

## **World Handicap System – Terms & Conditions for Competition play**

With the introduction of the WHS on 2/11/20 we are required to examine and revise the terms and conditions that apply to the competitions we run both as internal (members only) and external (open to visitors).

The General Committee has now agreed that the following change should apply from 01/04/2022:

### **Club Competitions for Members only (Internal)**

1. The maximum Handicap Index a player can use for any Trophy Competition will be **28.0 for Men and 40.0 for Ladies**.
2. The maximum Handicap Index a player can use for a Monthly Medal or Stableford Competition will be 54.0
3. A player (home or away) will need to have a minimum of 3 qualifying rounds on their playing record in the 12-month period prior to the date of the competition. Without this they can play in the competition and use the round as a qualifier but cannot win the competition or any prize. (In this case no entry fee will be payable)

### **Club Competitions open to visitors (External)**

The Club currently has 2 External Competitions, the Seniors Am Am and Ladies Am Am, both in October each year.

1. There will be a Handicap Index maximum of 28.0 and 36.0
2. A player with a higher Handicap Index will be able to participate but will be limited to the maximum allowed by the format of the Competition.
3. Players will be required to provide evidence that they have completed a minimum of 3 qualifying rounds in the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the Competition.

### **General Conditions**

1. Players should note that the Handicap Index may produce a higher or lower Course Handicap dependent upon the tee set being used on the day.
2. The Handicapping system will then use this to calculate a Playing Handicap for the Competition using the Handicap Allowance appropriate to the format of the Competition. (See below)

### **Handicap Allowances for Competition Formats** (as set by WHS)

1. For individual stroke play or Stableford competitions the Handicap Allowance will be 95%.
2. For Four ball stroke play or Stableford (Pairs) the Handicap Allowance will be 85%.
3. For individual match play the Handicap Allowance will be 100% (no change)
4. For Four ball match play (Pairs) the Handicap Allowance will be 90%
5. For Foursomes competitions the Handicap Allowance will be 50% of the combined team handicap

6. For Greensomes competitions the Handicap Allowance will be 60% of the Low handicap + 40% of the high handicap (no change)
7. For Texas Scramble competitions (4 players) the Handicap Allowance will be 25%/20%/15%/10% working from lowest to highest handicap
8. For Texas Scramble competitions (2 players) the Handicap Allowance will be 35%/15% working from lowest to highest handicap
9. For Best 2 from 4 stroke play (Am Am) the Handicap Allowance will be 85%
10. The Handicap Index applicable in the Club Championships played over 2 rounds (36 holes in total) will be as follows:
  - a. The Men's Championship takes place on consecutive days and therefore the same Handicap Index will apply to both rounds
  - b. The Ladies Championship is not played over consecutive days and therefore the second round will be subject to any Handicap Index changes produced by play in the first round
  - c. The Seniors Championship is played over consecutive Mondays and the rules as in (b) above will apply to Handicap Index changes.

These proposals will be kept under review by the Committee within at least 3 months from the start and any changes will be considered if difficulties arise.

## Definitions

### **Handicap Index (HI)**

This is your handicap held at England Golf based on the best 8 of your last 20 scores submitted in competition or general play rounds.

### **Course Handicap (CH)**

The handicap that applies on a specific course and set of tees. This can be identified by using the course slope rating chart. The more difficult the course the higher your CH will be

### **Playing Handicap (PH)**

The handicap that applies ONLY in competitions on a specific course and set of tees and is designed to ensure that all players have a fair and equal game when competing against others

$$CH \times HA = PH$$

### **Handicap Allowance (HA)**

The percentage applied to the CH to give you a PH in any competition. Different types of competition have specific Handicap Allowances

## Ladies Section ORDER OF MERIT

The Order of Merit is a cumulative competition running throughout the year from November to November. Only performances in 18-hole qualifying competitions are taken into account. Your **best 8 scores** are used to calculate your total.

Points are awarded depending on how many ladies take part and your position in the competition. Thursday and weekend competitions are combined.

For example, if 32 ladies take part and you come first you get 32 points, 31 points for second and so on.

The qualifying competitions are as follows:

- 1 November stableford
- 2 Pro's Winter Trophy (non-qualifying)
- 3 February Stableford
- 4 Garden City trophy
- 5 March Medal
- 6 The Sorrento Classic
- 7 April Medal
- 8 Spring Classic
- 9 MJC Computer Trophy
- 10 May Medal
- 11 Mamod Trophy
- 12 June Medal
- 13 Samantha's Trophy
- 14 June Rose Bowl
- 15 July Medal
- 16 Artic Spa Round 1
- 17 Artic Spa Round 2
- 18 August Medal
- 19 MJC Group Trophy
- 20 Boots Opticians Stableford Trophy
- 21 Boots Opticians Scratch Trophy
- 22 September Medal
- 23 Classic 1
- 24 Classic 2
- 25 October Medal

## **Ladies Eclectic – Rules of the Competition**

**The competition will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> April and will end on 30<sup>th</sup> September**

1. An Eclectic score will not be accepted until the entry fee has been made
2. Scores to count for the lady's eclectic will be from qualifying competitions only and will be automatically submitted for those ladies participating into the eclectic run through Club v1
3. Scores must be completed and signed by the player and marker with correct entries in Column A (player) and Column D (marker)
4. The marker does not need to be a player in the Eclectic competition but should possess a Competition status handicap
5. If a score is to count, the hole must be played out to completion, no 'gimmies' are allowed
6. Score cards will only be accepted when the full course is in play
7. If temporary greens or tees are in play the Eclectic competition will be suspended for that day
8. The Rules of Golf will apply throughout the competition

## **Ladies Champion of Champions**

The following will qualify a lady to be entered into the end of season Champion of Champions

- The aggregate winner of a qualifying competition (9 hole and 18 hole)
- The winner of the Lady Captains' singles competition
- The winners of the Lady Captains' pairs competition
- For competitions where there is an age limit to winning the trophy, the trophy winner and where different the overall winner will both qualify

## **Men's Section Order of Merit**

### **Men's Order of Merit competition runs from 1st November to 30<sup>th</sup> September**

- The competitions that qualify for the Order of Merit will be all Singles Strokeplay and Stableford competitions which are open to all members, plus the Arctic Spa Club Championship played in July (overall result of the two rounds of this competition).
- Points are awarded according to the number of entries to the competition. If there are 50 entries, the winner receives 50 points, second receives 49 etc.
- The Order of Merit is based on a player's **best 10** results in the Season.
- In the event of a tie, there will be a countback based on the best 9 results, best 8 etc, until the tie is resolved.
- If a competition is postponed due to bad weather, the rearranged date will count only if it is played within the overall dates listed above.
- Order of Merit standings will be posted on the board approximately monthly through the year.

## **Seniors' Section Order of Merit**

### **Senior Order of Merit competition runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

- The competitions that qualify for the Order of Merit will be all Singles Strokeplay or Stableford competitions which are open to all members plus the Glenister Classic in September (overall result of the two rounds of this competition).
- Points are awarded according to the number of entries to the competition. If there are 50 entries, the winner receives 50 points, second receives 49 etc.
- The Order of Merit is based on a player's **best 10** results in the Season.
- In the event of a tie, there will be a countback based on the best 9 results, best 8 etc, until the tie is resolved.
- If a competition is postponed due to bad weather, the rearranged date will count only if it is played within the overall dates listed above.

## **Veterans Order of Merit**

- There is a separate competition for a Veterans' Order of Merit (the George Steadman Trophy). This will operate under the same rules, for Seniors who are 70 years or older on 1st January of this year.
- Veterans are also eligible for the main OoM competition: if a Veteran wins the Seniors OoM, the Veterans Trophy will be awarded to the second placed Veteran.

## **Seniors Winter Eclectic – Rules of the Competition**

1. The competition will begin on first Thursday in November and will end on the Thursday before the Seniors presentation day in February
2. An Eclectic card will not be accepted until the entry fee has been made
3. A player must use a full (100%) handicap, which can change, during the competition
4. Score cards can only be submitted on any Monday or Thursday within the dates listed above providing a Seniors club competition is not in progress
5. Cards must be completed and signed by the player and marker with correct entries in Column A (player) and Column D (marker)
6. The marker does not need to be a player in the Eclectic competition but should possess a Competition status handicap
7. If a score is to count, the hole must be played out to completion, no 'gimmies' are allowed
8. Score cards will only be accepted when the full course is in play
9. If temporary greens or tees are in play the Eclectic competition will be suspended for that day
10. A player will not be allowed to submit an Eclectic card if he chooses to take part in any other competition such as a singles or doubles match on that day
11. The Rules of Golf will apply throughout the competition

## Mixed competitions – Course adjustment shots

When mixed golf is played, or for that matter any golf where different tees are used for the same competition, an adjustment needs to be made to reflect this.

The adjustment depends on the type of golf being played. If playing a medal or matchplay the adjustment is based purely on the course rating. Whereas in stablefords, it is based on a combination of course rating and also Par for that set of tees.

Handicap adjustments are applied to the PH after calculating any handicap allowance fraction for the competition format

| Competition name         | Format                                  | Handicap rules   |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Gittins Transport Trophy | Greensome Pairs Stableford              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40% higher handicap / 60% lower handicap</li> <li>• Men off yellows. Ladies off red.</li> <li>• Ladies 4 course adjustment shots.</li> <li>• Use men's stroke index.</li> </ul>     |
| Seniors v Ladies         | Match play Pairs better ball stableford | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men off whites, ladies off reds.</li> <li>• Ladies 2.3 course adjustment shots.</li> <li>• 90% handicap difference off lowest handicap</li> <li>• Use own stroke indices</li> </ul> |
| Pitt Trophy              | Greensome Pairs Stableford              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40% higher handicap / 60% lower handicap</li> <li>• Men off yellows. Ladies off red.</li> <li>• Ladies 4 course adjustment shots.</li> <li>• Use men's stroke index.</li> </ul>     |
| Roy Crowe Trophy         | Pairs better ball stableford            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men off yellows, ladies off reds.</li> <li>• 85% of Course handicap</li> <li>• Ladies 4 course adjustment shots.</li> <li>• Use own stroke indices</li> </ul>                       |
| Bill Yardley trophy      | Greensome Pairs Stableford              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40% higher handicap / 60% lower handicap</li> <li>• Men off yellows. Ladies off red.</li> <li>• Ladies 4 course adjustment shots.</li> <li>• Use men's stroke index.</li> </ul>     |
| Hire It Team Trophy      | Pairs better ball stableford            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men off whites, ladies off reds.</li> <li>• 85% of Course handicap</li> <li>• Ladies 3 course adjustment shots.</li> <li>• Use own stroke indices</li> </ul>                        |
| Mixed Pairs              | Pairs better ball stableford            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men off whites, ladies off reds.</li> <li>• 85% of Course handicap</li> <li>• Ladies 3 course adjustment shots.</li> <li>• Use own stroke indices.</li> </ul>                       |
| Scetrini Cup             | Pairs better ball stableford            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men off yellows, ladies off reds.</li> <li>• 85% of Course handicap.</li> <li>• Ladies 4 course adjustment shots.</li> <li>• Use own stroke indices</li> </ul>                      |

## Calculating adjustments for mixed tee competitions

### Strokeplay

| Tees   | Course rating | Adjustment |
|--------|---------------|------------|
| White  | 68.4          | 0          |
| Red    | 70.7          | 2.3        |
|        |               |            |
| Yellow | 67.0          | 0          |
| Red    | 70.7          | 3.7        |

### Stableford

| Tees   | Points to play to handicap* | Adjustment |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------|
| White  | 40                          | 0          |
| Red    | 37                          | 3          |
|        |                             |            |
| Yellow | 41                          | 0          |
| Red    | 37                          | 4          |

Points to play to handicap is  $36 - (\text{Course rating} - \text{Par})$

Whites  $36 - (68.4 - 72) = 39.6 = 40$

Yellows  $36 - (67.0 - 72) = 41$

Reds  $36 - (70.7 - 72) = 37.3 = 37$

#### 1. Greensomes

**Both players hit a tee shot. The best tee shot is then selected and alternate shot played until the competition of the hole**

Adjustments - 40% of the higher players course handicap and 60% of the lower players course handicap (if course handicaps are equal - half the combined total) plus for ladies 3 or 4 shots depending if men off whites or yellow

#### 2. Pairs Betterball Stableford

**Team of 2 players each playing their own ball with the best score on each hole to count for the pair**

Adjustment - 85% of Course handicap, plus for ladies 3 or 4 shots depending if men off whites or yellow

#### 3. Match play – pairs

Adjustment - 90% of CH plus for ladies' adjustments of 2.3 or 3.7 to give playing handicap, depending if Men off whites or yellows. Then the usual strokes taken relative to lowest PH.

**Mixed competitions (Ladies and senior men) Trophy competitions**

**Greensome Pairs Stableford**

Gittins Transport Trophy

Pitt Trophy

Bill Yardley Trophy

**4BBB**

Roy Crowe Trophy

Scetrini Cup

**Match play**

Seniors v Ladies – number of matches won#