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MENS CLUB - TERMS OF COMPETITION

The competition committees are responsible for framing and interpreting terms 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:

Timesheet for closed competitions will be available at 21:20hrs on the Friday one week prior to the competition.

Timesheet for open competitions will be available at 21:20hrs on the Friday two weeks prior to the competition.

The penalty for defaulting on a time sheet is the payment of the Competition Fee. More than two timesheet defaults over a 3-week period will result in the loss of a right to enter the next two Time Sheet competitions.

Juveniles playing in adult closed competitions at the weekend can only be added to the timesheet via the pro-shop on the day of the competition.

Starting times and groups

Players must start at the time arranged by the Committee i.e. time entered into the online time sheet.

Entering the Competition

Entry to all men's club closed and open competitions is open to any Adult category players (with relevant playing rights) holding a WHS Handicap Index. Visitors holding a WHS Handicap Index are welcome to play in open competitions once they have competed in at least three singles qualifying competitions at their home club on or after January 1 in the previous calendar year. Prior to play, members must have the required credit on their card in order to complete their entry on the computer, as competition fees will be deducted from their card. If the computer is not working please sign in the book and the committee will charge competition fee prior to closing the comp. Failure to properly register your entry to the competition at sign in may result in any score being deleted prior to competition closure. The player should ascertain whether all appropriate reductions to playing handicaps have been made.

Format

The format of each competition will be configured on the computer or displayed in the sign-in book in the pro-shop.

Marker

A "marker" is one who is appointed by the Committee to record a competitor's score in stroke play. He may be a fellow-competitor. He is not a referee. For our competitions a marker must be affiliated to Golf Ireland or PGA to be appointed as marker. Affiliation to one of the other CONGU home country associations is also acceptable.

Signing cards

- Singles competitions: **Player and Marker as per Rules of Golf**
- Fourball / 2 Person teams: One of the players and a Marker from among players opposite.
- Three Person/Four 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.

Covid-19 Updated guidance on handling and exchanging scorecards (Temporary measures in place during Covid) **Effective from June 2020**

Handling and exchanging scorecards

- Players may enter their own hole scores on the scorecard (it is not necessary for a marker to do it).
- It is not necessary to have a marker physically certify the player's hole scores, but some form of verbal certification must take place during and after the round.
- You must ensure you verify your score after each hole with your virtual marker and that there is a totting up process that is executed through 9 holes and 18 holes. Peer review is and always has been a key aspect to the signing of scorecards and we would ask that you also print the name of your virtual marker on your scorecard. Information relating to virtual marker can also be recorded via the ClubV1 'Score Entry' App.

Majors

For Men there are three Major Competitions in the Year and these are the Captains/Lady Captains Prize and the Presidents Prize. Entry to these is restricted to Full Members only. Members are advised that in order to be eligible to win first prize in a major competition a member must have a fully developed WHS Handicap Index and have played in a minimum of THREE qualifying singles competitions in the current year.

Presentation of Prizes

Prize winners are expected to attend Prize Presentations 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 to receive their prizes they should nominate another person to collect their prizes on their behalf. Prizes left in the club after presentation are the responsibility of the winner and not the responsibility of any committee. Prize winners who neither attend or have a representative attend to collect prize on their behalf may forfeit their prize. The Competition committee members who are on duty **cannot** be asked to represent you.

Returning Cards

The Committee requests **the player** to put their name on their scorecard. The Player must have their correct Course Handicap on their scorecard and the gross score for each hole recorded, the card is signed by the player and the marker as per the Rules of Golf. Players are also encouraged to put their Handicap Index and Playing Handicap on the scorecard.

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.**

The Committee requests that players enter scores into the computer (when in use) and 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, the Handicap & Competition Committees will investigate the reason and appropriate action will be taken 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 players Handicap Index.

Golfer of the Year:

Entry is open to our **FULL** membership categories only.

Ties

In 18 hole competitions ties shall be decided on the last 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 hole(s). If still a tie then decide by lot.

In competitions where we play between 9 and 18 holes, ties shall be decided on the last 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 hole(s) of the holes that are in play for that competition. If still a tie then result is decided by lot.

In 9 hole competitions ties shall be decided on the last 6, 3, 2, 1 hole(s). If still a tie then decide by lot.

Numbers constituting a competition

30 entries constitute a Competition for men. Full prize model will be invoked for 100+ entries. Less than 100 entries will invoke the step back prize model.

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 pairings and also to appoint a marker if necessary. The Committee requests that player's record scores clearly. The Committee requests that all cards, including No Returns, be placed in the competition box.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Men's and Ladies' Committees have jointly declared, as a Condition of competition, that on any 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 to enable our members to validly play in both competitions.

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.

MATCHPLAY RULES

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

Matchplay competitions are open to eligible 7-day adult members. There is one exception – Juvenile members who are eligible to play in Men’s closed competitions are eligible to qualify for the Fingal Trophy (normal timesheet rules apply).

All matchplay competitions **must** be played from the tees that the qualifying competition was played from.

If a competitor's handicap is adjusted during the course of the competition, the competitor shall at once play off his/her new handicap.

A player must not play a matchplay match, while at the same time playing in the competition of the day. Any result posted will be null and void.

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. 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:-

- a. The onus is on all players to acquaint themselves with the Draw sheet which will be on the website, on the Club V1 member app or the notice board.
- b. The player(s) whose name(s) appear as the top name(s) of the match 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. Although the player on the top of the draw has the prime responsibility for arranging the dates, sitting back and waiting for contact is not acceptable behaviour. 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, he should contact the other player to arrange a suitable date.
- c. 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 Sub-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. Make sure you note that you are unavailable for the matchplay on your qualifying card if this is the case.

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.

Matchplay Handicap Limits for Qualifying

- Qualifying Handicap Index for Moloney Cup Qualifiers is 16.4 or lower on the day of qualification
- Qualifying Handicap Index for Derham Cup is 16.5 or above on the day of the draw
- Qualifying for the Fingal Trophy is based upon the top 8 gross scores on the day (no handicap index limits)
- Foursomes – there is no Handicap limit
- Fourball – there is no Handicap limit

It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the Rules of Golf, carry a copy around in your golf bag.

Juvenile Terms of competition in Men’s Open or Closed Competitions

Juveniles are invited to play in Men’s Club Competitions provided they have a playing handicap of 14 or less and are accompanied by an adult competitor. Juveniles with a handicap greater than 14 are also invited to play in Men’s Club Competitions where a recommendation from the Juvenile committee is sanctioned by the Men’s Committee. Juveniles may only play in competitions that are not restricted to adult members only. The maximum prize available to Juveniles will be equal to the class prize on the day, should they finish in any of the prizes.

Juveniles playing in adult closed competitions at the weekend can only be added to the timesheet via the pro-shop on the day of the competition.

Juveniles playing in adult competitions must have an adult marker.

Juveniles are welcome to play in Men's Open Competitions. The maximum prize available to Juveniles will be equal to the class prize on the day, should they finish in any of the prizes.

Juveniles playing in open fourballs or foursomes with an adult will pay full entry and be eligible for any prize.

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