

RULES OF COMPETITIONS STROKE PLAY 2016 DEFINITIONS

1. Rules of Golf

As published by the R & A.

2. Local Rules

As published by the company and displayed on the course notice board.

3. Temporary Rules of the day

As published by the company and displayed on the course notice board.

4. Dress code

As published by the company and displayed on the course notice board.

5. Committee

The "committee" is the committee in charge of the competition and does not extend to employees of the golf shop or clubhouse.
(Exception: persons who hold a position on a committee within the club)

6. Qualifying competition

A stroke play, par or stableford competition over 18 holes from the medal tees.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. To know the Rules of Golf, Local Rules, Temporary Rules of the day and Conditions of Competition.
- b. To enter and play club competitions in accordance with the rules.
- c. To arrive at the tee within 5 minutes of the tee time.
- d. To observe the authority of the starter and course marshal and proceed as directed.
- e. To date the scorecard, recording their name and playing handicap.
- f. Sign for and return the scorecard to the committee or in the card box adjacent to the computer. To enter scores in home qualifying competitions on the handicap computer.

1. ALL RULES OF GOLF TO APPLY AS LAID DOWN BY THE R & A ST ANDREWS

2. ELIGIBILITY

Qualifier

Qualifier as relevant to appropriate sections, open to any member holding a CONGU Competition handicap. (Capitation and Union fees must be fully paid.)

Played off medal tees. May be entered for handicap purposes only.

i.e. Club or Competition handicap.

Trophy

Trophy as relevant to appropriate sections, open to members holding an active handicap. Capitation and union fees must be fully paid. May be entered for qualifying purposes only.

Non Qualifier

Played from non medal tees or as deemed by the committee.

Fun Competitions

Eligibility, entry and format as deemed by the competition organiser.

3. ENTRY

Entry must be made via the online competition system in place at the time. If required, entry may be made in the pro shop and or as per section between opening and closing date of competition. (Ladies enter names on computer unless otherwise indicated by notice in Ladies Locker Room).

Closing time relative to pro shop hours.

Opening and closing time of competitions should be 4 to 2 weeks prior to the competition.

Late entry at the discretion of the competition secretary and may depend on tee spaces.

Entry to be made by the competitor themselves.

Any player who thereafter has to withdraw must remove themselves using the online competition system in place at the time or, if the competition is closed then, inform their competition secretary or the pro shop. Failure to comply - see Starting Times and Groups.

Payment

Must be paid on day of competition (unless specified in competition entry) and prior to start of round.

4. FORMAT

As competition title or as stated on the start sheet.

5. TIMES OF STARTING AND GROUPS Qualifiers

Gents: To be drawn but may enter in time zones.

Ladies: To be drawn

Seniors: To be drawn

Juniors: To be drawn

Times may be adjusted for best use of tee times

Once a player has entered their start time it has the status of being fixed by the committee. Therefore it cannot be altered without the permission of the committee.

It is the player's responsibility to know their tee time **(Rule 6.3)**.

Trophy

Gents: To be drawn but may enter in time zones as laid down by the committee.

Ladies: To be drawn, handicap table may be applied Seniors: To be drawn

Juniors: To be drawn

Tee times may be adjusted to compact the competition.

It is the player's responsibility to know their tee time **(Rule 6.3)**

Non Qualifier

As Qualifier.

Fun Competitions

As determined by the competition organiser.

No Shows and Late Arrivals

Any player who fails to show at the 1st tee having neither removed themselves from the competition online, informed the relevant competition secretary or the pro shop will be **Disqualified and may be Banned** from all Club Qualifying Competitions for a period of 4 weeks. The ban will take immediate effect. The player may enter a competition the day after a 4 week ban e.g. banned Saturday, 4 week ban, re-enter Sunday.

Any player with a valid reason to appeal the ban should contact the Competition Secretary.

6. HANDICAPS

As competition title or as stated on start sheet.

7. DECISIONS OF TIES

Stroke Play

Count back will be used based on best back 9,6,3,1 under guidelines of R&A and CONGU. Eg. Best Nett unless gross competition.

8. PRIZES

Prizes, where monetary, will be added to the winner's accounts by sections e.g. Gents, Ladies, Seniors and Juniors as designated.

9. PRACTICE

Stroke Play

Practice is not permitted on the course on the day of any stroke play competition under **(Rule 7.1b)**

A Player is prohibited from:

- a. Practice putting or chipping on or near the green last played
- b. Rolling a ball on the green last played. **Note Rule 7.2**

10. CADDIES

The use of caddies in stroke play competition is prohibited.

In certain circumstances a caddie may be used e.g. ill health. Prior permission must be granted from the competition committee. Caddies duties are restricted to the carrying of clubs and equipment. Caddies may not give advice or coaching.

11. GOLF CARTS & MEASURING DEVICES

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the committee **Rule 33.1**.

Under **Rule 14.3** measuring devices are permitted.

Measuring devices must be for distances only. The device must not be used to measure gradients, wind speeds, temperature etc..

12. PACE OF PLAY

It is the responsibility of each player within a group to ensure a reasonable pace of play is maintained.

At any time during a competition if 1 clear hole is lost to the group in front, the group must immediately catch up, or allow the following group through. Thereafter **Rule 6-7** may apply. The leading group of the competition may be penalized under this rule if the committee consider the pace of play is not in keeping with the format of the competition or the course and conditions of the day.

13. RETURNING SCORECARDS

Under the rules of club competitions a player is obliged to ensure his or her score is entered into the computer (when open).

Any player who fails to abide by this rule **will be Disqualified and Banned** from all Stroke Play competitions for a period of 4 weeks. The ban will take immediate effect. The player may enter competitions the day after the 4 week ban. e.g. Sunday, 4 week ban, Monday.

Any player with a valid reason to appeal their ban should contact the Competition Secretary.

A card is considered returned when the player has placed it in the designated place set by the Competitions Committee.

14. INCLEMENT WEATHER

The start of a competition may be delayed by 30 minutes. Thereafter, it will be cancelled on the day by the committee.

A competition may be suspended for 30 mins. **Rule 6.8** to apply. Thereafter, it will be cancelled on the day by the committee.

Consultation and ruling for above to be made by the pro shop and committee.

Please see local rules.

Pin positions i.e. temporary greens may only be altered in advance of the lead group in the competition.

15. LOCAL RULE - INCLEMENT WEATHER - LIGHTNING General Play

Players are advised to leave the course or find suitable shelter when there is a threat of lightning.

Whenever possible a continuous note on the klaxon will be sounded and players are advised to leave the course immediately.

During Competition

Players under **Rule 6.8a ii** may leave the course if they feel there is a danger from lightning. Rule 6.8 to apply.

If there is a continuous note sounded on the klaxon play is immediately suspended. Players must, after marking the position of their ball, leave the course or find suitable shelter.

All Other Conditions

If there is a need to suspend play for any reason other than lightning there will be 2 sharp blasts on the klaxon. **Rule 6.8b** to apply.

Play may resume after 3 sharp blasts of the klaxon.

Klaxon key

- Continuous = Lightning - course closed
- 2 Sharp blasts = Play suspended
- 3 Sharp blasts = Play may resume

16. DISPUTES AND DECISIONS

All matters relating to Rules, Decisions and Disputes must be referred to the Competitions Committee, or persons authorised by said committee **ONLY**. Rules 34.1,2,3 apply. When the committee is not present the following will act on behalf of the committee.

Authorised Persons: Competition Chair

Gents Competition Secretary Ladies Competition Secretary Seniors Competition Secretary

Juniors Competition Secretary

The Competition Secretary may designate authority in their absence. Although members may seek advice from other sources, ratification must be obtained from the relevant Competition Secretary or Competition Committee **ONLY**. Formulated by all sections and verified by Executive Committee June 2009.

17. MATCH PLAY

Format and entry as per start sheets.

In all Match play competitions **RULE 12** and the statement 'Disputes and Decisions' **WILL APPLY**.

In single Tee-time match play competitions competitors have no added status on the course and may be penalised under Rule 12 if the committee considers fellow golfers have unduly been effected by their pace of play.

18. GENERAL

Rules, formats and dates may be revised or updated at any time. Any alterations must have prior approval of the Competition Committee.