

**Clwb Golff
Caernarfon
Golf Club**

**Competition Information,
Rules
and Regulations**

1. Introduction

This document sets out the general arrangements and rules for the running of Men's and Ladies competitions at Clwb Golff Caernarfon Golf Club. It covers all competitions under the auspices of the Handicap and Competitions Committee (HCC). All competitions shall be played under the "Rules of Golf" which shall prevail.

2. Responsibilities

The HCC is responsible for the arrangement and running of Men's and Ladies competitions. Any dispute regarding the running of a competition shall be referred to the HCC whose decision shall be final. Individual Members are responsible for familiarising themselves with competition arrangements and rules and for acting in accordance with them.

3. Eligibility

All single stroke play competitions (Medals, Stableford and Bogey) will be run as qualifying competitions for handicap purposes wherever possible. All Foursomes, Greensomes, Betterball, AM AM, Scramble and all Match play (Knock Out) competitions are Non Qualifying Competitions.

All class of Members will be allowed to enter club events, subject to the following:

- a) having paid their annual subscription fee by the due date;
- b) Country, Second Club, Pay and Play, Social, Play More Golf, New2Golf, Back2Golf or golf initiative members are not permitted to win Board/Major events as defined;

- c) have an official World Handicap System Index;
- d) maximum permitted **Playing Handicap** to win all Men's competitions is 28;
- e) maximum permitted **Playing Handicap** to win all Ladies competitions is 40;
- f) maximum permitted **Course Handicap** to enter the Ladies Thompson Bowl knockout is 40 i.e. maximum **World Handicap System Index 36.3**;
- g) Junior members reaching Category 3 World Handicap System Index status may play and win club events (including Major/Board Events), subject to paying the respective entry fee. Juniors must play and have their card marked by an Adult Member who qualifies the competition eligibility criteria.

Note 1 – New Members who provide a WHS Index from their previous Club will be allocated their current handicap index at the date of joining.

Note 2 – New Members without a WHS Index - to obtain a WHS Index, a golfer must submit scorecards of 54 holes (3x18, 6x9 or any combination of 9 and 18 holes) on their home course. The maximum handicap available to all golfers is 54.

Note 3 – Members must have competed in at least 3 stroke play events (excluding Winter League) at Clwb Golff Caernarfon Golf Club in the preceding 12 month period prior to the competition date in order to be able to win Major/Board competitions. Certain exemptions may be given in exceptional circumstances, for example health reasons, and applications must be made in writing to the HCC whose decision shall be final.

Note 4 – World Handicap System Index categories are:

- Category 1 – Handicap 5 or less
- Category 2 – 6 to 12 inclusive
- Category 3 – 13 to 20 inclusive
- Category 4 – 21 to 28 inclusive
- Category 5 – 29 to 36 inclusive
- Category 6 – 37 to 54 inclusive

Note 5 – All external competitions run by Wales Golf or other Unions will adopt their own handicap limits.

4. Entering Competitions

- a) Men - an entry sheet for each Competitions shall be posted on BRS which will open for entries at 7pm Friday the week before the competition (except when the competition is designated as a draw for partners event where an entry sheet will be displayed on the competitions notice board in the clubhouse).
- b) Ladies - an entry sheet for each Competitions shall be posted on BRS which will open for entries at 7pm Monday the week before the competition.
- c) Men - Competition entry closes at Midday on Friday the day before the competition starts (except when the competition is designated as a draw for partners event where a closing date will be published on the entry sheet)
- d) Ladies - Competition entry closes at Midday on Monday the day before the competition starts.
- e) When an event is played over two days, **including alternate day competitions**, any Member wishing to play outside the allotted competition times (as set out in point 11), **must enter their name** on the BRS starting sheet and

inform our Professional beforehand of their intention to enter the competition.

- f) If a Member has been away representing the Club, County or Country in official golfing events they may be allowed to enter a Competition on the day (should there be any restrictions for the competition entry).
- g) A Member may enter an event on the day of Competition by telephoning the Professional, subject to tee time availability.
- h) A Member may not alter their tee time once they have entered an event and the entry has been closed.
- i) With Alternate Day events, Members may not alter the day of playing in the event once they have entered and the entry has been closed.

5. Withdrawals and Altering a Start Time for Competitions

Any Member may withdraw their name before the Competition closing time via the BRS system (up-to 12pm the day before the competitor starts) or after this time, in person or by telephoning the Professional Shop at least 10 minutes before your original start time. Once withdrawn after the closing time, a member may not re-enter the competition.

Altering your start time may be done up-to the Competition closing time (12pm the day before) and may not be altered on the day of the Competition, unless by agreement with the Professional.

6. Failure to Make a Start Time

Any player/member failing to make their start time will receive a 2 shot penalty, if within 5 minutes, or will be disqualified from the competition if failure is after 5 minutes. Rule of Golf 5.3a applies.

If a member/player fails to make a start time and has not withdrawn his/her name from the competition list, the HCC reserve the right to refuse entry of the member/player from future club events.

7. Practicing on the Golf Course before a Competition

Players may not practice on the golf course before their stipulated round on the day of a competition, except if playing in a Matchplay.

8. Practice Areas

Players may only Practice from the allocated areas before a Competition.

9. Putting and Chipping Greens

Chipping is only permitted on the top practice green along with Bunker practice. The lower Green is for Putting only and no chipping is allowed onto this green.

10. Local Rules

Local Rules are published on the Club's score card.

Temporary Local Rules shall be published on the Notice Board outside the Men's Locker Room.

It is the responsibility of the player to be aware of all Local Rules, whether permanent or temporary.

11. Competition Days and Times

Men's competitions over the **summer** months will be played on **Saturdays** and **Ladies** competitions on **Tuesdays**, except when an **event is played over 36 holes or where a competition is designated as an Alternate Day event.**

The allotted tee times for competitions are as follows (subject to change as determined by the HCC):

Men's – Saturdays 07.30hrs to 13.30hrs (April to October)

Men's – Saturdays 08.00hrs to 13.00hrs (November to March)

Ladies – Tuesdays 09.30hrs to 11.00hrs (April to October)

Ladies – Tuesdays 10.00hrs to 11.30hrs (November to March)

Member will be permitted to book a tee for competitions outside the allotted competition times (excluding competitions which are designated as a draw for partners event). This must be done either in person or by telephone with the Professional stating your intention to enter the competition. However, no Member will be permitted to tee off before 07.30hrs.

The Winter League programme will be run on Saturdays and Sundays for Men. Competitors will be allowed certain flexibility during the winter months regarding tee times etc. The exact rules governing the Winter League will be published prior to commencement of the Winter League.

12. Entry Fees

Entry fees shall be determined by the HCC and shall be paid as prescribed in the relevant Competition Notice.

Any competitor whose entry fee is not paid before starting will be disqualified. The score card will not be entered into the competition, nor will it be eligible for the 2s competition.

13. Starting Tee

Play in Competitions and matches shall start at the 1st Tee, unless otherwise stated on the entry sheet or in the Competition details.

14. Tee Markers

Play shall commence from the White Tee markers for Men and Red Tee markers for Ladies, unless otherwise stated.

15. Abandonment of Competitions

If a competition is abandoned due to course closure the result will stand if 25% or more of all entrants have completed their rounds, otherwise the competition will be cancelled/postponed and all entry fees will be credited to the Club Membership Cards accordingly.

Every effort will be made to reschedule the event at a later date in the calendar.

16. Method to be Used to Decide Ties (Stroke Play)

In the event of a tie over 18 holes, the winner shall be the person having the best score or best number of points over the following holes:

Holes 10 to 18 inclusive

Holes 13 to 18 inclusive

Holes 16 to 18 inclusive

Hole 18

Holes 4 to 9 inclusive

Holes 7 to 9 inclusive

With 36 holes, the best second round 18 hole score will be deemed the winner. If the scores are still tied, the above formula will be applied to the second round 18 hole card.

17. Scorecards

Score Cards **MUST** be returned in competitions (including NRs) and scores must be entered on the computer as soon as you have completed your round. Once entered on the computer, place your card in the appropriate competition box (Men - in the spike bar; Ladies – outside ladies locker room).

In all circumstances, it is the responsibility of the player to ensure the correct score and handicap are entered on the score card and signed by both the competitor and the marker, as well as complying with the rules of golf, *otherwise disqualification may occur*.

Anyone who has a “no return” on a hole should continue to enter their score on the following holes.

All scorecards must be legible and any cards that are re-written must have the original attached.

Any player who fails to return their scorecard and/or fails to enter the score on the computer on more than one occasion, may be asked to appear before the Competition Committee when sanctions may be applied.

18. Suspension of Play

In the event of Lightning or adverse weather conditions making the course unplayable, for any Competition, a Klaxon will be sounded with one prolonged distinct blast. When the Klaxon is sounded (one prolonged note) players must immediately mark their ball and leave the course. ***A player completing the hole or taking any other shots after the Klaxon has sounded will be disqualified.***

Play will resume once the danger has passed, or conditions improve, and the Klaxon will be sounded with two short distinct blasts to restart play. It may be necessary to abandon the competition, this will be decided by the Committee taking in to account the weather forecast, the period of remaining daylight, the number of competitors completed and the state of the course, this will be signified with three distinctive blasts from the Klaxon.

19. Buggies

Use of sit-on Buggies is permitted in all Competitions, providing there are no Local Rules in place preventing the use of buggies.

20. Notification of Competition Results

As soon as possible after the competition, the HCC will determine and publicise the result. This is usually done by email to all competitors and results will also be published on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse/Ladies Competition File.

21. Competition Prizes (Men's)

Men's competitions will pay out prize money which will be credited on the Club Membership Card in two Divisions throughout the year. 50% of the entry fee will be retained by the Club and 50% allocated to the prize pot for the competition.

Division 1 will be for players with a **Playing Handicap** of 13 or less (i.e. Course Handicap x 95% allowance) and Division 2 will be for players with a **Playing Handicap** of 14 and above (i.e. Course Handicap x 95% allowance).

Prize money will be paid out in each Division equally according to the formula below:

1st – 25%

2nd – 15%

3rd – 10%

2s ball sweep is optional in all competitions and will be run separately by the Professional. The 2s prize money will be credited to your account with the Professional and only redeemed in the Professional's Shop.

Any funds on your Club Membership Card can be redeemed in the Clubhouse Bar (excluding food and hot beverages), Membership Subscriptions, Hire of Buggy or at the Professional's Shop.

22. Individual Competitions

Competitors will be allowed 95% of their course handicap in all individual stroke play events.

23. Conditions for all Knockout Competitions

- 1: All Rounds to be played off White Tees for Men and Red Tees for Ladies over 18 Holes, in Singles and Better Ball Matchplay.
- 2: It is the responsibility of both players/pairs to arrange their match once their opponents are known and before the final date for that round.
- 3: Handicap Allowances – Individual Matchplay - Full Allowance
Better-Ball Matchplay - 90% of Course Handicap Difference taken from lowest Player.
- 4: If a match is “All Square” after 18 Holes the match will then be decided by “sudden death” commencing on the 1st hole. Shots given will continue over extra hole(s) as per the scorecard.
- 5: If a match cannot be arranged before the round’s deadline date, then the match must be played at **4pm** on the final date. If neither player/pair appears both will be eliminated. If one player/pair appears they walk over. In no circumstance will there be any waiver of this condition.

24. Prompt Pace of Play (Rule of Golf 5.6b)

A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace.

Your pace of play is likely to affect how long it will take other players to play their rounds, including those in your group and those following groups. **You are encouraged to allow faster groups to play through.**

Pace of Play – you should play at a prompt pace throughout the round, including the time taken to:

- Prepare for and make each stroke,
- Move from one place to another between strokes, and

- Move to the next teeing area after completing a hole.

When it is your turn to play:

- It is recommended that you make the stroke in no more than 40 seconds after you are (or should be) able to play without interference or distraction, and
- You should usually be able to play more quickly than that and are encouraged to do so.

On the Green:

- Judge the line of your putt at the same time as other player(s) – don't wait until it is your turn to putt to look at the line,
- You can elect to leave the pin in the hole when putting on the green,
- In medal play, if your putt finishes close to the hole, follow up and tap in immediately,
- When the first player has puttied out, he/she should collect the pin ready to put back, after the other players(s) have completed the hole,
- After putting, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee,
- **Mark your card when you get to the next tee**, whilst ensuring that you are ready to take your turn to tee off.

25. Ready Golf

The HCC actively promotes “ready golf” in stroke play competitions in order to speed up the pace of play. Competitors are encouraged to play out of turn in a safe and responsible way, such as when:

- You agree with another player to do so for convenience or to save time,

- Your ball comes to rest a very short distance from the hole and you wish to hole out, or
- You are ready to play and able to play before another player whose turn it is to play under normal order of play, so long as in playing out of turn you do not endanger, distract or interfere with any other player.

26. Men's Major/Board Events:

- Opening Trophy
- President's Cup (see Note 1)
- Graham Davies Trophy
- Dr Lewis Cup (see Note 2)
- Turner Cup (see Note 3)
- Bill Jones Trophy
- Trevor Matthews Trophy
- Captain's Day
- Scratch Cup (Club Championship)
- Scratch Cup (Matchplay) (see Note 4)
- Lake Cup
- Glyn and Mary Edwards Salvers
- Vice President's Cup

The winners of the above events and the winners of the following competitions will be eligible to compete in the end of season Men's Champion of Champions Competition:

- Meurig Evans Trophy,
- Easter Cup,
- Captain Ifor Ellis Trophy,
- Professional's Trophy,
- John Davies Memorial Cup,
- Union Centenary Cup,

- Diamond Cup
- Union Tankard

Note 1 – The top 8 scores from the Qualifying Competition will proceed to singles Matchplay knockout. The winner of the Qualifier will play against the 8th placed person; 2nd against 7th; 3rd against 6th and 4th against 5th.

Note 2 – The top 16 scores from the Qualifying Competition (Playing Handicap 13 or less i.e. Course Handicap x 95% allowance) will proceed to singles Matchplay knockout. A draw will be made to determine opponents.

Note 3 - The top 16 scores from the Qualifying Competition (Playing Handicap 14 and above i.e. Course Handicap x 95% allowance) will proceed to singles Matchplay knockout. A draw will be made to determine opponents.

Note 4 - The top 8 scores from the Qualifying Competition will proceed to singles Matchplay knockout. The winner of the Qualifier will play against the 8th placed person; 2nd against 7th; 3rd against 6th and 4th against 5th.

A&G Trophy – the top 16 pairs in the Qualifying Competition will proceed to the Matchplay knockout stage. A draw will be made to determine opponents.

27. Ladies Major Trophy/Board Competitions:

- Lady Captain's Day
- Lady President's Competition
- Brymer Cup (see note 1)
- Thompson Bowl
- Glyn & Mary Edwards Salver
- Howell Williams
- Griffith Evans

- Nancy Frazer Bowl
- Tyn Lon Volvo Cup
- Copperwaite Cup
- Beti Matthews Salver
- Hefin Griffiths Cup
- Nan Jones
- Charity Cup
- Skilton Cup
- St Teilo Trophy
- Howarth Trophy (Summer Stableford - best 3 scores)

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