

HIGHWOODS GOLF CLUB

COMPETITIONS

The men's and ladies' competitions are administered separately, and ladies should speak with the Honorary Ladies Secretary and gentlemen with the office. Men's & Ladies' competitions can be entered via the BRS Booking app. If you have a valid handicap, generally two weeks prior for most competitions. This is extended to three weeks or longer for the major competitions. Mid-week and weekend stableford and medal competitions are mostly open to all members but there are restrictions on entering for various categories. Please see guide below or ask at the office or in the Pro shop for more information.

COMPETITION RULES

Competition rounds may be played outside competition times any time between 8am and 4pm (your round must finish in time for any set mealtime). Roll up times and casual tee times can be used, play starting from the 10th tee is permitted. All competition rounds must be played in no more than the format of the main competition times i.e., 3 balls. Playing out of format will result in disqualification. Please note that winter competition times end at 11am (This allows greens staff flexibility to cut greens after the competition field, following adverse morning weather conditions).

You can not change your booked tee time after 7pm the day before. You must notify the pro shop if you cannot play after that time. Failure to do so will result in a one competition ban after the second offence.

It is not permitted to move your tee time on the day of the competition. (e.g., from AM to PM for better weather conditions).

No halfway house stops are allowed in competition rounds unless specified in the individual competition, excluding comfort stops.

To win a Trophy/Board competition, players must have 10 scores per rolling 12 months, 3 of which must be in a competition. These can be at any course if they are recorded on the WHS. 9-hole rounds can be included (effective from January 1st, 2023.) [This is for all men's, ladies', and mixed Trophy/Board competitions.](#)

An exception to the "10 scores" rule above is for a new golfer in their first year of obtaining a handicap index, in which case he/she is eligible to enter and win an Honours Board/Trophy event after having played 3 Highwoods competition rounds. **(Until this time, you are not eligible to win prize money)**

You may play in a competition if you do not fulfil the above criteria, but you will not be eligible to win, and your entry fee will still be taken. **(You are eligible for prize money up to 2nd place.)**

Subject to all of the above points, the Committee may from time to time set certain criteria for entering various competitions, such as a maximum handicap index, different colour tee options and other variables. These will always be published in advance and shown with the competition sign up list on the website. It is the player's responsibility to ensure that they fulfil the required criteria before entering an event.

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To gain a handicap we require 3 x 18 hole or 6 x 9-hole scorecards (or a combination of both) signed by another member. The maximum handicap for ladies is 54 and gentlemen is 54.

To maintain an accurate handicap, it is recommended that players should return at least 20 scores over a 2 year period. Your handicap will only be valid if you are a member of an affiliated golf club.

Either a medal or stableford competition is held monthly throughout the year. The stableford competitions run throughout the whole year, whereas medal competitions run from April to October.

In addition, there are multiple honour's board competitions for individual play throughout the main playing season.

Every competition is posted on the club website and the Highwoods Golf Club V1 app. Please contact the office for details of these, as you will need a login and password to book into the competitions. All competitions are also listed in the club diary, which is available from the office.

Most competitions are released at 7.00pm fifteen days prior to the competition being played, with some of the bigger events having a longer time span.

Winter and summer knockouts are run, embracing individual and pairs formats. Winter sees pairs and mixed pairs knockouts, as well as a winter league.

All knockout competitions are posted on the Club V1 app in advance of the draw and to be eligible to participate, players must be in the full, restricted or fairway membership categories.

Men's Competitions

Prizes money will be awarded in two divisions for men's monthly medals and Stablefords competitions unless specified differently for an individual competition, as follows:

Div. 1 - Lowest 50% of the field's handicaps

Div. 2 - Highest 50% of the field's handicaps

Cash prizes will be available for the top three players in each division. (Topped up on to your Club Card)
Entry fee for competitions is £3.50 unless stated differently.

All competitions are open to all members with a handicap index of less than 36.0 unless specified differently below. Players with a higher index may still enter but play off 36.0 index.

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Name of competition	Eligibility
Monthly medal	All categories. (Juniors with handicap index lower than 18.5)
Monthly Stableford	All categories. (Juniors with handicap index lower than 18.5)
Summer knockout	Full, Restricted, FW members (Juniors with a handicap of 18.5 or less)
Winter knockout	Full, Restricted, FW members (Juniors with a handicap of 18.5 or less)

Men's Honour's Board Competitions (open to full, restricted and fairway members and juniors with a handicap index lower than 18.5)

Name	Format	Eligibility and Additional Information
Angora Cup	Medal	20.5+ Handicap Index
Ashtrays	Betterball	Pairs
Captain's Day	Stableford	
Charter Cup	Medal	
Club Championship	Medal Scratch	36 holes over 1 day
Collington Cup	Medal	
Daily Mail Foursomes	Medal	Winner progresses to regional knockout
Davey Cup	Stableford	0-22.6 Handicap Index
Diamond Jubilee Salver	Stableford	Men & Ladies Singles
Elton Cup	Medal	
Falcon Trophy	Medal	
Geoff Larkin	Stableford	
Hewitt Cup	Stableford	
Highwoods Trophy	Medal	36 holes played during Club Championships
Highwoods Challenge Cup	Medal Scratch	Open 36 Hole Competition
Jack Collison Trophy	Matchplay (Scratch)	Top 16 gross scores qualify from April Medal
Magpie Cup	Stableford	22.7 + Handicap Index
McCarroll Flag	Medal	Chase the flag medal
McIlveen Bowl	Matchplay	Knockout 18.3+ Handicap Index
Men's Summer Knockout	Matchplay	Knockout 18.2 and Below Handicap Index
Orchard Cup	Medal	
Osborne Cup	Medal	
President's Day	Stableford	
Ramsay Nicolson	Medal	36 holes over 1 day
Ray Wood Memorial Cup	Stableford	
Rock Bowl	Stableford	Over 55's only
Sackville Trophy	Medal	
Sidebottom Bowl	Stableford	
Veteran's Cup	Medal	Over 65s – Score minus age
Victory Cup	Medal	

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Ladies Competitions

All competitions are open to full, restricted and fairway members and Junior members with a handicap index of less than 41.5 unless specified differently below. Players with a higher index may still enter but play off 41.5 index. In the summer months, many of the competitions played are qualifying Medals and Stablefords. Pairs and team events are also played throughout the season.

In the winter, 9 and 14 holes non-qualifying competitions are played and are singles stableford or team events.

Knockout competitions are announced at the discretion of the committee each year.

Ladies Prize funds

Divisional splits – 4 (Each Division is self-funding for prize money)

Division 1: 0 – 19.4

Division 2: 19.5 – 25.4

Division 3: 25.5 – 32.8

Division 4: 32.9 – 41.5

Reduction in number of entries:

1. Less than 5 players on a Tuesday entry fee will be refunded but the competition's scores will still be submitted.
2. Less than 3 players on Saturday entry fee will be refunded but the competition's scores will still be submitted.
3. With a total of 15 or fewer players we will revert to one division.
4. The number of prizes will diminish to ensure the last place gets their stake back.

Entry Fee

18-hole competitions - £2.50

14-hole competitions - £2.00

9-hole competitions - £1.00

18-hole Saturday competitions - £3.00

9-hole Saturday competitions - £1.50

14-hole Saturday competitions - £2.00

Adverse Weather conditions

1. If the course is Carry only competitions will only be 9 holes
2. If course info says you can use trollies but carry if you can the comp will move to 9 holes after consultation with Office or GK.

Ladies' Honours Board Competitions - (Open to all Ladies and Juniors unless stated)

Name	Format	Eligibility and Additional Information
Adelaide King	Stableford	
Autumn Meeting	Day 1 Medal, Day 2 Foursomes	Played in 4 divisions
Balmer/Hilder	4BBB	
Bobby's Bowl	Stableford	
Bovill	Medal 36 holes over 2 days	Handicap Index 0-27.6

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Chris Boyd	Stableford	Weekend Ladies
Club Championship	Medal-36 holes over 2 days	Handicap Index 19.1
Carberry Cup	Medal	Handicap Index 25.1
Captain's Day	Stableford	
Daily Mail Foursomes	Medal	Winner progresses to regional knockout
Dalladay	Stableford	70 years +
Diamond Jubilee Salver	Stableford	Ladies and Men Singles
Geoff Larkin	Stableford	
Grandmothers	Medal	Maternal only
Knowles/Ive	Stableford	Foursomes
Honey Pot	Stableford	
Hounsell/Higgs	Medal	Handicap Index 27.7- 54
Laker/Yearwood	4BBB	Weekend Ladies
President's Prize	Stableford	
Spring Meeting	Medal	Day 1 Singles - Day 2 Foursomes (Played in 4 Divisions)
Stableford Cups	Stableford	Day 1 Singles - Day 2 Foursomes (Played in 4 Divisions)
Treasurers Trophy	Stableford	
Vets Cup	Stableford	60 years +
Victory Cup	Medal	Ladies and Men Singles
Winter Foursomes	Stableford	Drawn Pairs

MIXED COMPETITIONS

The club runs a mixed knockout in the summer and the winter. [The handicap limits for Mixed competitions is 35.9 for men and 36.4 for ladies higher handicaps can enter but will play off the lower index.](#)

Mixed pairs competitions are held regularly throughout the season at weekends and bank holidays. In addition, there are several mixed matches playing home and away against other clubs.

Name	Format	Eligibility and Additional Information
Allen	Rye Greensomes Stableford	Format where odd/even holes are nominated
Diamond Jubilee Salver	Stableford	Ladies and Men Singles
Kewhurst Cups	Stableford Foursomes 36hole	Alternate 1 st tee on each day.
Past Captains	Greensomes	
Summer Foursomes	Mixed Matchplay	Knockout
Winter Foursomes	Mixed Matchplay	Knockout
RA Larkin	Stableford Pairs Betterball	Played over August Bank Holiday Sun/Mon
Ray Wood Memorial Cup	Greensomes Stableford	
Victory Cup	Medal	Ladies and Men Singles

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RULES OF GOLF

A good knowledge of these rules will allow you to enjoy your golf and when playing in competitions they can help just as much as penalise. Please pay attention to Section 1 – Etiquette. If you require advice or a ruling ask Mike Andrews, our Professional or the General Manager.

Enjoy your round of golf, but please help us to keep the course in good condition – and stay safe! Our Professional will guide you to the correct tees. Please ensure that you observe our dress code for both the course and the clubhouse

CLUB V1 HUB & DIARY

We like to keep you informed of all the events and competitions which is accessed through the ClubV1 App. This can be accessed using the links below to download the app or access the website.



Apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/clubv1-members-hub/id1247886260>

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.clubsystems.clubv1hub>

PC <https://highwoods.hub.clubv1.com/>

Physical copies of the diary can be collected from the office. These are subject to change throughout the year. Please keep the office informed of any change of address or telephone numbers.

BOOKING TEE TIMES

To book tee times please download BRS Golf app. This allows you direct access to the tee time booking sheet which we are currently using for all golf and also displays the roll up times from the 10th Tee.

To register for this app you will need your username number please contact the office if you need this number and use the links below to download the app or access the website.



Apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/brs-golf/id1150481501>

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.brsgolf.members>

PC <https://members.brsgolf.com/highwoodsgc/login>

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GOLF ETIQUETTE

General play

Ready golf is encouraged - be aware of your pace of play. You should keep up with the group in front. If the group behind is continually waiting, please let them play through – especially if your group is searching for a ball or if you have fallen behind the group in front.

Shout “fore” if your ball is travelling towards another fairway, or into areas where visibility is impaired, to warn other golfers or our green staff.

Several public footpaths cross the course. Members of the public may not appreciate the risks they face. The holes are: 1st, 5th, 6th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15, 16th, 17th and 18th.

On several holes, houses are situated alongside the fairways. If your ball goes into a garden or hits a house, you **MUST** report this to the Office or the Professional.

Buggies and trolleys must not be taken onto tees, approaches, surrounds or greens. (The boundary between fairway and approach is marked by a yellow line or a sign). Trolleys must be taken around bunkers and not onto the fringes of the green.

Be aware of other golfers on the course. Please avoid excessive noise or disruption of any kind while playing.

Teeing off

- Societies normally tee off from the yellow tees.
- Please take a divot bag from the divot bag tree by the 1st and 10th tees
- Please fill divot holes with the divot mix where provided.
- Please ensure that the players ahead are comfortably out of range before hitting **Especially on the blind 3rd**

Fairways

The green marker posts on each side of the fairway are set at 150 yards from the centre of the greens.

Please repair divots either by replacing the displaced divot or filling with the divot mix (provided in green bags at 1st and 10th tee).

Bunkers

Please rake smooth after play, pushing sand towards the middle of the bunker.

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Leave rakes with the head in the bunker.

Greens

Flags are positioned as follows: -

Red towards the front third - **Yellow** towards the centre third - **White** towards the back third

Please repair your pitch marks

PRIZE PRESENTATIONS & PRIZE GIVING EVENING

Prize giving takes place regularly during the golfing season. For our major competitions open and invitations days, the prize giving follows the finish of play. For most other competitions, the prize giving usually takes place at the end of the playing season on a dedicated prize-giving evening. Details of these are on result sheets and notice boards. If you have played in a competition, please support the prize giving. If you are lucky enough to be a winner but cannot attend, then remember to send your apologies beforehand or find a friend to collect your prize on your behalf.

For competitors of the following Captains Day, Presidents Day, Ramsay Nicholson, and our Club Championships.

Winners of any prizes (ex NTP's) must attend the specific prize-giving event to collect their prize(s), or forfeit their win; unless an apology of good reason has been communicated to the General Manager in advance of the prizegiving.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES PLAYING RESTRICTIONS

The Captains Days and Presidents Day are exempt from restrictions and are at the discretion of the Captains / President. (Credit based membership will use credits to play)

FULL & INTERMEDIATE	Full members can play any time Monday to Sunday. Can represent Club in matches and play in all competitions. This includes Juniors with a handicap of less than 36.
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RESTRICTED	May play Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) anytime and Saturdays and Sundays after 4.00pm (summer time) 2.00pm (winter time). Can represent Club in matches and play in all competitions. There is a £10.00 charge to play outside these times in a competition.
FAIRWAYS	Can represent Club in matches and play in all competitions only 7 days after BRS sheet has gone live. (Must sign in at Pro Shop each time you play).
PART PLAY	Can play in non-cup medals or stableford competitions and mixed competitions. Can only play after 12.00pm at weekends. There is a £10.00 charge to play outside these times in a competition (must sign in at Pro Shop each time you play).
FLEXIBLE	Flexible members receive 20 credits per year. Rounds cost 2 credits to play before 12pm and 1 credit to play after 12.00pm Flexible members can only play in mixed, monthly medal/stablefords and fun competitions. Can represent Club in matches (must sign in at Pro Shop each time you play)
ACADEMY	Available to beginner golfers and limited to 24 months total. No competition access
COUNTRY	Can only play in medals & stableford competitions. Maximum handicap requirement of 24 for men and 30 for ladies. There is a £30.00 charge to play in a board competition.
OVERSEAS	Can represent Club in matches and play in all competitions.
TWILIGHT	No competition access

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