

CHESHAM & LEY HILL GOLF CLUB

COMPETITION RULES

PART 1 - GENERAL

1 FEES

- 1.1 In all cases, the indicated entry fee must be paid by the competitor by entering the required information on the envelope provided and placing in the entry fee box provided, his name entered in the competition entry sheet and a score card taken by him before starting.
- 1.2 In Match Play events in which intending competitors are required to enter their names on an entry list prior to the Committee holding a draw, competitors shall pay the entrance fee at the time of making their entry. Failure to comply with this rule will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

2 MARKERS

- 2.1 In all competitions, competitors must have their score cards marked by a fellow competitor or by a marker approved by a member of the Committee. Failure to comply with this rule will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

3 SCORE CARDS

- 3.1 Competitors shall place their completed score card in the box provided for the purpose immediately after the completion of the round. The original card must be returned. Failure to comply with this rule will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

4 RETURN OF SCORE CARDS

- 4.1 Members must return their score cards, duly signed, **whether completed or not**.
- 4.2 Since an Incomplete Card and a No Return may have the effect of increasing a player's handicap, the Club would be justified in refusing to accept a card or record a N/R when the player has walked in after playing only a few holes.
- 4.2 The Committee will, under Clauses 17 and 19 of the C.O.N.G.U Handicapping Scheme, deal with any players who persistently make No Returns or submit incomplete cards if they consider they are attempting to build a handicap

5. HONOURS BOARD COMPETITIONS

- 5.1 To enter any of the following Board Competitions, a player must have entered 2 handicap qualifying competitions within 12 months of the competition start date:

Bond Cup, Bulldog Cup, Captain's Prize, Captain's Putter, Charity Cup, Club Cup, Cricket Trophy, Dormer Cup, Edy Trophy, Mathews Cup, Murdoch Cup, Reg Wright Trophy, Scratch Cup, Skol Trophy, Tiger Cup, Veteran's Bowl and Golfer of the Year.

Note that a player may enter any of the above non-match play competitions in order to count as a handicap qualifying competition but will not be eligible for any resulting prize. Any new member who has submitted 3 cards to obtain his handicap or anyone having his handicap transferred from another club within the last 12 months, will also be eligible

6 **FOUR BALL AND FOURSOME COMPETITIONS**

- 6.1 In four ball and foursome competitions where the Committee arrange pairings and matches by means of a draw, an entry list stating the closing date for entries shall be placed on the Club's notice board at least two weeks before the event. After the draw has been made no further entries shall be accepted except to fill a single vacancy in a incomplete four ball or foursomes provided the vacancy occurs BEFORE the first match is played.

PART 2 - STROKE PLAY

7. **FORM OF PLAY**

- 7.1 Competitors in stroke play competitions may play in twos, threes or fours.

8 **ALTERNATIVE STARTING HOLE**

- 8.1 In stroke play competitions players may commence their rounds from the 5th tee as an alternative to starting at the first. Before starting from the 5th tee, players shall ensure that no game is about to putt-out on the 4th/13th hole. (On Sundays the maximum number of matches permitted off the 5th tee is 6).

9 **SEQUENCE OF HOLES**

- 9.1 Players commencing a round at the 5th hole shall complete the round by playing holes in the following sequence:

Holes 5 - 18, 1 - 4

- 9.2 Playing the course in the wrong order will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

10 **DECISION OF TIED SCORES**

- 10.1 Ties in stroke play competitions shall be decided on the score for the last nine holes, and if still a tie, on the last six, and if still a tie on the last three, last two, then the last hole.

- 10.2 In the event of a tie for the Scratch Cup, a further four holes, namely No's 1 to 4, will be played on the day of the competition. If there is still a tie, a "sudden death" play-off will be played over hole No's 1 to 4 and continuing until a winner is found.

11. **PRACTICE**

- 11.1 To avoid doubt, it is declared that no part of the course may be used by competitors in stroke play events for practice prior to commencing their competitive round. (See

PART 3 - MATCH PLAY

12. RULES FOR ARRANGING MATCHPLAY GAMES

- 12.1 The 1st player/pair should contact the 2nd player/pair before or within the first week of the round to try to arrange a date to play the match. However, this does not preclude the 2nd player/pair contacting the 1st player/pair if he/they wish to do so. The main thing is to try and arrange a mutually convenient date as soon as possible.
- 12.2 If a mutually agreed date cannot be arranged then, before the last week of the round, each player/pair must offer the other player/pair 3 dates - one of which must be a weekend date and one of which must be a weekday date. If a player/pair does not offer 3 such dates, then they will be disqualified.
- 12.3 If a mutually agreed date still cannot be arranged, then whoever stands on the tee at 8.30am on the last day of the round may claim the match.
- 12.4 These Rules do not apply Stage 1 of the Edy Trophy.

13. STARTING HOLE AND TEEING GROUNDS

- 13.1 All Match Play games must start from the first hole. Unless otherwise authorised by the Committee, all Match Play games shall be played from the back "Medal" (White Blocks) tees.
- 13.2 The first player/pair on a Draw-Sheet will have the Honour at the first tee.

14. MATCHES ALL SQUARE AFTER STIPULATED ROUND OR ROUNDS

- 14.1 In match play events where a match is all square after the stipulated round or rounds have been completed, the sides shall play on until one side or other wins a hole; strokes being taken in accordance with the stroke table.

15. RULES FOR COMPETITION PLAY OVER SHORTENED COURSE (YELLOW TEES)

- 15.1 If Holes 3 & 12 are closed, competitors shall play 18 holes under normal handicap allowance, with Stroke Index as per the printed card, using substituted Holes 3 & 12 on the 1st & 2nd fairways. (See Local Rules - Para 4.1.4 refers).
- 15.2 **EDY Trophy.** Para 14.1 applies (See Standing Rules). If both pairs agree, Edy Stage 1 matches may start from the 5th tee and the substitute holes 3 & 12 need not be played last (as stated in Local Rules – Para 4.1.4)

16. RULE APPERTAINING TO COMPETITIONS OVER MORE THAN 2 DAYS

- 16.1 Where a competition is played over more than 2 days (ie. Cricket Trophy; Charity Cup, Skol) if the Chairman of the Greens Committee feels that the hole must be changed owing to deterioration of the areas, a new hole will be cut within the same area, as near to the original hole as possible.

PART 4 - HANDICAPPING

17. STROKE ALLOWANCE IN COMPETITIONS

17.1 Unless otherwise ruled by the Committee, the stroke allowance for competitions shall be as set out in "The Rules of Golf" as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

18. HANDICAP LIMITS AND ALTERATIONS

18.1 The handicap limit for all Major Competitions are as listed in Standing Rules; the Major Competitions being those listed in Standing Rules. These limits shall apply to Junior members eligible to compete in Major Competitions.

19. GENERAL PLAY REVISIONS

19.1 Handicap revisions will be considered for any member who submits a WHITE block card or 3 YELLOW block cards (spanning a period not exceeding 2 months) where the exact reduction in playing handicap is greater than one whole shot.

19.2 A player's handicap may be considered for increase or decrease, by one whole shot or more, at the annual handicap review, as deemed necessary by the Committee.

20. HANDICAP ALLOWANCE FOR LADIES IN MIXED MATCHES

20.1 When Ladies with LGU handicaps are in stroke play or match play competition with Men with C.O.N.G.U. or U.S.G.A. handicaps, the following adjustments to the Ladies' playing handicaps should be a **condition of the competition**, and should be made **before** the handicap allowance is calculated according to the type of competition to be played; the Standard Scratch Score of the Men's course should be used:

20.1.1 When the Ladies Play from the L.G.U. Tees. The Ladies playing handicap should be increased by the difference between the Men's and Ladies' S.S.S.

20.1.2 When the Ladies Play from the Men's Tees. The Ladies' playing handicaps should be increased by the difference between the Men's and Ladies S.S.S. plus an additional stroke for every 200 yards of extra length on the Men's course over the 18 holes,

PART 4 - EXTENSIONS

21. No extensions will be granted, unless through inclement weather, the Committee decides that an extension is necessary. In the event of a four-ball competition, should one player be unable to partake, his partner must play on his own or default.

22. Players withdrawing or conceding in a Drawn Competition **must** inform the Committee in writing

23. The present rule regarding non-arrangement of dates will continue; ie. on the last day of the round,

competitor(s) will be on the 1st tee at 8.30am and absentee(s) will default. Should neither party(s) be in attendance then both will be deleted from the competition.

PART 5 - STARTING TIMES

24. STARTING TIMES FOR MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

24.1 Competitors shall not commence to play a round before 8.00am from Monday to Saturdays or before 7.45am on Sundays.

25. ON SUNDAYS

25.1 Matches must be on the tee between 7.45am and 8.45am. No match may start between the hours of 8.45ams and 12 noon. Penalty for breach of this rule is DISQUALIFICATION. (See also LOCAL RULES - PARA 7.1 refers)

PART 6 - MISCELLANEOUS

26. COMPETITIONS OPEN TO STUDENT MEMBERS

26.1 "Student" Members (ie. reduced fee members between the ages of 18 and 21 years) shall be eligible to compete in the following competitions:

26.1.1 Major Competitions: Bond Cup; Charity Cup; Club Cup; Murdoch Cup; Scratch Cup; Skol Trophy; Tiger Cup; Tearle Cup

26.1.2 Other Events: All Monthly Medal, Par or Stableford Competitions; Mixed Foursomes; Club and Junior Member Match Play Events as a Junior.

26.2 Eligible members must have a current handicap and will be subject to the rules and conditions normally laid down in these events.

27. COMPETITIONS OPEN TO JUNIOR MEMBERS

27.1 "Junior" Members (i.e. reduced fee members under the age of 18 years) shall be eligible to play in the following competitions:

27.1.1 All Mid-Week Medals and subject to normal weekend playing restrictions, all Monthly Medals.

27.1.2 On the days of major competitions, as a qualifying round **for handicap purposes only**, subject to normal weekend playing restrictions and having a current handicap.