



# **Competition Information and Rules**

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## **Introduction**

This document sets out the general arrangements and rules for the running 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 in accordance with current edition of the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.

## **Responsibilities**

The HCC is responsible for the arrangement and running of all club 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.

## **Eligibility**

All single stroke play competitions (Medals, Stableford and Bogey) will be run as qualifying competitions for handicap purposes wherever possible.

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 and New to Club/Golf category members are not permitted to win Board Competitions as defined;
- c) have an official World Handicap Index;
- d) maximum Handicap Index for Men to win Board Competitions (or qualify for the match play stage in a Board Competition) is 28.5;

- e) maximum Handicap Index for Women to win Board Competitions is 37.5 (eligibility to enter the Thompson Bowl match play knockout is a Handicap Index of 37.5);
- f) players with a higher Handicap Index than those stipulated in (d) and (e) above will be allowed to enter a Board Competition and their scores will be adjusted to reflect the maximum permitted handicap allowance;
- g) to be eligible to win Board Competitions you must have a minimum of 12 scores on your handicap record with a minimum of 3 of those cards returned in an official handicap qualifying competition within rolling 12 months of the competition date;
- h) Junior members reaching Category 3 World Handicap Index status may play in club competitions. Juniors must have their card marked by an adult member who meets the competition eligibility criteria.

Note 1 – New Members who provide a World Handicap Index from their previous Club will be allocated their current handicap index and arrangements will be made to transfer their handicap record across to Clwb Golff Caernarfon Golf Club.

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

Note 3 – WHS Handicap 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

### **Entering Competitions**

- a) An entry sheet for each Competitions shall be posted on BRS which will open at a specific time (usually one week prior to the competition).
- b) All players entering their names in any specified competition time slots **MUST** enter the competition.
- c) Alternate Day Competitions – in any competitions run over two days players will have the flexibility to switch the day that they wish to play. However, as per Rule (b) above all players playing in the competition timeslot on Day 1 **MUST** enter on Day 1. Breach of this rule will result in disqualification.
- d) If a player is unable or decides not to play in the competition after entry, the player **MUST** withdraw their name from the BRS competition timesheet. Players who consistently fail to turn up to play without removing their name from the BRS system will be referred to the HCC where sanctions may be applied;
- e) Members have the flexibility to change their tee times in competitions and may do so by amending the BRS booking (members may alter their booking up to the tee time);
- f) All players must sign-in and enter a competition on Handicap Master (unless otherwise stated) prior to their round. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that they have adequate funds in their competition purse to pay the entry fee;

- g) Players may enter a competition outside the allocated competition time slots but must sign-in to enter the competition on Handicap Master prior to their round;
- h) Competition entry fees will include entry to the two's sweep for individual/pairs (excluding Texas Scrambles) in men's competitions.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Practice Areas**

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

### **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.

### **Entry Fees**

Entry fees shall be determined by the HCC and shall be paid on sign-in/entry to a competition by all entrants via a competition purse held on Handicap Master (unless otherwise stated in the competition terms).

*Any competitor whose entry fee is not paid before starting will be disqualified.*

### **Starting Tee**

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

### **Tee Markers**

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

### **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.

### **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.

## **Scorecards**

Score Cards **MUST** be returned in competitions (including NRs) and scores must be entered on the Handicap Master system. Once entered on the computer, place your card in the competition box in the spike bar. Failure to return your card in the competition box will result in *disqualification*.

In all circumstances, it is the responsibility of the player to ensure the correct score and name 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 consistently fails to return a score in competitions, will be referred to the HCC where sanctions and/or penalty scores may be applied in accordance with GB&I handicapping rules.

## **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.

### **Distance Measuring Devices**

Distance measuring devices may be used in all club competitions, but any elevation change feature, wind speed etc must not be used and any such functions on a device should be deactivated (Rule 4.3 – penalties are described on page 48 of the Rules).

Since the distance between two objects is information and not advice, such information may be shared between players.

### **Buggies**

Buggies may be used in all competitions, providing there are no Local Rules in place preventing the use of buggies.

### **Notification of Competition Results**

As soon as possible after the competition, the HCC will determine and publicise the result.

### **Competition Prizes**

#### **1. Men's Competitions**

Men's competitions will pay out prize money after each competition which will be credited on the Club Membership Card.

The competition entry fee will include a fee paid to the club for entry (usually £1.50) and £1 entry to a 2s ball sweep. The remainder of the money will be allocated as a prize fund to be divided equally between two divisions by using the following formula:

1<sup>st</sup> – 25%

2<sup>nd</sup> – 15%

3<sup>rd</sup> – 10%



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.

## **2. Ladies Competitions**

Prizes for Ladies competitions will be decided by agreement between the HCC and Ladies Panel and awarded at the Ladies Annual Presentation.

## **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% 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and their opponent(s) are not on the tee by **4.05pm** they claim the match. In no circumstance will there be any waiver of this condition.

### **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 putt out, he 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.

### **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.

### **Men’s 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

### **Men's Trophy/Cup Events**

- Meurig Evans Trophy
- Friction Technology 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 8<sup>th</sup> placed person; 2<sup>nd</sup> against 7<sup>th</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> against 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> against 5<sup>th</sup>.

Note 2 – The top 16 scores from the Qualifying Competition will proceed to singles Matchplay knockout. A draw will be made to determine opponents.

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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 8<sup>th</sup> placed person; 2<sup>nd</sup> against 7<sup>th</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> against 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> against 5<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### **Women's Board Competitions:**

- Lady Captain's Day
- Lady President's Competition
- Brymer Cup (see note 1)
- Thompson Bowl (see note 2)
- Glyn & Mary Edwards Salver
- J Howell Williams
- Griffith Evans Trophy

### **Women's Trophy/Cup Competitions:**

- 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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Note 2 – Singles Matchplay knockout competition. A draw will be made to determine opponents.