



Men & Vets – Competition Formats and Rules

The following document details the format and rules for all Men's and Veteran's club competitions. It updates and replaces all previous published details and is valid from 1st November 2019, (amended 1st October 2020 and 2nd November 2020 to incorporate the switch to the WHS), until any further amendments are agreed by the Men's Committee. Temporary procedures may also be in place when needs arise, they will be posted on the website and should be treated as an adjunct to these rules whilst in place.

GENERAL RULES

These rules apply to all club competitions unless specified otherwise in individual competition details.

In the event of ties for medal, stableford and bogey competitions played over 18 holes, the result will be decided by method of matching cards. (Also known as scorecard countback). Places will be decided on the basis of performance of the LAST NINE HOLES, and if still tied then the LAST SIX HOLES, then the LAST THREE HOLES, and finally the 18th HOLE – (applying handicap allowances in accordance with the stroke indexes on the scorecard for handicap stroke play competitions.) - If still tied, countback will apply to each individual hole counting back from the 18th. Where a multiple tee start is used, the countback will still be holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18 and 18th hole.

In a 36 hole competition the countback will be on the basis of the FINAL 18 HOLES and then LAST 9 HOLES etc. as above.

Matchplay Knockout Competitions: A match, which ends all square, should be played off hole by hole until one side wins a hole. The play-off should start on the hole where the match began and handicap strokes should be allowed as in the prescribed round.

Where a maximum handicap index allowance limit applies, players holding a WHS handicap index in excess of such a limit will have their scores amended for the purpose of determining their position in the field and allocation of the prize fund only. Any resultant change to handicap index will be calculated using all entrants' current WHS handicap indices.

The use of buggies is not permitted during a competition round unless justified on medical grounds. Whilst no specific evidence will normally be required for an individual to use a buggy, (the integrity of the individual's self-certification is sufficient), the player maybe required to provide such evidence to the committee if the use of a buggy is appropriately challenged.

Failure to follow the correct competition sign in procedure and/or failure to pay entry fees prior to teeing off in the competition will result in disqualification although the scorecard returned will still apply for handicap update purposes.

Visitors are not allowed to participate in club competitions unless otherwise stated in the individual competition details

When playing in Club Trophy competitions the Marker/Verifier must also be playing in the same competition

Juniors are eligible to enter Men's competitions as long as they meet all other entry criteria.

The new WHS no longer delineates between active and non-active handicaps. Therefore, all entrants must have a current WHS handicap index.

In the event the Committee decides to suspend play or abandon the competition; a suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of the klaxon. All other suspensions will be signaled by two prolonged notes of the Klaxon. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by three short notes of the Klaxon. See Rules of Golf, Rule 5.7b for player actions

Results of competitions are final when the results are published on HowDidIDo and/or the club noticeboard by the Competitions Secretary or their representative.

PRIZE FUND DISTRIBUTION

25% of the entry fees, other than Invitations, Opens, Charity fundraisers, Fun & Social competitions and Club Championship events, is paid into club funds and is used to support the following costs:

- a) Cup & Trophy engraving
- b) Clubhouse Honours Board maintenance
- c) Support for Clubs County Teams – i.e. refreshments, practice rounds, club branded clothing etc.

The 75% balance is distributed as prizes.

The Men's section distribute the prize pot proportionately into two divisions, (Division 1 is handicap indexes 0 – 14.4 and Division 2 handicap indexes 14.5 plus), paying the first three players in each division – 50%, 30% & 20%

Where the entry field is below 30 it reverts to one division only and the top three are paid out as above. i.e. 50%, 30% & 20%. If below 10 entrants, the winner takes all.

The exception is Midweek Stableford Competitions, Mixed Competitions and the Last Chance Cup which only have one division but the prize pot is distributed to the first 5 places – 35%, 25%, 20%, 12% and 8%. This is reduced to the first 3 places only if the entry list is less than 30 – paying out at 50%, 30% & 20%. If below 10 entrants, the winner takes all.

In matchplay competitions the prize pot is distributed between the finalists only. 60% to the winner(s) and 40% to the runner(s) up.

SPECIFIC COMPETITION DETAILS

FOR MEN

Competition: **Monthly Medals**
Format: Medal Strokeplay over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: All membership categories
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 28.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Monthly Stablefords**
Format: Stableford scoring over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: All membership categories
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 28.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Club Midweek Stablefords (played on Wednesdays)**
Format: Stableford scoring over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: All membership categories
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 28.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Adair Cup**
Format: Medal Strokeplay - 36 holes played over 2 separate days
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded
Other Notes: Handicaps are not adjusted between rounds

Competition: **Barratt Cup**
Format: Medal Strokeplay over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Waveney Valley Shield**
Format: Medal Strokeplay over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0

Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Coronation Cup**
Format: Strokeplay over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Matthias Kerrison Cup**
Format: Strokeplay over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Roger Duffy Cup**
Format: Strokeplay over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Handicap Index between +5 and 9.4
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Lee Warner Trophy**
Format: Stableford over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Handicap Index between 9.5 and 21.4
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **High Handicap Trophy**
Format: Stableford over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Handicap Index between 21.5 and 54
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Community Council Cup**
Format: Stableford over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Mike O'Hara Cup**

Format: Stableford over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Mushroom Cup**
Format: Strokeplay over 18 holes (played on Finals Day)
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only - who have been divisional winners of the monthly medals and stablefords during the calendar year.
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded
Other Notes: Where a competition has been reduced to 1 division, only that winner will qualify. Divisional winners must be a full or graduated member – any other membership category winner will be replaced by the leading full or graduated member.

Competition: **Hodgson Silver Salver**
Format: Bogey (against par) over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Mortimer Hospital Cup**
Format: Mixed Bogey (against par) over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: Men off White, Ladies off Red
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0 for Men and Ladies 36.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded + 1 extra stroke for ladies due to mixed tee event
Other Notes: One division only – competition prize fund shared over first 5 places

Competition: **Ronald Wightman Cup (Club Championships - scratch)**
Format: Medal Strokeplay off scratch handicap over 36 holes and played in one day
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: No official handicap required
Stroke Allowance: 0
Other Notes: In the event of a tie for the winning position a 3 hole play-off over holes 1, 2 and 10 will apply. If still tied the play-off will become sudden death played continuously over the same 3 holes. Ties for all positions other than the winner will be determined by the general competition rules above.

Competition: **Doug Mattocks Trophy (Club Championships - handicap)**

Format: Medal Strokeplay over 36 holes and played in one day
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded
Other Notes: Handicaps will not be adjusted between rounds. In the event of a tie the general competition rules (above) apply

Competition: **Scratch Matchplay Championship**
Format: Singles knockout matchplay over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: No official handicap required
Stroke Allowance: 0
Other Notes: Seeded draw based on handicaps at time of draw – Final played on Finals Day

Competition: **President's Prize**
Format: Singles knockout matchplay over 18 holes – full handicap difference
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded
Other Notes: Final played on Finals Day

Competition: **Hepplewhite Plate**
Format: Singles knockout matchplay over 18 holes – full handicap difference
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only, who lost their first match in the President's Prize
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded
Other Notes: Final played on Finals Day

Competition: **Foursomes Shield**
Format: Foursomes knockout matchplay over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: 50% of combined course handicap difference
Other Notes: Final played on Finals Day

Competition: **Will Pickard Trophy**
Format: Greensomes matchplay over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: Yellow group stage and then White for knockout stage

Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: 60% of lower course handicap plus 40% of higher course handicap.
(Rounded after added together)
Other Notes: Played over the winter months – initially within round robin leagues then matchplay.

Competition: **Tutt Cup**
Format: Initially Medal Strokeplay over 18 holes then knockout matchplay
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded
Other Notes: Best two players from each division go through to matchplay stage (seeded draw) and players handicap at the time of the original strokeplay event will still apply. Final to be played on Finals Day

Competition: **Worthy Cause (Mixed event)**
Format: Four ball better ball medal
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: Men off White & Ladies off Red
Open to: All membership categories
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 28.0 for Men and 36.0 for Ladies
Stroke Allowance: 85% of Course Handicap stroke allowance + Ladies receive 2.7 extra shots due to mixed tee allowance
Other Notes: Charity event hence open to all membership categories. Winning pair choose the charity(s) they want the prize pot to be donated to.

FOR VETS (Men)

Competition: **Vets Midweek Monthly Stablefords (played on Wednesdays)**
Format: Stableford scoring over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: Yellow
Open to: All membership categories - aged over 55 years or in their 55th year
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 28.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Vets Midweek Monthly Medals (played on Wednesdays)**
Format: Medal scoring over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: Yellow
Open to: All membership categories - aged over 55 years or in their 55th year
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 28.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Vets Last Chance Cup**
Format: Stableford scoring over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: Yellow
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only - aged over 55 years or in their 55th year
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Vets Jack Keighley**
Format: Summer Eclectic, maximum 6 rounds
Entry Fee:
Tees: Yellow
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only - aged over 55 years or in their 55th year
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Vets Clifford Plate**
Format: 6 best rounds from a maximum of 12 Vets Midweek Stableford rounds
Entry Fee:
Tees: Yellow
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only - aged over 55 years or in their 55th year
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Vets Cliffie Wright Knockout Trophy**
Format: Singles knockout matchplay over 18 holes – full handicap difference
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only - aged over 55 years or in their 55th year
Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0
Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Competition: **Rosedale Trophy (Vets Club Championship)**
Format: Medal strokeplay off scratch handicap over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White
Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only - aged over 55 years or in their 55th year
Handicaps: No handicap required
Stroke Allowance: 0
Other Notes: Played as one competition with the Vets Handicap Trophy

Competition: **Vets Handicap Trophy (Vets Club Championship)**
Format: Medal strokeplay handicap over 18 holes
Entry Fee: £2.50
Tees: White

Open to: Full and Graded Membership categories only - aged over 55 years or in their 55th year

Handicaps: Maximum Handicap Index of 21.0

Stroke Allowance: Course Handicap x 95% allowance then rounded

Other Notes: Played as one competition with the Rosedale Trophy. As well as the lowest net score winning the Handicap Trophy, prizes also apply for lowest net scores in the following age categories; 54-67, 68-74 and 75+