

Hinksey Heights Members' Club Competition Rules Guidance

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INTRODUCTION

This Competition Rules Manual is designed for the Committee and its members to act as the main reference for questions relating to members' competitions run for both adults and juniors.

This document may be amended and extended, as required by the Hinksey Heights Club Members' Committee who are responsible for the smooth operation, promotion, organisation and playing of all members' competitions.

GENERAL RULES

Club Competitions

- All competitors must have a registered WHS handicap
- Individual club competitions such as the club major trophy competitions may have additional rules, e.g. the minimum number of qualifying rounds played as a requirement to enter, which will be set out in this guide
- Competitions will be notified by the ClubV1 Members Hub App - the most important communication channel for members – and by email (all members are responsible for keeping their email contact details up to date). Emailed notifications will contain all the required details about that competition, e.g. name of the competition, qualification criteria, entry fee, and closing date. There is a full year calendar of competitions in the V1 Hub Documents folder.

Eligibility for competitions:

- The Hinksey Heights Members' Committee have agreed following advice from BBO that it is fair and reasonable that competitors must have played **at least three** internal Medal or Stableford competitions within a rolling 12-month period to be eligible to enter and win any main (club major) prize competition.
- This eligibility criteria applies equally to both the Men's and Women's competitions
- Members participating in Competitions organised by and for the Seniors Section must be aged 55 or over on the day of the Competition
- All mid-week competition rounds count towards the eligibility for major competitions (typically medals but not leagues).
- Eligibility requirements can be met by playing on any of the HH courses, including those competitions on the 9-hole winter loop
- Team scrambles do not count towards eligibility for entering internal majors
- All players must have Hinksey Heights Members' Club registered as their "Home Club" with England Golf

- Hinksey Heights Member's Club Committee wish to encourage more members to play in competitions so have agreed that, at the discretion of the Competitions and Handicap Committee, any player without 3 qualifying cards, or a WHS handicap index, may take part in a Medal, Stableford or club major competition to use it as one of their qualifying cards, but will not be deemed eligible to win any prizes
- Should any member feel that extenuating circumstances exist that they would like the competition and handicap committee to consider, they should write to the HCP committee setting out their application for special consideration a minimum of two weeks before the competition date
- A full summary of the eligibility for all competitions and representative club matches appears in Appendix 1

No Show Policy: what do you need to do if you withdraw from a competition?

- Please give at least 24-48 hours' notice of your intention to withdraw from any competition
- This "no show" policy does not apply to matches arranged between members, e.g. knockouts
- Notification of withdrawal less than 1 hour before booked tee-time will be deemed to be a no-show
- "What happens if I no-show without notification?" The member will receive an email from the Handicap Secretary reminding them of their obligations to other players. The member may have a perfectly valid reason for no-show and this will be their opportunity to advise the HCS. It is perfectly understandable that on occasions something unavoidable prevents the withdrawing player from giving adequate notice to either the competition organiser on the day or the committee member in charge

Scoring and Competition Results

- Under Rule 3.3b (Rules of Golf) it is the player and their designated marker who bear responsibility for recording their scores correctly as shown in the diagram below
- The scores recorded on a physical card should then be copied into the V1 software by electronic means via V1 in the clubhouse as soon as possible after the completion of the round
- Please see the following example of an acceptable medal scorecard

Competition Men's Medal										H'cap	Strokes
Player A Phileas Fogg Course Handicap > 20											
Player B											

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
WHITE	360	331	445	176	430	484	294	183	498	3201
YELLOW	321	301	435	135	387	464	275	156	461	2935
PAR	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	5	36
STROKE INDEX	5	11	1*	7	3	13	17	15	9	
A	6	5	7	3	6	6	5	8	5	51
B										
C										
Marker	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	45
RED	280	265	408	124	360	367	245	155	437	2641
PAR	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	36
STROKE INDEX	11	7	1	17	3	5	9	13	15	
PACE OF PLAY	0:12	0:24	0:38	0:49	1:02	1:18	1:30	1:40	1:56	

Date 20th March 2022										H'cap	Strokes
Player C											
Marker William Turner Course Handicap > 29											

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	TOTAL	H'cap	Net Points
170	438	297	380	380	477	405	338	428	3313	6514		
129	505	267	361	341	432	380	301	496	3212	6147		
3	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	36	72		
14	4	18	8	2*	6	10	16	12				
4	5	5	4	6	6	8	5	4	4	100		
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	45	90	29	71
119	378	256	339	290	415	285	254	464	2800	5441		
3	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	37	73		
18	4	16	6	2	8	14	10	12				
2:08	2:24	2:36	2:48	3:00	3:16	3:30	3:42	3:58				

Player's Signature <i>Phileas Fogg</i>		SSS Please indicate which line used WHITE 72 ✓ YELLOW 70 RED 73
Marker's Signature <i>William Turner</i>		

PLEASE REPAIR ALL PITCHMARKS AND DIVOTS

STABLEFORD POINTS OR NETT SCORE

- Results posted after the competition has finished will be provisional to allow for any appeal or necessary score correction
- After 7 days without appeal the result(s) will be deemed final. Appeals from a stroke play event should be made to the Committee as soon as possible either during or immediately after the event
- In Match play events, appeals will only be accepted if new information becomes available to a player which was not known at the time any incident took place

Playing Handicap and Handicap Allowances

- Handicap Allowances are designed to provide equity for players of all levels of ability in each format of competition play, over both 9 holes and 18 holes. They are applied to the Course Handicap to calculate a player's Playing Handicap for the competition
- In general, after handicap allowances have been applied in stroke play formats, a player receives their full Playing Handicap
- In match play formats, the player with the lowest Playing Handicap plays off zero strokes relative to the other player(s) and the other player(s) receive(s) the difference between their own Playing Handicap and that of the player with the lowest Playing Handicap

<i>Format of Play</i>	<i>Type of Round</i>	<i>Recommended Handicap Allowance</i>
Stroke play	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Four-Ball	85%
	Four-Ball Stableford	85%
	Four-Ball Par/Bogey	90%
Match Play	Individual	100%
	Four-Ball	90%
	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
Other	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap

Note: Where a scramble will be in teams of three, the following handicap allowance will apply, e.g. 25%/20%/15% from lowest to highest handicap

Please note a further adjustment is made in pairs competitions where more than one tee is used

Players Handicap Responsibilities

- In match play, it is the players responsibility to check the competition computer before each competition and to ensure that they apply the correct handicap. If a player uses a higher handicap than they are entitled to, they will be disqualified
- It is the player's responsibility to sign and hand in all cards, including No Returns. Cards not signed, returned, or filled in correctly may lead to disqualification
- To avoid potential disqualification, the following information must be filled in on the card: Competition name and date, the tees played from should be marked, the players' name(s), handicap index (s), and the gross score for each hole, with a signature from the player and marker
- The only instance where a card is not required to be handed in is in a Matchplay event

PRIZES AND RESULTS

Major Trophy and other Competitions

- Prizes are awarded to the winners of trophy and other competitions and will be credited to their Member's club card account once the competition has been closed (i.e. results are final)
- The exception will be that prizes for major competitions are given at the annual presentation evening
- Prize allocation is indicated on the detailed competition schedules, but these may change to reflect the number of entrants in the competition
- Trophies will be presented to the competition winner immediately after the results have been confirmed on the day, and again on the Club Presentation Evening each autumn

Midweek and Monthly Medal Competitions

- For Midweek and Monthly medals, prizes will be awarded for 1st place once the competition is closed (i.e. results are final)
- All prize money will be added to a members card account

Use of Buggies in Competitions

- Players should always walk unless permission to use a buggy (or similar motorised vehicle) has been given by the Committee prior to the date of the competition or round
- The Committee shall maintain a list of all current exemptions under Rule 4.3b (exemptions for medical reasons)
- The following describes eligibility for consideration: 1. Members with permanent disabilities/conditions may, with the permission of the Committee, use buggies, when playing conditions allow, and 2. Members with temporary disabilities/conditions may approach the Committee with the appropriate medical certificate, for permission to use buggies. If permission is given, it will be for a set period of time and will need to be revalidated after that time has elapsed
- Playing partners of members with permission to use a buggy may not use the buggy for carrying their equipment nor may they ride as passengers

RESULTS

Ties: stroke play (Singles)

- Except where otherwise provided in the conditions of a particular Competition, all ties shall be decided on the last nine, six, three holes and finally the 18th hole. The last nine holes refer to holes 10-18. If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes, and final hole of the first 9 holes will be considered in turn. If a tie still arises the Committee shall decide the method of producing a result. The decision of the Committee is final
- In the Club Championships ties for first place (gross scores) will be decided by a sudden death play-off over holes 1 and 9 played on a loop, as necessary. Note: If a play-off involves more than two players, those eliminated will be deemed to have tied for

second place, regardless of the order in which they were eliminated, and will receive Second Place vouchers of equal value if prize vouchers are being awarded

Ties: match play (Pairs/ Singles)

- A game that is all square after 18 holes must continue to play until one side/ player wins a hole. The game should continue from the hole where it began (all matches should begin on the 1st hole), and handicap strokes shall be taken in accordance with the stroke indexes on the scorecard (the continuation of the match is deemed a new round for handicap strokes)

Ties in the final Order of Merit

- At the end of the season the final Order of Merit table is compiled. Where two or more players are tied on points within the top 10 places, the number of appearances during the season in the qualifying competitions by each player will determine the order in which they are placed, with the player having the fewer appearances being placed above those with more appearances

Dispute Resolution

- In the event that a player disagrees with a decision of the Committee in respect of a Competition run under these Terms of Competition, the player may, in writing to the Handicap Secretary, appeal to the Competitions and Handicap Sub-Committee (CHC) for a review of the decision. The player shall be informed of the decision of this committee in writing
- If not satisfied with the outcome of the review, the player may, in writing to the Club Secretary, appeal to the main Club Member's Committee for a review of the decision of the CHC. The player shall be informed of the decision of the Main Committee in writing
- That will exhaust the Club's Dispute Resolution Procedure

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Monthly Medal and Stablefords (weekend competitions)

- There are two standard handicap qualifying competitions each month: one Strokeplay, one Stableford.
- Participation in these competitions qualify members to be eligible to enter the club major competitions (a minimum of playing **three** Medal or Stableford competitions in the previous rolling 12-month period)
- Play is from the White or Yellow Tees for Men and Red Tees for the Women (Generally Yellow tees are used during the winter months)
- Players without handicaps can enter in order to post sufficient rounds to gain a handicap. **Note:** A player playing in a medal for handicap purposes is exempt from paying entry fees but is also ineligible for any prizes
- Competitions will normally be available for booking two weeks in advance
- All players must sign in on the V1 screen in the clubhouse
- Players will be expected to assist in the administration of competitions by entering their own scores using the V1 system immediately after their round

Mid-Week Medal and Stableford

- In the summer, midweek competitions alternate between Stablefords and Medals each month; in the winter, the club run Stablefords only
- Booking, eligibility, sign in and score entry is the same as for the Monthly Medal and Stableford competitions (see above)

Major Trophy Competitions (full details of the club majors are in Appendix 2)

- All major competitions will be advertised by email, the clubhouse noticeboard as well V1 Hub, to assist in reaching as many eligible members as possible at least 3 weeks prior to playing
- **Note:** All major competitions will be confirmed (with dates) in the annual playing calendar released at the start of April each year
- For those where a draw will be made, the CHC will ensure that all entrants are eligible, and the start times will be posted during the week before the competition and after entries have closed
- No entry for a pairs competition will be accepted unless the name of the partner is specified and they are eligible to compete (see Eligibility for Competitions)

Summer Knock Out (Matchplay) Competitions

- Members may sign-up for participation in Knock Out Competitions, e.g. summer singles, foursomes and fourballs, subject to having a registered Handicap Index and where they are not otherwise precluded as at the closing date of entry
- The dates by which the various rounds of the Match Play competition must be played and completed will be displayed on the draw sheets

- If a single member of a pair has to withdraw prior to their 1st match, a new partner may be added with permission of the Committee and subject to the handicap limits. Once the first match has been played, no substitutions will be allowed
- It is the responsibility of BOTH teams to arrange the matches by the due dates, giving **at least two** possible dates for consideration, so that matches are completed before the start of the next round
- **NO EXTENSIONS** will be given for any reason other than the course being unplayable and closed for play by the club due to adverse weather on either the Saturday or Sunday of the last weekend of the round due to be completed, or an approved medical exemption
- In periods of exceptionally lengthy course closure the Committee may decide to award an extension. Any extensions for this reason will include another date. Failure to notify the result by the deadline (either as a match result or a walkover or by tossing a coin) may result in both teams being scratched from the competition
- It is the responsibility of the competitors to notify the Competitions and Handicap Committee of the result immediately after the match is completed
- If there are fewer than four singles or pairs entering a Knockout Competition the competition will not go ahead
- At no time will an individual Committee member adjudicate in any dispute between competitors regarding arranging matches. The committee as a whole must decide. In the event of any other dispute, the ruling of the Committee will be final
- All Finals will be played over 18 holes and must be played on the designated day agreed by all players

Other Competitions

Juniors

- Juniors are defined as those members of Hinksey Heights Members' Club who are under 18 years of age on 1st January in the current year
- The Club doesn't currently have a large enough junior section to run Junior Stableford Competitions. When it does, these will be open to all Juniors irrespective of whether they have a handicap. However, those who do not have a handicap will be entering for handicap assessment and will not be eligible to win the competition
- The entry of Juniors into Senior Competitions has already been approved in principle by the committee in the spirit of encouraging more members to play competitions, and is at the discretion of the Hinksey Heights Competitions and Handicap Committee
- Where a Junior has been accepted to play in a club event, they must play their round with at least one adult member playing within the two, three or fourball
- To ensure appropriate safeguarding is in place, a parent of any participating junior may walk round with the competing group, and all adult members should make themselves familiar with the club's EDI policy

DETAILED COMPETITION RULES

In accordance with Rule 5.2b (stroke play) it is the policy of HH Members' Club that on the day of any stroke play competition a player "must not practice on the course before a round" or between rounds in the event of two or more rounds over consecutive days, with the exception of putting or chipping on or near the first teeing area

Signing up to enter competitions:

- 1. All major competitions and team events where the scorecard and handicap calculations are not a single calculation will have a stricter deadline and consequently will have a cut off for signing up 48 hrs before the event itself to enable the CHC sufficient time to organise the respective cards, send out tee time emails, and make sure that the event is set up correctly to everyone's benefit**
- 2. Sign-ups for Medals and Stableford competitions will be more flexible as there is not as much work required in terms of adjusting handicaps or amending scorecards. Players entering these will therefore be able to sign up as late as the day itself; on sign in a player's Playing HCP will be seen on the PSI screen**
- 3. Fun team scramble and other non-qualifying events will also have more flexibility around sign-ups, with reasonable notice to play deemed to be 24 hours before the event as the final entry deadline**

Pairs and Team (Foursomes/ Four Balls)

- Both players are responsible for organising matches
- At least two dates must be given for matches
- Extra holes should be played as necessary to determine the winner

Knockouts (Singles)

- Both players are responsible for organising matches
- At least two dates must be given for matches
- Extra holes should be played as necessary to determine the winner

Winter League Pairs

- The Competition and Handicap Committee will set out a series of competition dates and bookable tee times at weekends throughout the winter, but pairs will have the flexibility to agree alternative playing dates to ensure that all rounds of the league are completed before the next round commences and by the end of the winter season
- Before the start of the competition changes may be made to the declared pairs
- No substitutes are permitted after the first round of matches have been completed. This is to ensure that all pairs are committed to completing the full league schedule and that all pairs will potentially play the same opponents as declared when the entries closed. The only exception will be a medical exemption, e.g. where a player is unable to complete any of the remaining matches due to a medical condition. An alternate may then be added
- Mixed and single sex teams where all players will play off their own stroke index

- Both pairs are responsible for organising matches
- Matches may be played as 1 vs 1 or 2 vs 1 with the full agreement of each pair for that round so that a match can be completed
- If a match has to be defaulted because an agreed date cannot be fulfilled by one pair, or the above options have not been possible, the opponents will be awarded the winning points

Representing the Club

- A Member cannot represent the Club in matches, other than friendlies, without holding a WHS handicap, and with **at least three competition rounds completed and regular general play cards (9 or 18 hole) submitted in the previous 12 months**

Central Sevens League

- Two teams of seven
- Two members of the Team may have a handicap index of up to and including 5.4 with the remaining members having a handicap index of 5.5 up to and including 18.4
- Players may be selected with a handicap index of 18.5 or higher but will be limited to a handicap index of 18.4
- Playing pairs will be matched by their exact handicap index with the lowest pairing teeing off first
- The stroke allowance will be the full difference of the playing handicap
- Team sheets should display each player's handicap index and subsequent playing handicap for the course being played to ensure the correct shot allowance is used for each match
- All matches must be played between March 1st and October 14th inclusively
- Any team containing less than 6 players is considered to have failed to fulfil the fixture. If a team fails to fulfil more than 1 fixture, and/or plays more than 2 fixtures with only 6 players, then the organising Committee can at their discretion delete the results from the current season and relegate the team
- The winning Captain is responsible for entering the match results on the League website no later than 9 pm the next day. Failure to enter scores on more than one occasion and or incomplete information may result in points being deducted at the discretion of the organising Committee
- Each player will play up to 18 holes of match play golf ending in either a win or a halved game. The seven scores will be totalled to determine the winning team. Three points will be awarded for a win. In the event of a drawn match the home Team will receive 1 point and the away Team will receive 2 points
- The Team with the highest points total at the end of the season will be declared champions. If two Teams share the same points total then the Team with the best match difference will be placed higher
- There will be an Order of Merit competition within each Division of the League. The winner will be the player with the most points (3 points for a win, 2 points for an away draw and 1 point for a home draw). If two players are equal on points then the player

with the greatest difference in holes won will be the winner. If two players are still equal then the winner will be the player who has played the fewest games. If players are still equal then each player will be declared a joint winner

- **Note:** A player is required to submit a minimum of **9** cards in a rolling 12-month period, of which **3** or more must be in a qualifying competition. A qualifying competition is defined as a competition that will count towards your future handicap - examples are Monthly Medals and Monthly Stableford; for those Clubs that run Major Trophy (or Board) Competitions, these also attract qualifying status

Hillman Trophy and Plate

- Each team shall consist of 7 male players, three in Category “A” (handicap index range of 5.5 to 9.4) and four in Category “B” (with a handicap index 9.5 to 20.4.) Should a player’s handicap go up after selection (no earlier than the last “round completion deadline date”) and take him into a different category, he can still be counted as a player from that category but **MUST** play off the maximum handicap within that category. Should a player’s handicap go down after selection and take him into a different category, he can still be counted as a player from that category but **MUST** play off their correct handicap on the day
- **Note:** All players **MUST** have a WHS handicap with at least **3** competition rounds in their record from the previous 12 months. If a player is found to have represented a club when not eligible, the opposition club will be retrospectively awarded the match
- Players must play off their exact handicap index on the date of the match (unless having to play off a lower handicap than their own to fit into one of the required categories)
- Players must be an affiliated member of the Club they represent
- Play will be singles match play in order of EXACT handicap index, lowest first, highest last, and with FULL DIFFERENCE in Course Handicap being applied. Matches should be played in singles (2 ball) format, but if this is not possible then the HOME Club should give a minimum of 48 hours’ notice of the likelihood of having to play games in four ball format. The AWAY Club may insist the match is played in singles format but only if they are able to host the match to accommodate the change
- Away players must be given courtesy for matches. If at all possible, a courtesy practice round for the AWAY Club should be given in the Semi Finals only. HOME Clubs may charge a green fee should an AWAY Club require a practice round in earlier rounds. Please note that not all Clubs may be able to offer a practice round, or at a reduced rate, and it is not compulsory
- In the event of a halved match result, the last individual match halved will continue to the 19th hole or beyond as a ‘stipulated round’ for a result
- Note that caddies may be used and that Captains should inform the other club as a courtesy where caddies are intended to be used

Appendix 1: Eligibility for all relevant club competitions and representative club matches

Club Majors:

- **Note:** The Hinksey Heights Members' Committee have agreed that it is fair and reasonable that players must have **played at least three Medal or Stableford competitions within a rolling 12-month period**. These players will be eligible to enter and win any main (club major) prize competition, e.g. any club "major," as this will ensure that all entrants will have handicaps that have been monitored by the handicap secretary as part of the annual handicap review
- **Note:** A player without the required three Medal or Stableford competition scores, but with six general play rounds, may request to enter the scratch/ gross element of the competition but will not be eligible for nett or handicap competitions
- A team scramble will not be deemed to be a qualifying competition for a club major

Central Sevens:

- **Note:** A player is required to submit a minimum of 9 cards in a rolling 12-month period, of which 3 or more must be in a qualifying competition. A qualifying competition is defined as a competition that will count towards your future handicap - examples are Monthly Medals and Monthly Stableford; for those Clubs that run Major Trophy (or Board) Competitions, these also attract qualifying status

Hillman Trophy:

- **Note:** All players **MUST** have a WHS handicap with at least 3 competition rounds in their record from the previous 12 months. If a player is found to have represented a club when not eligible, the opposition club will be retrospectively awarded the match

Seniors League Matches:

- **Note:** Members participating in Competitions organised by and for the Seniors Section **must be aged 55 or over on the day of the Competition**

Appendix 2: Major Trophy Competitions/ Men's Competitions

The Flag: Format Singles - Each player gets a certain number of shots based on their handicap, which is added to the par for the course. This player then has this many shots to get as far round the course as possible. Players completing 18 holes in fewer than the strokes allowed should continue from the 1st tee until all their shots are used. The furthest round the course plants a flag and is the winner

- Handicapping: 100%
- Drawn or chosen tee time
- Groups of three players
- White Tees

The Gresswell Cup: Format Singles/ Stableford

- Handicapping: 95%
- Drawn or chosen tee time
- Groups of three players
- White Tees

Pro's Fourball: Format Pairs / Stableford four ball better ball (players choose their partners)

- Handicapping: 95%
- Drawn or chosen tee time
- White Tees

Men's Club Championships: Format Singles/Medal played over two days with a gross competition and nett competition (a player can win both)

- Handicapping: 95%
- Drawn event on day one, day two order of play based on the best gross scores from day 1 going out last
- Groups of three

Senior Club Championships: Format as above and played over 18 holes

- Yellow Tees

Brimble Trophy: Format: Singles/Medal

- Handicapping: 95%
- Draw and allocate tee times
- Groups of 3
- White Tees

David Heads Foursomes (Summer Greensomes): Format Pairs/Stableford/Alternate shots

- Handicapping: 60% of the lower handicap, 40% of the higher handicap
- Each player must use a minimum of 6 tee shots
- Draw and allocate tee times
- White Tees

Champion of Champions: Format Singles/Stableford

Qualification:

- **Any player that has won a singles competition (monthly or weekly Stableford or Medal, singles major (including winter and summer singles) since November 1st the previous calendar year**
- **Also invited are the winners of any of the previous five years Champion of Champions if they are current club members**
- Handicapping: 95%
- Draw and allocate tee time
- White Tees
- Groups of 3

Summer Singles: Format Singles Matchplay Knockout

- Handicapping: 100%
- Drawn
- White Tees
- Non-qualifying for HC
- Each round has a fixed completion date with no extensions
- Players are responsible for organising and completing their match before the round deadline date
- Players can opt to play a nine-hole match if both parties agree and to ensure that a match is completed

Summer Fourball: Format Pairs Matchplay Knockout

- Handicapping: 90% for each player
- Drawn
- White Tees
- Non-qualifying for HC
- Each round has a fixed completion date with no extensions
- Players are responsible for organising and completing their match before the round deadline date
- Players can opt to play a nine-hole match if both pairs agree and to ensure that a match is completed
- **Note:** Once a pair has played a match, they are committed to playing as that pair throughout the knockout. No substitutions can be made. If one pair is struggling to play,

one of them can go out by themselves against the other pair by agreement to complete the match

Summer Foursomes: Format Pairs Matchplay Knockout, alternate shots, with each pair deciding before the match commences which player tees from the odds and even holes

- Handicapping: 50% of combined team handicap, rounded to nearest whole number
- Drawn
- White Tees
- Non-qualifying for HC
- Each round has a fixed completion date
- Players are responsible for organising and completing their match before the round deadline date
- Players can opt to play a nine-hole match if both pairs agree and to ensure that a match is completed
- **Note:** Once a pair has played a match, they are committed to playing as that pair throughout the knockout. No substitutions can be made

Winter Singles: Format Singles Matchplay Knockout

- Handicapping: 100%
- Drawn
- Yellow Tees
- Non-qualifying for HC
- Each round has a fixed completion date
- Players responsible for organising and completing their match before the round deadline date
- Players can opt to play a nine-hole match if both parties agree and to ensure that a match is completed

Women's Competitions

Except for the Women's Championship day, the women's competitions are run over 2 days (Friday and Saturday) to include both 5-day and full members. There is only one entry per person

Bi-Monthly Stableford and Medal competitions:

Playing in these Stableford and Medal Strokeplay competitions count as qualifying competition rounds (3 in the previous 12 months) for eligibility to enter the other major competitions

- Handicapping: 100%
- Drawn
- Groups of 2 to 4 players
- Red Tees

Women's Major Trophy Competitions:

All the following are currently run as Stableford and Medal Strokeplay competitions as indicated

- **Founders Cup (March) Stableford**
- **Handicap Cup (April) Stableford**
- **Caddyshack Trophy (May) Medal Strokeplay**
- **Thompson Trophy (June) Stableford**
- **Dawson Cup (August) Medal Strokeplay**
- **Freeman Trophy (September) Medal Strokeplay**
- **Milward Trophy (October) Stableford**
- **Women's Captain's Cup (November)**

Format:

- Handicapping 95%
- Drawn or chosen tee time
- Groups of two to four players
- Red Tees

Women's Club Championships (July)

Format Singles Medal played on a Saturday with a gross competition and nett competition running at the same time (Note that a player cannot win both)

Note: If other Women members wish to play in another competition on that day, and do not qualify for the championships, and if there are a minimum of six players, it may be possible to organise a separate competition

Oxfordshire Women's Golf Bronze League 2026

The teams must play in reverse Handicap order i.e. Highest Handicapper out first, in case the Match is tied. In this eventuality - the last Match out i.e. the Lowest Handicapper will play sudden death Match Play from the 1st Tee. In the final and semi-finals this playing order is reversed

Caddies to be allowed for the Finals only. They can be of either gender according to the Rules of Golf, and are allowed to advise throughout the course, including the greens. As a courtesy, please inform other Clubs if you are using a Caddy.

If a player in a Team within the League is a Member of more than one Club in Oxfordshire they must represent the Club which is her Home Club

Matches are to be played in Singles format off scratch. Each individual Result (Actual Score) of each individual Match must be recorded in case of a tie, when all results will be needed for count back

A Team consists of Five players with active Handicaps between 20.5 and ideally 30. A player may play in a Bronze league match if their handicap is eligible in the 7 days previous (i.e. a player who has a handicap index of 20.5 or greater is eligible to play even if their HI falls below 20.5 in the 7 days previous to the match).

If a Team member is 30 minutes or more late arriving for the Tee-off time - the individual Match will be forfeited and the opponent will be credited with a 7-6 Win. (Exception to this Rule is at the Discretions of the Captains)

In exceptional circumstances only, a Club which is unable to produce a Team of Five will be allowed to play with a Team of Four (but no less), provided that the Team's Captain notifies this to the other Team Captain at the earliest opportunity in advance of the Match. The highest handicap match will be forfeited by that Club with a score recorded as a Win for the full Team by a margin of 7-6 for that match

If a Club fails to produce a Team (other than as permitted above) a Bye will be given to the Club who did produce a Team, awarding them 2 points as for a Win by a designated margin of 3-2 overall for games scored (but with the other Team scoring 0 for games won)

Buggies may be used without a Doctor's note in all matches

Mixed Major Competitions/ Non-qualifying

Lidstone Trophy: Singles Stableford

Traditionally a three clubs and a putter competition

- Handicapping: 100%
- Non-qualifying for HC
- Drawn
- Red Tees (Women & Men)
- Groups of three

HH Cup (England vs. Rest of the World): Team Matchplay Four Ball Better Ball

- Handicapping: 90% (Fourball better ball Matchplay)
- Non-qualifying for HC
- Drawn/Choose tee time: Team Captains decide pairings and order
- Red Tees (Women), Yellow Tees (Men)
- Number in each group: four (two pairs)

Chairman's Challenge: Format and group sizes to be decided by the Chairman but traditionally a Team Stableford or Scramble

- Handicapping based on the format chosen
- Non-qualifying for HC
- Red Tees (Women), Yellow Tees (Men)
- Groups of three

Non-Major Competitions

Winter League Mixed: Format Pairs Matchplay

- Handicapping: 90% (Fourball better ball Matchplay)
- Non-qualifying for HC
- Run over scheduled weekends
- No substitutes are allowed after the first round of matches have been played
- In the event of a medical exemption, e.g. a player withdrawing due to medical reasons and being unable to complete any matches, an alternate may be added. Note. This will affect the handicap allowances unless the handicap is exactly the same as the previous player
- In order to complete matches, they may be played as 1 vs 1 or 2 vs1 with the agreement of each pair for that round so that matches are completed before the start of the next scheduled round
- Each team plays all other teams once
- 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw
- Red Tees (Women), Yellow Tees (Men)
- Number in each group: four (two pairs)

Charity/ Other Competitions:

Captains Charity Day (may be combined with the Captain's Drive-In if this has been delayed by early season weather conditions)

- Mixed team event (previously a scramble)
- Non-qualifying for HC
- Handicapping based on the chosen format
- Shotgun start
- Groups of 3-4