a mixed (Gentlemen and Ladies) competition.

Starting Tee	TBA
First Tee Time	TBA
Format	Singles
Scoring	Medal/Stroke
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95% of Course handicap
Qualifier	Yes
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Club Pro to determine the number and value of prizes awarded.

9.2 Tournament of Champions (invitation only)

Eligibility is confined to the winners of any “board” competition or a weekend medal / stableford. Winners of mid-week competitions qualify provided the number of entrants is above 21. See table for eligible competitions.

Qualification starts from the October Medal and ends the week prior to the competition at the end of September the following year.

This is a mixed (Gentlemen and Ladies) competition.

Starting Tee	TBA
First Tee Time	TBA
Format	Singles
Scoring	Medal/Stroke
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	95% of Course handicap
Qualifier	Yes
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Winner:

Club Trophy and Individual prize

Prize vouchers will also be awarded. Places and value will be determined by the Club Committee based on entries.

Qualifying Competitions for the Tournament of Champions

October – March

Monthly Stableford	All Divisional Winners
Monthly Midweek Stableford	Individual winner, must be a minimum of 21 completed and recorded scores for the competition to become a qualifying event.
Sunday Stableford	

April-September

Monthly Stableford	All Divisional Winners
Monthly Midweek Medal	Individual winner, must be a minimum of 21 completed and recorded scores for the competition to become a qualifying event.
Monthly Midweek Stableford	
Sunday Stableford/Medal	

Other Qualifying Competitions

Robert Burns Trophy	Individual Winner
Japan Cup	Ladies and Gentlemen's Winners
Parasampia Bogey	Ladies and Gentlemen's Winners
New Members Cup	Individual Champion (Over 21 entrants)
Mixed Greensomes	Winning Pair
Anniversary Foursomes	Both Ladies and Gentlemen's Pairs Winners
Captains Rosebowl	Ladies and Gentlemen's Winners
Club Championship Gross	Ladies and Gentlemen's Winners
Club Champion Nett	Ladies and Gentlemen's Winners
Shotoku Cup	Winning Pair
Midweek Championship	Ladies and Gentlemen's Winners
Greensomes Cup	Mixed Pairs Winners
Parasampia Cup	Ladies and Gentlemen's Winners
Tournament of Champions	Defending Winner
Grove Foursomes	Winning Pair
St Georges Day	Individual Winner
Presidents Day	Individual Winner
Professionals Trophy	Individual Winner
Winter Singles	Winner
Winter Doubles	Winning Pair
Summer Singles	Winner
Summer Doubles	Winning Pair
Summer Foursomes	Winning Pair
Senior Singles	Winner

9.2 Members Memorial

Eligibility to this competition will be defined on the entry sheet posted on the competitions board.

This competition is organised by Club Committee as an annual competition. It is to honour of the memory of club members no longer with us.

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) team (4) competition.

Starting Tee	Shotgun
First Tee Time	9.00am
Format	Better ball
Scoring	TBC
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Depending on Scoring
Qualifier	No
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

All prizes at the discretion of the Club Committee

Other regular club competitions held throughout the year are as follows: (NB please see club diary and web sites calendar/events pages)

<http://www.donningtongrovegolf.com/diary.aspx>

9.3 Other Competitions

Captain's Drive in

Team based competition.

Prizes are Captain's choice depending on number of entrants.

Captain's Charity Day

Team based competition.

Prizes are Captain's choice depending on number of entrants

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President's Day

Team based competition.

Prizes are President's choice depending on number of entrants

Winter Warmer

Team based competition.

Prizes are Captain's choice depending on number of entrants

St Georges Day

Individual and Team competition

Prizes are Captain's choice depending on number of entrants

New Members Cup

Individual competition, open to all new members of the current membership year. Prizes are Captain's choice depending on number of entrants

Grove Foursomes

A Mixed pairs foursomes stroke play competition played from the yellow tee for men and red for ladies.

Greenkeepers revenge

Team based competition

Prizes are Captain's choice depending on number of entrants

Texas Scrambles

Team based competition.

Prizes are depending on number of entrants.

Mid-summer Madness

Team Based competition

Prizes are Captain's choice depending on number of entrants

Robert Burns Trophy

Mixed Singles Stableford Competition

Mid-week TOGS

Various fun format competitions organised by DG seniors but open to all DG members.

Full details of these and all other club competitions will be made available in advance on the club notice boards, club web site and via the club newsletter.
Make sure we have your correct email address and keep an eye out.

10 Club Matches

DG runs several match programmes, which cater for the needs of all members

The appropriate Club or Team Captain takes responsibility for all organising all such matches. All information about these matches may be found on the appropriate notice boards and club web site.

All members playing for the club in any of our match programmes are expected to purchase the appropriate team colours via the respective team captains.

For details of our Ladies and Mixed matches please contact our Ladies Captain

For seniors matches please contact our Seniors Captain.

The captains of the men's interclub matches, Hillman and Concord teams are appointed by the men's captain. For further information see the club website or contact the men's captain.

DG Match Team captains are responsible for:

- Arranging dates of matches with other Clubs
- Publishing the entry sheets on the notice board
- Selecting the team
- Booking food for home matches
- Publishing the team on the Club Notice Board
- Ensuring team members are available for the match
- Collecting entry money from players (both home and away matches)
- Deciding on pairings and order of play of the team
- Liaising with the team captain of our opponents
- Ensuring proper dress code is adhered to by team members
- Confirming final numbers with catering manager before play
- Making a speech at the after-match dinner if necessary

11 Open Competitions

All Open Competitions are organised directly by DGGC owners Sandtrend. Members are requested to support as many of these events as possible as they will only be held if there are sufficient entrants.

11.1 Mixed Open

This competition is open to members of DGGC and members of other Golf Clubs who have a handicap index.

One man and one lady form a pairing to play in this competition.

A two-course meal after the competition is included in the entry fee.

Entry Fee	Reviewed annually
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	TBC
Format	As detailed by Sandtrend Ltd
Scoring	Fourball Better ball
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	85%
Qualifier	No

Prizes are presented on the day and normally consist of goods purchased from the Pro- Shop.

Value and number of prizes are at the discretion of the club

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11.2 Ladies Open

This competition is open to Lady members of DGGC and Lady members of other Golf Clubs who have a handicap index.

A two-course meal after the competition is included in the entry fee.

Entry Fee	Reviewed annually
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	
Format	As detailed by Sandtrend
Scoring	Pairs Better Ball
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	85%
Qualifier	Yes

Prizes are presented on the day and normally consist of goods purchased from the Pro Shop.

Value and number of prizes are at the discretion of the club

11.3 Men's Open

This competition is open to Men members of DGGC and members of other Golf Clubs who have a handicap index.

A two-course meal after the competition is included in the entry fee.

Entry Fee	Reviewed annually
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	
Format	As detailed by Sandtrend
Scoring	Medal/Stroke
Men Tees	White
Handicap Allowance	depending on format
Qualifier	Yes

Prizes are presented on the day and normally consist of goods purchased from the Pro Shop.

Value and number of prizes are at the discretion of the club

11.4 Senior Men's Open

This competition is open to Gentlemen members of DGGC and Senior Gentlemen members (minimum age 55 years) of other Golf Clubs who have a handicap index.

A two-course meal after the competition is included in the entry fee.

Entry Fee	Reviewed annually
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	
Format	As detailed by Sandtrend
Scoring	
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	N/A
Handicap Allowance	Depending on format
Qualifier	Yes
Ladies Adjustment	None

Prizes are presented on the day and normally consist of goods purchased from the Pro Shop.

Value and number of prizes are at the discretion of the club

12 General Club Rules and Dress Code

This competition manual operates within the overall framework of the Rules of Golf, the World Handicap System and the general rules governing all golf played at Donnington Grove Golf Club.

If you have any questions or feedback on this manual, then please contact us at

golf@donnington-grove.com

The general club rules are shown on the club web site and may be found here:

<https://members.donnington-grove.com/wp-content/uploads/DGCC-rules-update-April-2016.pdf>

Members who wish to take part in any DG competition are asked to familiarise themselves with these general rules and abide by them at all times.

DGCHC wish all members an enjoyable and fun golfing experience at Donnington Grove.

13 Local Rules

13.1 Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1). (a) Beyond all fences or hedges marking the perimeter of the golf course, (b) Beyond all white posts

13.2 Water Hazards (Rule 26). Lateral Hazards – Defined by Red Stakes.
Water Hazards – Defined by Yellow Stakes.

13.3 Staked Trees. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or arc of his intended swing, the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped within one club length from the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.

13.4 Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2). (a) Estate entry roads and buggy pathways, (b) Any footpath signs, stiles or bridges, (c) Distance markers.

13.5 Any Drainage. On 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th & 18th, without penalty, dropped within one club length from the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.

13.6 Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1). (a) If a ball lies within marked GUR or if the area interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player **must** take relief. The ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped within one club length from the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole.

13.7 Stones in Bunkers. May be removed without penalty.

13.8 Overhead Wires. A ball striking an overhead wire must be replayed without penalty

13.9 Distance-Measuring Devices (Rule 14-3). For all play at Donnington Grove Country Club, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of rule 14-3.

14.0 Fixed Sprinkler Heads Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24)

If such an obstruction on or within two club lengths of the putting green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play the player may take relief without penalty. The ball may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that, (a) is not nearer the hole. (b) avoids such intervention and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

14.1 10th Fairway Abnormal ground conditions (Rule 25)

When a competitor's ball comes to rest on a damaged area of the 10th fairway (animal damage under repair) the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green. When the ball is dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.