

CLAYS GOLF CLUB

Members Section Constitution

1.0 Purpose.

The purpose of this constitution is to define the operations and management of the Members Section of Clays Golf Club. It is the overall members constitution and any sub-section constitutions are supplementary to it.

2.0 Objectives.

The objective of the Section is to work closely with Management to promote a friendly environment in which members can enjoy a programme of social and competitive golf within the Club and also in competition with other approved Golf Clubs, both at home and away, as well as social events at the Club. Any individual who pays the club levy becomes a member of the Members Section and therefore can be elected to club Council.

3.0 General Administration and Rules of the Section.

3.1 Council

The Members Section shall be administered by a Council whose membership (Councillors) (other than the Seniors Captain who is elected at the Seniors AGM and Management Representative who is nominated by Management) shall be proposed, seconded, and voted for at the Club Annual General Meetings (AGM). In the event of a Councillor (for whatever reason) leaving mid-year, Council may make an interim appointment to fill the vacancy until the next AGM. The Council shall consist of up to 12 Councillors occupying at least one of the following 12 designated posts: Club President, Club Captain, Club Vice-Captain, Ladies (or Men's if Club Captain is a lady) Captain, Ladies (or Men's if Club Vice-Captain is a lady) Vice-Captain, Seniors Captain, Hon Treasurer, Hon Secretary, Handicap Secretary, Competition Secretary, Junior Organiser and Management Representative. Although unusual, one person (other than the Management Representative) may occupy up to 2 of the designated posts.

To make decisions a Council meeting must have a quorum of 7 members. If a quorum is not present then Council can still meet but is not empowered to make decisions, only recommendations that have to be endorsed at the next Council meeting.

3.1.1 Term of Office

Captains and Vice-Captains shall have a term of office of 1 year once elected at the Club AGM. All other Councillors elected at the Club AGM shall have a term of office of 2 years and may stand for re-election thereafter.

Apart from Captains, who would be unopposed if Vice-Captain the previous year, all elected Council posts are open to any Club member with a proposer and seconder with the AGM deciding by secret ballot the outcome in the event of multiple candidates.

In the event of there being no candidate for Club, Ladies or Men's Captain at an AGM then a former Club, Ladies or Men's Captain (as appropriate) may offer themselves for election to serve a further term.

Council would normally nominate a candidate for Club Vice-Captain and (bi-annually) President, although this does not preclude a nomination from other members. The Council nominee for Vice-Captain would normally be someone who has previously demonstrated their commitment to the Club and its members (e.g., by holding a post on Council or other Clays Committee). The Council nominee for President would normally be a Past Captain of the Club or any of its adult sub-sections (i.e., Ladies or Seniors).

These two Council nominees are selected by Past and current Men's and Ladies Captains through a voting process organised by the Denbighshire Past Captains representative (or their nominee). This process should take place by the end of March and is documented separately for that group.

3.1.2 Duties of Office

Club President:

chairs the Club AGM; chairs the Social Sub-Committee or ensures that another Councillor performs this role; wherever possible attends internal functions and externally run competitions held at Clays as the Clubs representative; hosts a Presidents Day with prizes paid from Members Section funds up to the budgetary limit agreed by Council.

Club Captain:

is the figurehead and lead of the members of the Club; undertakes long-term co-ordination within the Club and its various sub-sections, on behalf of the members; positively promotes the image of the Club externally; chairs all meetings of the Council attempting to reach a consensus amongst the other Councillors; ensures the smooth organisation and co-ordination of the Club by the Council; liaises (together with the relevant Councillors) with Management in matters directly affecting Club members; also acts as Men's Captain (if a man) or Ladies Captain (if a lady); chair any disciplinary meetings involving a member (unless there is a conflict of interest in which case Council will appoint another Councillor as Chair).

Ladies Captain (is Club Captain if Club Captain is a lady):

represent the ladies' section within the Club; organises any ladies section meetings deemed necessary; organise Ladies Challenge Shield and Border Challenge matches; wherever possible attends internal functions and externally run ladies' competitions held at Clays and AGM's of Denbighshire and Flintshire (D&F) Ladies, WNC and Challenge Shield Organisations as the Clubs representative. Hosts (with the Men's Captain) a Captains Day with prizes and food paid from Members Section funds up to the budgetary limit agreed by Council.

Men's Captain (is Club Captain if Club Captain is a man):

represent the male members within the Club; wherever possible attend internal functions, DGU meetings and events and externally run competitions held at Clays as the Clubs representative. Hosts (with the Ladies Captain) a Captains Day with prizes and food paid from Members Section funds up to the budgetary limit agreed by Council.

Club Vice-Captain (or Men's Vice-Captain if Club Vice-Captain is a lady):

supports Club (or Men's) Captain, deputising if necessary; helps organise the Captains' drive-in with the other Vice-Captain; captains Clays DGU team in either a playing or non-

playing capacity; arranges DGU league matches and team selection; acts as main point of contact for DGU events and promote entries from Clays.

Ladies Vice-Captain (or Club Vice-Captain if a lady occupies that position):

supports Ladies Captain, deputising if necessary; helps organise the Captains' drive-in with the other Vice-Captain; if Club Vice-Captain supports Club Captain, deputising if necessary.

Hon Treasurer:

manages the Members Section Funds and Bank Accounts; advises the Council on any issue involving expenditure of Funds, or the need for change in income; and produces year-end accounts and draft budget to the AGM and interim reports to respective Council meetings; only permits expenditure authorised by Council; to ensure the relevant amount of Members levies is received and external levies such as Denbighshire Golfing Union (DGU) and Wales Golf (WG) are paid in a timely fashion; ensures fees from competitions administered by Council are received and the appropriate prize monies paid as proposed by the Hon Treasurer and agreed at Council; ensures entry fees for externally run competitions are submitted to the organiser.

Hon Secretary:

assists the Captain in his duties; organises, invites agenda items, creates an agenda and writes minutes for, both the AGM and the regular Council meetings and any additional meetings arranged other than those organised by Sub-Committee's; drafts any letters, notices or any other communications pertinent to Club members ensuring the appropriate Council agreement before publishing; post AGM notice asking for agenda items and invite nominations for open Council positions at least 28 days before the AGM; administer the Council's 'cloud' based file storage system website whose membership shall comprise all current Council members elected at the Club (or Seniors) AGM; produces a draft calendar of competitions and events for the following year, liaising with Management, all sections within the Club and DGU to ensure there are no avoidable clashes.

Handicap Secretary:

maintains all WHS handicap Indices within the Club through the timely closing of all competitions entered on to the handicap system; undertakes, with the Handicap Sub-Committee, an annual review of handicaps; allocates handicaps to new members, either by transfer from their previous Golf Club or through submission of 3 cards (to be made up of six nine hole cards, or three eighteen hole cards or a combination of these; fifty four holes in total) played on a qualifying Clays course validated by a Clays member holding a WHS handicap - any handicap allocated via card submission is invalid (resulting in retrospective disqualification from any competition) if that person fails to provide details of any previously held handicap lower than that allocated; undertakes any necessary adjustments suggested by exceptional scores or other situations after reviewing them with the Handicap Committee; ensures competitions are set-up on the computer in line with the published calendar of events. Each year the Handicap Secretary should review playing handicap boundaries within divisions and may alter the range depending on the makeup of members handicaps at the time. These divisions are formulated by Handicap secretary before playing season and endorsed by Council.

Competition Secretary:

organises all Honours Board and Monthly Medal Competitions, ensuring tees reserved as appropriate - provides an entry sheet to members for Knock-Out (KO) events and organises

the draw and dates matches to be played communicating these to entrants: ensure all KO matches are completed in good time to allow the finals to be played on the designated Finals weekend; organise KO Finals weekend tee times, starter, reception and presentation for all finalists as agreed with Council; ensure entry forms for external competitions such as DGU events are posted on the appropriate notice boards and then sent to the organiser and that the designated fee is collected from all entrants and passed to the Hon Treasurer; maintains a record of the winners of all Honours Board competitions organised by the Council. Also ensures that entries are submitted on time with the relevant fee from entrants for all external competitions.

Seniors Captain:

represents the Seniors Section at Council meetings.

Junior Organiser:

represent the Juniors at Council meetings; ensure smooth running of Junior section, including coaching and competitions; organise entries to, and adequate supervision at, Junior events organised by external bodies such as the DGU; ensure the Club adheres to all regulations relating to Juniors with supervising staff being DBS checked.

All of the above officers (except the Club Captain who only exercise their vote in the event of the other Councillors being unable to reach a decision) have equal voting rights for any motion debated and voted upon at Council meetings.

Management Representative:

represents Management at Council meetings; informs Council about any planned course or clubhouse work affecting members; can express an opinion on any matter discussed at Council and bring forward items for discussion at Council but cannot vote except on items that directly involve Management as agreed at the time.

3.2 Council Sub-Committees

There are two sub-committees that report into Council:

The Handicap & Competition Sub-Committee is chaired by the Handicap Secretary and comprises Club Captain, Ladies (or Men's) Captain, Seniors Captain, Junior Organiser, Competition Secretary and Hon Secretary. Its main meeting will be the annual handicap review, but it will also review handicap adjustments (normally via email) and consider other handicap related issues as necessary; consider KO competition schedule and resolve any disputes relating to KO deadlines and results; recommend new or replacement competitions; consider revision of local rules. Quorum for this sub-committee is 4.

The Social Sub-Committee is chaired by the President (or his nominee as approved by Council) and comprises Club Captain and/or Vice-Captain, Ladies (or Men's) Captain and/or Vice-Captain, Competition Secretary, Management Representative and up to two co-opted members approved at Council. Its purpose is to organise and promote social and charity events organised by the members and to assist, if requested, Management in their social and charity events; agree in advance with Council, the financial arrangements relating to any such events whether organised alone or jointly with Management; recommend for Council approval arrangements for major social events on the calendar (Captains' Day, Presidents Day, Presentation Night). Quorum for this sub-committee is 4 of whom at least 3 have to be Councillors.

3.3 Members Levy

All members must pay an annual club levy, which will be reviewed annually by council. In order to maintain a handicap members must also pay the Wales Golf Union levy annually. Levies to D.G.U. (Denbighshire Golf Union) or D. and F. (Denbighshire and Flintshire) and Northern Counties will be paid by male or female members respectively.

All levies must be paid by 31st March and will be collected by the Hon Treasurer.

Any members who have not paid these levies by 1st April will not be eligible to enter competitions.

3.4 Allowances

President, Club Captain and Ladies (or Men's if Club Captain a lady) Captain receive a suitably embroidered jumper and polo top as close as possible to the commencement of their term of office. President and Club Captain also receive a jacket with relevant Club badge which would normally be worn when acting as the Clubs representative as designated in their 'duties of office'.

Club Captain (if a man) receives a past Captains' tie and Ladies Captain receives a past Captain's brooch at the end of their term of office.

Club Captain and Ladies (or Men's) Captain receive free entry (not ball sweep) to all competitions except knockouts.

Hon Treasurer, Hon Secretary and Handicap Secretary receive an annual honorarium of £200 - amount and recipients to be reviewed annually. Councillors not in receipt of an honorarium are entitled to reasonable expenses up to an annual limit of £200 through submission of the appropriate expense form.

3.5 Competitions

3.5.1 Competition Eligibility

All competitions are open to any member who has paid the relevant 'Club Fees' (incorporating the Members Club Levy, Golf Union of Wales and Denbighshire Golfing Union fees, etc.). To win any prize a member must have a WHS handicap index.

The only exception to this is Honours Board, DGU or GUW competitions which are currently restricted to members of a particular sex as listed in section 4. Wherever possible these competitions will be arranged to coincide but, if this is not possible, an alternative competition will be hosted for members of the opposite sex.

In order to play in any Honours Board or Club Medal Competition, a member must have, between April 1st of the previous year and the date of playing their first match in each competition, completed and submitted scores whilst playing over 54 holes of qualifying competitions at Clays. The only exceptions to this are for a new member, who must have played 3 qualifying competitions in the previous 12 months at their former Club or where circumstances are exceptional due to say pandemic or individual illness. Any member who has been granted their first WHS handicap at Clays in the previous 12 months must also play the requisite 54 holes in Qualifying Competitions before they are eligible to win Honours Board and medal competitions. They may enter any Clays Competition (including HB and medal) of their choosing. Such an entry should be recorded at reception before play, described as 'for Clays Qualifying Purposes only'. There will be no entry fee, and no prizes may be won.

All Honours Board and medal competitions require a minimum entry of three players to be deemed a viable competition with a trophy and prizemoney. Any entry money to a competition which did not receive sufficient entries would be reimbursed.

Junior members are allowed entry to all competitions, unless they clash with a junior competition, provided that an adult member is playing with them and marking their card. Junior members may also enter competitions if accompanied by an adult non-member provided this is ratified, prior to entry, by either the Competition or Handicap Secretary who should communicate this approval via email to other Council members and the Golf Reception Desk.

3.5.2 Two Day Competitions

For competitions that are played on the same day, two consecutive days or two days of the same week; players will play the entire competition with the handicap as at the first round of the competition.

3.5.3 Entering Scores

Scores following competitions are to be entered into the appropriate system on completion of the round by eight o'clock in the evening.

3.5.4 Club Monthly Medals

Each month there is a Club Monthly Medal (normally on the first Saturday) and a Seniors Monthly Medal (normally on the first Thursday). In season there are Monthly Ladies Medals (normally on the first Wednesday), Monthly Midweek Medals (normally on the first Wednesday) and Junior Monthly Medals (on selected Sundays).

When both Men and Ladies play against each other in any medal, see Footnote 2 to paragraph 4 below (page 11) for relevant Handicap Adjustments to be made.

3.5.5. Ladies Competitions

The ladies main competition day is Wednesday morning with specific ladies tee times. Alternative days for Honours Board and medal competitions will usually be available on the preceding Saturday which will have also been published on the club calendar.

3.5.6 Administration

Honours Board events, Knockout and Monthly Medals are managed by the Council, who look after competition rules, entry fees and prize distribution.

Clays Golf Management team manage all other competitions (except the winter league which is jointly managed) with the view of providing variety and fun formats mixed with traditional events that all members can play in.

3.5.7 Entry and Prize Money

All competition fees are collected at the Golf Reception Desk by Clays Golf Management (unless otherwise stated), where players are given the option of entering a ballsweep the proceeds of which is distributed amongst those entering as defined in section 3.5.1. All competition fees will be reviewed and set by Council on an annual basis. This will be completed in December and published to members by 31st December. Prize money is based in all events on the number of entries. As a general rule, approximately 60% of all entry money is distributed back amongst competitors, plus 100% of any ball sweep. The Council

seeks to promote the Club's Board and Knock Out competitions; prize money for these competitions will reflect the prestigious nature of the competition, number of entries and the cost of board engraving.

3.6 Bank Accounts

The Members Section may hold funds in two accounts: current and deposit. The funds and accounts will be managed by the Hon Treasurer.

There will be at least two signatories for the accounts - the incumbent Hon Treasurer and Hon Secretary but other previous or current Council member may be appointed by the Council. Any changes to these signatory names can only be made by a quorate Council meeting.

Cheques require 2 signatories but online payments up to £1000 a day can be made by the Hon Treasurer via internet banking. The treasurer will present the annual bank statements to the captain for audit each year end.

Operational funds and bank documents are held by the Hon Treasurer whose address is the bank account address. Outgoing Hon Treasurer must change account owner details to refer to the incoming Hon Treasurer.

3.7 Meetings

A Club AGM will be held for all members of the Club in March of each year. When necessary to replace retiring members of the Council, or those whose term of office has expired, there will be an election for Councillors at this meeting together with Officers annual reports and other submitted agenda items for discussion. There will be no any other business (AOB) at the AGM, only agenda items submitted to the Hon Secretary at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

A Club Extraordinary Meeting (EGM) may be called for all members of the Club at any time EITHER by the Council when approved, with no dissensions, by a formally minuted quorum Council meeting OR by a proposal in writing to Council signed by at least 20 club members. There will be no, any other business (AOB) at the EGM, only those agenda items submitted to the Hon Secretary when the EGM is called. Notice and agenda must be published, and communicated to the membership, at least 28 days prior to the EGM. All EGM agenda items must have a proposer and seconder who should be present at the EGM or be represented by their nominee officially notified to the Chair (President) beforehand.

Between AGM's, the Council will meet formally every month except December, or more frequently when deemed necessary. Council may authorise additional meetings involving a subset of the Council, with a nominated chairperson, to progress specific items (e.g. finance) but these should report back to Council and be minuted (by the Hon Secretary if present but otherwise another attendee nominated by the chairperson).

3.8 Changes to the Constitution

Changes to this constitution which involve only either the deletion of obsolete competitions and their associated rules, or the addition of new competitions or their associated formats or rules, when those competitions have been authorised by the previous AGM, may be made at any relevant time by agreement the Council. Likewise, any changes to bring this constitution into line with amendments to WHS handicap rules or the course (e.g., Course ratings). Any such changes agreed at Council shall be publicised to

members at the time and brought to the next AGM as the revised constitution for information only and not require a vote of acceptance.

All other changes may only be made in accordance with a formal vote at the Club AGM or EGM when the proposed change has been submitted to the Hon Secretary in advance, either by an individual proposing member and a seconder, or by the Council, and the proposed change has then been notified to the membership in advance of the AGM or EGM along with the published agenda.

3.9 Dissolution of the Club

If the Club shall be wound up, the Clays Golf Club Members Section's assets remaining after payments of debts and liabilities shall be donated to the Captains' Charity for that year.

4.0 Competition Specifications. (See para 3.5.1. above for eligibility criteria)

	Competition Title	Tees	Handicap Allowance	Format
4.1	MEN ONLY COMPETITIONS			
4.1.1	Captains Drive In Shield Men	White	95% course handicap	Individual Stableford
4.1.2	G UW Team Handicap Qualifier	White	95% of course handicap	Individual Stableford.
4.1.3	JCB Shield	White	95% of course handicap	Individual Strokeplay. First round qualifier open to all men. First 8 (best gross plus first 7 nett scores) go through to a draw knock-out. Final on finals weekend.
4.1.4	Karen Griffiths Trophy	White	95% of course handicap	Individual Stableford.
4.1.5	Neil Harden Memorial Trophy	White	95% of course handicap	Individual Stableford.
4.1.6	Tom & Kathleen Jones Cup	White	95% of course handicap	Individual Stableford.
4.1.7	Captains Day	White	95% of course handicap	Individual Stableford. Normally shotgun start at discretion of Captains. Run in conjunction with equivalent ladies' competition.
4.1.8	Club Championship (gross) Rowland Cup (nett)	White	95% of course handicap H.I. remains the same for both rounds.	Individual 2-day Strokeplay - rounds played on Saturday and Sunday of same weekend, with the 2 scores combined to produce a 36-hole total.
4.1.9	Aber Shield ¹	White	Full difference	Individual Matchplay KO. Restricted to course handicaps 29 - 54
4.1.10	Clays Challenge ¹	White	Full difference	Individual Matchplay KO. Restricted to course handicaps <28
4.1.11	Flick Cup ¹	White	90% difference	Pairs Betterball, Matchplay KO.
4.1.12	Gem Trophy ¹	White	Half combined difference	Pairs Foursomes Matchplay KO.
4.1.13	Scratch Cup	White	Scratch	Individual Matchplay KO.

4.2	LADIES ONLY COMPETITIONS			
4.2.1	Captains Drive In Shield Ladies	Red	95% of course handicap	Individual Stableford
4.2.2	Captains Day	Red	95% of course handicap	Individual Stableford. Normally shotgun start at discretion of Captains. Run in conjunction with equivalent men's competition.
4.2.3	Ladies Championship (gross) Harcombe Trophy (nett)	Red	95% of course handicap H.I. remains the same for both rounds.	Individual 2-day Strokeplay - with the 2 scores combined to produce a 36-hole total.
4.2.4	Challenge Bowl	Red	As specified by Wales Golf	Individual Strokeplay. WG qualifier. Can be played in conjunction with Ladies medals, must inform intention to compete to LC before game.
4.2.5	Australian Spoons	Red	As specified by Wales Golf	Stableford Foursomes. WG qualifier
4.2.6	Coronation Foursomes	Red	As specified by R & A	Foursomes Stableford Pairs. WG qualifier
4.2.7	Powells Jewellers Trophy	Red	95% of course handicap	Individual Strokeplay
4.2.8	Centenary Greensomes	Red	As specified by Wales Golf	Greensomes Stableford Pairs. WG qualifier
4.2.9	Fan Jones Trophy	Red	95% of course handicap.	Individual Stableford. Minimum handicap index set by Lady Captain
4.2.10	Welsh Dragon Brooch	Red	95% of course handicap	Individual Strokeplay. WG
4.2.11	Allington Hughes Salver	Red	95% of course handicap	Individual Strokeplay
4.2.12	Aber Rose Bowl ¹	Red	Full difference	Individual Matchplay KO
4.2.13	Ladies Betterball ¹	Red	90% difference	Pairs Betterball Matchplay KO.
4.2.13	Ladies Eclectic	Red	95% of course handicap	Eclectic. Best eclectic nett scores in qualifying monthly medals between April and September.

4.3	MIXED HONOURS BOARD COMPETITIONS ²			
4.3.1	Tommy Davies Cup	White (men) Red (ladies)	95% of course handicap	Individual Stableford
4.3.2	Presidents Day	White Red (ladies)	95% of course handicap	Individual Stableford
4.3.3	Pam Brough	White Red (ladies)	85% of course handicap	Pairs Competition - Betterball Strokeplay competition with each pair comprising 1 junior and 1 adult
4.3.4	Mixed Foursomes ¹	White Red (ladies)	Half combined difference	Foursomes Pairs Matchplay KO Competition with each pair comprising 1 lady and 1 man - played off ladies' card.
4.3.5	Mixed Jubilee Plate	White Red (ladies)	85% of course handicap	Betterball Stableford Pairs Competition with each pair comprising 1 lady and 1 man. Men to play off white card, ladies off red card.
4.3.6	Order of Merit	White Red (ladies)	95% of course handicap	Total of best 4 nett scores in Saturday and Midweek monthly medals between April to September.
4.3.7	Past Captains	Yellow Red (ladies)	95% of course handicap	Individual Stableford. Open to past Captains of all sections of the members club. Members who are past Captains of other golf clubs may participate in, but not win, the competition.

1. signifies that players must hold a current official Competition WHS Handicap Index ('c' status) before they enter and before the 1st round draw is made.
2. In mixed gender competitions, ladies will always play from the ladies (red) tees and will score points and receive their handicap shots in accordance with the pars and stroke indices of the ladies' card. Additionally, handicap adjustments will be made to one gender or the other in accordance with the table below, which complies with guidance contained in the *WHS Rules of Handicapping as Applied within GB and I (Sep 2021), Appendix 1, Para III, Pages 34-40*, to account for differences in the par and Course Rating (CR) between the ladies' course and the men's course being played.

Handicap Adjustments in Mixed Events at Clays Golf Club (18-hole rounds).

Competition Type	Ladies Tee	Men's Tee	Handicap Adjustment
<p align="center">Stableford/Par/Bogey</p> <p>Based on difference in Stableford Points needed to Play to Handicap.</p> <p>Formula is: $36 - (CR - Par)$, then Lower Points to Play to Handicap receives the difference</p>	<p>RED: $36 - (69.5 - 71) = 37.5$ Rounded = <u>38</u></p> <p>-----</p> <p>RED: $36 - (69.5 - 71) = 37.5$ Rounded = <u>38</u></p>	<p>WHITE: $36 - (67.9 - 69) = 37.1$ Rounded = <u>37</u></p> <p>-----</p> <p>YELLOW: $36 - (66.9 - 69) = 38.1$ Rounded = <u>38</u></p>	<p>Men receive 1 extra shot on Playing Handicap</p> <p>-----</p> <p>No Adjustments</p>
<p align="center">Strokeplay (Medal)</p> <p>Formula is: Difference in CR between tees used, is added to Playing Handicap of player using tees with higher CR</p>	<p>RED: CR = 69.5</p> <p>-----</p> <p>RED: CR = 69.5</p>	<p>WHITE: CR = 67.9</p> <p>-----</p> <p>YELLOW: CR = 66.9</p>	<p>$69.5 - 67.9 = 1.6$, Rounded = <u>2</u> Ladies receive 2 extra shots</p> <p>-----</p> <p>$69.5 - 66.9 = 2.6$, Rounded = <u>3</u> Ladies receive 3 extra shots</p>
<p align="center">Matchplay Pairs and Singles</p> <p>Formula is: Difference in CR between tees used, is added to Course Handicap of player using tees with higher CR</p>	<p>RED: CR = 69.5</p>	<p>WHITE: CR = 67.9</p>	<p>$69.5 - 67.9 = 1.6$, Rounded = <u>2</u> Ladies receive 2 extra shots before calculating the handicap differentials.</p>

5.0 Miscellaneous Rules for Competitions

5.1 Ball Sweep

When ball sweeps are arranged any entrant scoring a gross score of '2' on any hole shall win or share the proceeds of the ball sweep income. Any entrant scoring two or more '2's' will receive two or more appropriate shares. Additionally, any entrant with a gross score of '1' on any hole will receive 2 shares in the sharing process. Ball sweep entry is optional apart from Captains Day.

If no player achieves a '1' or a '2', the proceeds shall be carried forward to the next Club competition for which a ball sweep is arranged.

5.2 Competition Count Back

For all Strokeplay competitions, irrespective of the order the course is played, count back shall be applied as follows:

1. Last 9 holes of the course gross score, less 1/2 of playing handicap. If still a tie, then
2. Last 6 holes of the course gross score, less 1/3rd of playing handicap, then
3. Last 3 holes of the course gross score, less 1/6th of playing handicap, then
4. 18th hole gross score, less 1/18 of playing handicap, then a play-off if necessary.

For stableford competitions, count back shall be similarly applied over the last 9, then 6, then 3, then last hole, based on points scored.

5.3 Postponement of Competition

1. A postponement of a competition will be made if, on the pre-arranged day(s) of the competition, the greenkeeping staff / management place restrictions on the full use of the golf course (for example, close the golf course completely or close some of the holes). The new date for the competition will be announced by Council as soon as possible.
2. In the case of Competitions between October to March, these will either be postponed if the course is closed or may continue if the course has a minimum of 13 holes open.
3. The decision to allow or disallow the use of buggies on any given day is entirely outside the remit of the Council.
4. A postponement and reschedule will be at the discretion of the organisers. For handicap purposes, if a player has played at least nine holes prior to the abandonment or suspension of an eighteen-hole competition this could be submitted for handicap purposes.