

Windlesham Golf Club General Competition Rules

1. Amendment History

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Version	Date	Amendment
V0.1	15/04/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial draft created, showing proposed combined rule vs the existing section by section rule, for ease of comparison and comment
V0.2	19/04.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second draft created, simplifying structure and expanding on first draft
V0.3	14/05/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Third draft updated and issued to Committee for approval
V0.4	04/10/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change to Club Championship deciding holes• Addition of further level of count back• Clarity for count back in 2 day competitions• Change to required status of card “markers”
V1.0	2/4/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarify Competition status as per action 10/18 from Main Committee• Standardise nomenclature with removal of Club Handicaps

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2. General Competition Rules

2.1. Rules

These rules apply to all official Windlesham Golf competitions as organised by the Main Golf Committee and its sub committees. All competitions will be played in accordance with the 'Rules of Golf' as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, and in accordance with the Local Rules of Windlesham Golf Club.

Clause 19 of the CONGU Unified Handicapping System will apply to all Stroke Play Qualifying Competitions.

2.2. Eligibility

Official competitions are open to 7 day Full, 5 day Full, Intermediate or Junior members with the appropriate qualifying status at the time of entry, in accordance with the specific competition's entry criteria within the Competition Rules.

Knockouts

Entrants must have a competition handicap as defined by CONGU at the closing date for entry and when playing matches.

The Club Championship.

The Club Championship qualifies as two rounds for Handicapping purposes

- Handicap adjustments are made after the competition is completed and no adjustments are made between Round 1 and Round 2 of the competition

Entrants must have a competition handicap as defined by CONGU at the closing date for entry.

Qualifying Competitions

All singles Stroke Play and Stableford competitions will qualify for Handicapping purposes unless otherwise stated in the specific competition's Competition Rules Only entrants with a competition handicap as defined by CONGU will be awarded prizes and allocated Order of Merit Points.

Members with a non-competition handicap may participate in order to use the competition for qualifying purposes but will be excluded from the overall competition result and will not pay a competition entry fee, unless otherwise stated in the Entry Criteria for the specific competition

Non Qualifying Competitions

Entrants must have a competition handicap, unless otherwise stated in the specific competition rules, as defined by CONGU at the closing date for entry.

2.3. Teeing Ground and Tee Times

All Competitors shall play from the designated tee as defined in the specific competition's Competition Rules.

All Competitions shall start from the first tee, unless directed otherwise by the Pro Shop or where the competitor has been designated to start from an alternative tee on the competition's Start Sheet.

In consideration of their playing partners, competitors are asked to be on the tee five minutes before their designated tee time.

A maximum of one junior or member with a Club handicap may play in each allocated tee time, with the exception of the final day of the Club Championship.

2.4. Procedures

There are no restrictions on the use of buggies or personal caddies in Windlesham Golf Club Competitions, knockout matches or mixed competitions. Restrictions may apply in External competitions and the specific competition's Competition Rules should be checked prior to competing.

Knockout Competitions:

A player must have signed in for the competition and paid the entry fee prior to the closing date in order to be entered in the draw. All entry requirements must be met in order to be entered into the draw. If it is shown subsequently that entry requirements have not been met, then the player will be disqualified from the competition.

It is the responsibility of the first drawn player/team to ensure the match is arranged and played by the due date.

Unresolved matches will be decided by the Competitions' Secretary or delegate, possibly by the spin of a coin.

In Pairs' Competitions, a partner may be substituted after the competition draw and prior to playing their first match of the competition. Once a match has been played, a partner cannot be substituted and the remaining partner will either concede or continue in the competition as a single player.

If a team or player is no longer eligible or able to compete or is disqualified from the competition, the team or player that was to be played next receives a bye, rather than the previous team being progressed to the next round.

If there are 6 or more temporary greens in operation on the day of play, the match should be postponed and an alternative date agreed.

In internal knockouts, a match that is tied after 18 holes shall continue without delay from the 10th hole, and will have precedence over other players on the course. Additional holes will be played until the match is concluded. Strokes shall be claimed according to the stroke index of the hole and handicap allowance. In Foursomes match play, the order of play will continue to alternate for the additional holes.

Qualifying and Non Qualifying Competitions

Competitors must enter the competition, sign in and pay the entrance fee prior to playing.

If a player fails to report for play or withdraws without adequate notice prior to start of play of a competition, they may be excluded from entry into the next two competitions which they qualify to enter.

In Qualifying Competitions, the marking of a score card must be undertaken and signed for by the course partner of the relevant competitor, who is referred to as 'the marker'. The playing partner/course partner need not be competing in the qualifying competition. Markers must either hold a CONGU handicap or be a playing member of Windlesham Golf Club.

In Qualifying Competitions, all scores must, at the earliest opportunity, be entered into the club's competition computer (including no returns) by the player. All score cards must be returned to the Pro Shop and be clearly completed, dated and signed by both the marker and the player. Failure to properly complete a score card can result in disqualification from the competition.

In Qualifying Competitions, ties will be decided by 'count back' over the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes. *If an outright victor cannot be resolved after all four stages of Count-Back, the process continues as follows:*

1. *Best Stableford score on the most difficult hole of the course. i.e the hole that is allocated SI 1 (or for Medal competitions "lowest nett score")*
2. *Best aggregate Stableford score across the three (3) most difficult holes of the course. SIs 1 -3 (or for Medal competitions "lowest aggregate nett score")*
3. *Best aggregate Stableford score across the six (6) most difficult holes of the course (or for Medal competitions "lowest aggregate nett score")*

Best aggregate Stableford score across the nine (9) most difficult holes of the course. SIs 1-9 (or for Medal competitions "lowest aggregate nett score").

In competitions played over 2 days or more then the above will apply using the back 9 holes on the final day of the competition.

The exception to this will be the Club Championship Gold Medal (Men) and Gross (Ladies), where any tie will be decided by a sudden death playoff using the 10th and 18th holes in rotation until a winner is decided.

In Non Qualifying competitions, the player must enter their score into the club's competition computer, if required. All score cards must be returned to the Pro Shop or event organiser, as advised before play, and be clearly completed, dated and signed by both the marker and the player. Failure to properly complete a score card can result in disqualification from the competition.

In Non Qualifying Competitions, the event organiser will decide the mechanism by which ties are resolved.

2.5. Winter Rules, Preferred Lies and Inclement Weather

Winter Rules or Preferred Rules will apply when decided by the Course Manager and his team, in accordance with England Golf recommendations.

If the course is open and the course conditions meet the requirements of the Competition's rules, the competition will run.

If, during the running of a competition, the Green Keeping staff or Proshop close the course, then the competition will be abandoned.

If, during the running of a competition, the senior green keeper on duty or the senior member of the Proshop on duty deem the course to have become unplayable then, in consultation with the Competitions' Secretary or delegate, play may be suspended and ultimately the competition may be abandoned.

2.6. Interpretation of Rules

If a ruling is required either during or after any Competition, the Pro Shop will make the ruling and communicate this to those involved before the competition is closed and the results are published. The Competitions' Secretary will then be notified of the nature and result of the ruling.

In the event of an appeal, this should be made, in writing, to the Club Captain or Ladies Captain. They will appoint a Committee member to take ownership of the appeal and, through consultation with the Competitions' Secretary will make a ruling and feedback this to the appellant. The decision made by this process will be final.

For the Club Championship, the Pro Shop will be the first point of contact for any rule queries and disputes. A Club Championship Rule Committee will also be established and these parties will make a final decision in the event of rule dispute during this competition.

2.7. Divisional Classifications

Members are classified into handicap divisions, which form part of the conditions of entry for certain internal competitions. The divisional splits are subject to review and alteration from time to time by the Main Committee or Ladies Committee.

Male members will be classified as follows:

- Division 1: handicaps up to 16.4
- Division 2: handicaps 16.5+

Female members will be classified as follows:

- Division 1: handicaps up to 20.4
- Division 2: handicaps 20.5 to 28.4
- Division 3: handicaps 28.5+ including Club Handicaps