

Terms of Competitions

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1. Introduction

(a) The Rules of Golf effective January 2023 applies. These Terms of Competition apply to the running of all Club competitions.

(b) All members please note that these updated Terms of Competition come into effect on Saturday 4th March 2023. The Committee is responsible for their application and enforcement. Note that where the 'Committee' is referred to this is, normally, the Competition Convener's Committee in charge of running the competitions and not the Club Council.

2. Competitions

These Terms apply generally to all club competitions. The structure of club competitions other than standard singles competitions is set out in supplementary Terms of Competitions dealing with eligibility, entry requirements and dates, and format, including handicap allowance, eg, Winter League, Eclectic etc. The structure of competitions, such as the monthly medal, is set out in an annual schedule and may be amended from time to time.

3. Time Sheet

(a) All members are reminded that they have booked a tee-time to play in the competition.

(b) The permanent timesheet will be published twice a year. Once in March (Summer) and once in September (Winter). All times will be uploaded to BRS online booking system. (Names can be added or removed by contacting the Competition Convener prior to the sheet being published)

(c) It is the responsibility of the member to remove his name from the time-sheet each time he knows that he doesn't intend to play on a particular day.

(d) Cancellation of a booking should take place before 4-00 pm on the day before the competition concerned, for example on the Friday evening for Saturday competitions. Bookings are accepted online until 10-00pm. Late cancellation is unfair to others who wish to make a late booking. Cancellations will also be taken by telephone or in person until close of business, on the day before the competition.

(e) Any competitor who fails to turn up on the day of competition without removing their name or contacting the office in advance may at the discretion of the Committee, face suspension from future club competitions and removal from the timesheet.

(f) Members who contact the club on the day of the competition itself because they are unable to play will be asked to say why they are unable to play. Any explanation given will be noted and the facts will be considered by the Committee before a decision is taken as to whether or not the player will face suspension from future club competitions.

(g) Members may only add, remove or change the name of another member on the timesheet with the express permission of that member – failure to observe this rule may, at the discretion of the Committee, result in suspension of the member from future club competitions.

(h) Exceptions to this are Open days (Booked Online) and Captain's / President Day which have their own arrangements

4. Tee Off Time

(a) All competitors should report to the shop and starter, having paid the appropriate entry fee, be on the first tee and ready to commence play five minutes before the allotted starting time.

(b) The penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification except that if a player arrives at the first tee ready to play within 5 minutes after his starting time or plays no more than five minutes early, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of two strokes at the first hole (stroke play) or loss of first hole (match play). If the Committee decides that exceptional circumstances prevented player from starting there is no penalty. Rules of Golf 5.3.

5. Scorecards

(a) The competition must be paid for prior to commencing play. All scorecards must have the computer printout label. They should be fully completed including competition name, player's name, handicap and date. The player must ensure that his handicap is recorded on his score card before it is returned and is accurate. Failure to do so may result in disqualification – see Rules of Golf, Rule 3.3b (4).

(4). All cards must be marked by a player with an official GUI/ILGU handicap. In the case of a Junior marker they must be eligible to compete in the competition for which the card is being marked.

(b) Marker responsibility: After each hole the marker should

- Check the gross score with the player and record it on the scorecard.
- On completion of the round he must sign the score card and return it to the player.
- If the player had more than one marker each marker must certify the scores for the holes he marked – Rule 3.3b (1).

(c) Players responsibility: On completion of the round the player should

- Check his score for each hole and raise any issues with the marker first and then the Committee if need be.
- He must ensure that the marker has signed the score card,
- Must not change a hole score entered by a marker except with the marker's agreement or the Committees approval,
- Sign the score card himself and, promptly
- Return it to the Committee.
- The player must not change the scorecard after he has returned it to the committee.
- The penalty for breach of Rules of Golf 3.3b (2) is disqualification.

(d) Returning of scorecards: A score card is normally considered to have been returned to the Committee when it has been entered in the computer and posted in the letter box in the bar area.

(e) All scores on the scorecard must normally be entered into the computer. Failure to do so may result in suspension from future club competitions.

(f) Final result: The result of the competition is final, when all results have been posted on the noticeboard or online. In match play the result of a match is final when the result is officially recorded on the competition score sheet in the hallway. Appeals of the result can be made to the Committee

6. Pace of Play

(a) A player must play without undue delay and in accordance with the following pace of play guidelines. Slow play must be avoided and the guidelines for Ready Golf applied (see the notice board). The pace of play in a Saturday competition is that of a four-ball. The time allowed for completion of 18 Holes is 4 hours 15 minutes.

(b) Any four-ball that falls more than one hole behind the four-ball in front is required to call through the match behind - offenders may, at the discretion of the Committee, face suspension from future Club competitions.

7. General

(a) Qualifying competitions: All singles competitions (subject to course conditions) on the fixture list from April onwards will be qualifying competitions for handicap purposes unless otherwise indicated on the timesheet for the day in question.

(b) Prizes: Where a prize giving is arranged for the evening of the competition, any prize winner who is not present will, at the discretion of the Committee, forfeit any prize for which they are eligible.

(c) A player with a new HC must have played 6 competitions before they can be in the top three prizes.

(d) Players are required to repair pitch marks, replace divots and rake bunkers, leaving rake inside the of the bunkers edge.

(e) Match play matches must not be combined with Saturday / Sunday competitions, unless approved in advance by the Committee.

8. Captain's Day competition.

For a player to be eligible to win the Captain's prize on Captain's Day, he must have played in six (6) club qualifying competitions during the current season.

9. Club Championship competitions

(a) The club run the following competitions with the responsible on the member to enter and pay prior to the entry closing date.

- Salver - Open to all golfers - Maximum handicap 18 - Full shots
- Tolite - Open to 18+ golfer - Minimum handicap 18 - Full shots
- McElwane Belt Pairs - 90% of handicap from the lowest player

(b) When the draw is made, the onus is on each player/ team to share their contact details with the other player/ team and arrange the match asap.

(c) Each round must be played before the finish date for that round. Failure to complete the match before the date will result in both players/team being disqualified from the competition. In exceptional circumstance the Committee may allow an extension.

9. Local Rules

(a) Local Rules for the course can be found on the scorecard or posted on the notice boards in the locker room. They must be complied with. Additional local rules may be posted by the Committee at any time and it is the player's responsibility to be aware of them.

10. Competition Prizes

(a) The Men's Committee have decided to award prizes in each competition and this has been published online and posted on the notice boards. If the minimum number is not met, the Competition Convener will determine the value of the prize fund and how it is to be distributed. This is usually 50% of the income of the competition.

Note; no player may win more than one prize; prizes will be allocated in value order and they will take into account the number of players competing.

This prize listing may be changed for specific competitions.

(b) Draws will be decided in a count back for all competition, starting with

- Better back nine (BB9)
- Better last six (BL6)
- Better last three (BL3)
- Best last hole (BLH)
- Better last six, front nine (BL6FN)
- Better last three, front nine (BL3FN)
- Best last hole, front nine (BLHFN)
- If still not sorted after the above, a draw will be declared, and the average of the prizes shared between the prize winners effected.

11. Breaches of Club Conditions: Suspensions

(a) Members who breach the following club conditions may, at the discretion of the Committee, be suspended from all Club competitions and timesheet

- Enter their name on time sheet and fail to appear for the competition,
- Remove their name from timesheet on the day of the Competition without providing an adequate reason.
- Add, remove or change the name of another member on the timesheet without their express permission
- Fail to call through the match behind after falling more than one hole behind the four-ball in front.
- Fail to enter their score into the computer and return their card to the Committee following completion of round.