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TERMS OF COMPETITION

The Competitions Committee is responsible for framing and interpreting conditions for competitions. Their decisions are binding in all matters relating to competition, including postponement, cancellation and alteration of dates, conditions and types of competitions.

TIME SHEET RULES

The timesheet for closed Tuesday competitions will be available at 21.20 on the Tuesday one week prior to the competition. The timesheet for closed weekend competitions will be available at 21.20 on the Friday one week prior to the competition. The timesheet for open competitions will be available 2 weeks prior to the competition.

Juvenile girls may play in Tuesday competitions any time up to 16.00 and may book online from the previous Tuesday. Juvenile girls playing in adult competitions at the weekend can only be added to the timesheet via the pro-shop the day before the competition

TIME SHEET ETIQUETTE

It is always expected that members treat each other with respect. This also applies to our time sheets. If you are unavailable to play on a particular day, then ensure you remove yourself from the time sheet at the earliest opportunity, at the latest by 4pm on the day prior to the Time Sheet slot, to make the space free for other members.

However, if there is a last-minute change of plan and you see that you are leaving another member with no marker, please attempt to make contact with them to ensure they can update their plans or at least make contact with the pro-shop so that they can take action to help rearrange things.

The Committee will have the discretion to implement sanctions to any member who displays regular inappropriate timesheet etiquette.

ENTERING THE COMPETITION

Entry to all Ladies closed club competitions is open to any Adult category players with relevant playing rights. A maximum World Handicap Index of 40 will apply to all Ladies Competitions including Open Competitions.

Un-established Indices

Un-established handicap indices (less than 20 acceptable scores), are capped at 40, for all events through the calendar year. Ladies with an Un-established Handicap Index may play/enter in Competitions with a Maximum Handicap Index of 40 and be eligible to win a prize (with the exception of the following competitions, where a Novice prize may be introduced if numbers allow):

- Lady Captain's Prize
- President's Prize to the Ladies
- Captain's Prize to the Ladies
- Medal i.e. Silver and Bronze medal events.
- Lady Vice Captain's Prize
- Professional's Prize to the Ladies.

Once a member holds a fully formed WHS Handicap Index (20 acceptable scores), where the most recent four scores occurred within the previous 12 months, they are eligible to win any prize of the day.

Similarly, all Visitors holding a fully formed WHS Index where the most recent four scores occurred within the previous 12 months are welcome to play in Open Competitions. In the event a visitor wins a prize, they will be required to show evidence of above. Where a visitor presents to compete in an Open Competition from any Country other than Ireland, England or Wales a WHS Handicap Certificate should be presented.

Prior to play, entrants must have the required credit on their card in order to complete their entry on the computer. The Competition fee will be deducted from their card. If the computer is not working, the Committee will charge the competition fee prior to closing the competition.

Major Days and Golfer of the Year

For Ladies there are three Major competitions.

- 1. Lady Captain's Prize**
- 2. Captain's Prize**
- 3. President's Prize**

In addition to the above conditions of entry already noted, to be eligible to win 1st prize in a major Competition, a player must have been a full member of Balbriggan Golf Club for the previous 12 months. This also applies to the Golfer of the Year.

Juvenile girls will not be eligible to win 1st prize in Lady Captain's Prize, Captain's Prize, President's Prize, Lady Vice Captain's and Professional's Prize. The maximum prize available to Juveniles will be equal to the class prize of the day, no more than €50 for Majors and €20 in regular competitions should they finish in any of the prizes. Juvenile girls playing in Ladies competitions must play off Max Handicap Index 40 (Juvenile girls pay the full competition entry fee and are eligible to win any prize in a fourball or foursomes competition with an adult).

Golfer of the Year

Please refer to separate Golfer of the Year notice for counting competitions.

Lady Overseas Members

Lady Overseas Members can play in all Club Competitions.

Lady Overseas Members cannot win 1st, 2nd or Gross Prize in Major competitions

Lady Overseas Members can play Medal Competitions but cannot win the Medal.

Format

The format of each competition will be configured on the computer, including sign-in.

Tuesday golf

Players go out in a 3 ball. Players are requested to play in the Ladies competition slots.

Marker

A “Marker” is one who is appointed by the Committee to record a competitor’s score in stroke play. They may be a fellow-competitor. They are not a referee. For our competitions, a Marker must be affiliated to Golf Ireland or PGA to be a Marker. Affiliation to one of the other CONGU home country associations is also acceptable.

SIGNING CARDS

Singles competitions: Player and Marker as per the Rules of Golf.

4 Ball/2 Person Teams: One of the Players and Marker from among players opposite.

3 or 4 Person Teams: The person who marks the card and one other team member indicating agreement with the Marker’s scores.

Failure to comply with these conditions for signing the card will result in disqualification from the competition.

Returning of Cards

- The Committee requests the Player to put their name on their scorecard.
- The Player must record their gross score for each hole.
- Players are encouraged to put their Playing Handicap on the scorecard.
- The card is signed by the player and the marker as per the Rules of Golf.
- The Committee requests that players enter scores into the computer (when in use). When entering your score on the computer, ensure it corresponds with the score on your card.
- All cards, whether completed or not, must be returned to the competition box beside the score return monitor in the locker room. Players must place scorecards into competition box as soon as possible after completing play. A card once deposited in the competition box may never be retrieved or altered.

Applying a penalty score for Non-Return of Cards

All scorecards must be returned. In a situation where a player fails to submit a score from an authorised format of play in a timely manner, an automated penalty process through the club software or the Golf Ireland app will be applied. The Club Handicap Secretary can override this if they think it is warranted. This action comes under rule 7.1. The prompt submission of acceptable scores from authorized formats of play is an important part of ensuring the integrity of a player’s Handicap Index.

RESOLVING TIES

In 18 hole competitions, ties shall be decided on the back 9, 6, 3, 1 hole(s). If still a tie decide on last 3,6,7,8 holes of front 9

In 12 hole competitions, ties shall be decided on the last holes 9, 6, 3, 1 hole(s) played.

In 9 hole competitions, ties shall be decided on the last 6, 3, 1 holes(s).

In 9 hole combined competitions, ties shall be decided on the last 6, 3, 1 holes of the nine holes played.

If still a tie for any of above decide by lot.

NUMBERS CONSTITUTING A COMPETITION

6 players constitute a competition for prizes.

Prizes will vary according to the number of Players.

One player constitutes a competition for the Golf Ireland Medals i.e. Silver and Bronze.

MISCELLANEOUS

'Away' qualifying scores should be recorded in the book in the drawer under the computer.

'Supplementary Scores' should be entered in the supplementary advice book, in the drawer, under the computer.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Prize winners are expected to attend Presentation of Prizes as a courtesy to our Officers, Sponsors and Members whose generosity is much appreciated. If, due to exceptional circumstances, players are unable to be present for their prizes they should nominate another person to collect the prize on their behalf. Prizes left in the Club after presentation are the responsibility of the winner and not the responsibility of any of the Committee.

PACE OF PLAY

In order to ensure respectable pace of play please ensure you keep up with those In front of you, if you lose a hole Let those behind through.

THE COMMITTEE

All disputes shall be settled by The Committee whose decision shall be final. The Committee reserves the right to alter times of starting and pairing and also appoint a Marker if necessary.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Ladies' and Men's Committees have jointly declared, as a Condition of Competition, that on the day when a 'Mixed' stroke play competition follows another competition, practice will be permitted on the competition course, prior to competing in the 'Mixed' stroke competition.

As per Rule of Golf, the Committee reserves the right to:

- Refuse any entry without assigning a reason.
- Correct any mistakes made in the checking of score cards.
- Alter the published competition or conditions of same if it is deemed necessary.
- Cancel a competition due to insufficient entries or to postpone or abandon it at any stage in exceptional circumstances if the Committee so decides.
- Set a maximum limit for play within the Terms of the Competition e.g. a maximum Handicap Index for entry or use in the Competition or a maximum Playing Handicap for entry or use in the Competition.

It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the Rules.

The prize winners will be posted on the Balbriggan Golf club website and on the notice board in the Ladies Locker room.

Balbriggan Golf Club will not be responsible for any items lost or stolen from these premises.

Please remember to bring sandbags out on the course and remember to repair pitch-marks.

MATCHPLAY RULES

In order to be eligible for entry to our club matchplay competitions, a member must have a fully developed WHS Handicap Index (20 acceptable scores) and have played in at least FOUR qualifying singles competitions in the previous year.

If a competitor's handicap is adjusted during the course of the competition, the competitor must play off her latest handicap.

From a data protection perspective, by entering the matchplay competition you are giving the office and Proshop permission to pass on your contact details to your opposition. You may also make your contact details available through the ClubV1 App, or members may write their number on the drawsheet in the locker room.

For the Mixed matchplay Men play from the White tees and Ladies play off the Red tees. Men tee off on the 1st hole.

Outside of competition time competitive matches have priority on the 1st Tee and on the Course, where normal pace of play etiquette and courtesies apply.

Responsibility for playing matches

The onus is on all players to acquaint themselves with the Draw sheet which will be on the website and the notice board.

The player(s) whose name(s) appear as the top name(s) of the match, having prime responsibility for arranging the dates, will contact the opponent(s) within 7 days of either the draw being posted (first round), or the start date for the subsequent rounds.

They shall offer at least 3 dates, not all to be consecutive and not all within the same week, but one of which must be a Saturday or Sunday.

If the player on the bottom of the draw has not been contacted within 7 days of either the draw being posted, or from the completion date of the previous round, she should contact the other player to arrange a suitable date.

In the event of it not being possible for players to arrange to play during the time stipulated for the round and not being able to agree on a result, the Competitions Committee shall eliminate both the players.

It is expected that all parties behave in a fair and equitable manner when trying to arrange their match.

Please do not enter, if you are not prepared to be flexible about dates/times.

No extension of time will be allowed for individual matches unless the course is closed on the weekend of the limit date when the Competitions Sub-Committee may allow an additional 1 weeks for completion of that and subsequent rounds.

The “Honour” is with the competitor(s) whose name(s) is highest on the competition draw list.

A match which ends “All Square” should be played-off hole by hole until one side wins a hole. The play-off should start at the hole where the match began, strokes being given or received as for the match. Players should proceed directly from the last hole to the play-off.

Winners of matches are responsible ensuring they either write their name(s) in the next round of the draw sheet or update the ClubV1 App draw sheet with the result by the completion date of that round, failure to do so will render the winner ineligible for the next round.

The Terms of Competition may be amended at any time by the committee.

All queries regarding a competition should be addressed to the Competitions/ Handicap secretary.

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