



Gorstyhill Golf Club

Conditions of Entry for Club Competitions

All competitions are played under R&A rules and Gorstyhill Local Rules and Club Regulations.

Players are expected to play without due delay and to comply with Section I of the Rules of Golf (Etiquette).

Players are expected to comply with the club's on-course dress code.

These Conditions are effective from 1st January 2012.

Eligibility to Enter

- All club competitions are open to 7 day members including juniors. Junior competitors who have a CONGU handicap of 28 or less must play from the Men's tees if male, or ladies tees if female. Juniors who have a Club Handicap of 29 and over can participate but must play off 28 for competition purposes.
- Five day members can only compete in mid-week competitions, the Summer knockouts, and the Turkey Trot (excluding Bank Holiday competitions). Special dispensation to participate in other club events may be granted from time to time.
- Summer Knockouts. There are separate Men's, Ladies and Mixed Pairs knock-out competitions.
- The Men's, Ladies and Seniors sections have their own separate diarised competitions. The following competitions are open to any combination of Men and Ladies; Captains' Drive-in, Founders Bowl, St George's Day Trophy, Premier Cup, Concorde Trophy, Laurels Trophy, Four Nations Trophy, Invitation Day, Wear-it-Pink Breast Cancer Day, Bank Holiday Competitions, Turkey Trot, Texas Scrambles and PowerPlay Golf (PPG).
- Both Men and Ladies can enter the following competitions as individual players; President's Day, Captain vs. President Challenge and Captain's Day.
- All entrants must have amateur status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Regulations of the R&A and must have an 'active' CONGU handicap to be eligible to compete for prizes.

Format of Competitions

- The format of all competitions will be clearly stated on the entry sheet as will the tees of the day, any handicap restrictions and whether the competition is qualifying or non-qualifying.
- Play must commence from the first tee unless otherwise indicated.

How to Enter Club Competitions

- Entry to the Summer knockouts is made via the appropriate entry form published prior to the start of the new season.
- Entry to diarised competitions is to be made via the computerised entry system (PSI ~ Player Score Input) unless otherwise directed. Tee sheet bookings are available two weeks prior to each event.
- Entries to diarised competitions will close on the PSI during the afternoon on the day prior to the competition. Entries after this time can only be made with the approval of the Committee (incl. the professional staff). Players should make every effort to enter before the competition is closed on the PSI to aid administration, to minimise disruption to other players and to ensure all players have a confirmed marker.
- An email will be sent to all players on the day prior to the competition from alerts@how-did-i-do.co.uk confirming their Competition Start Time after entries are closed on the PSI. Withdrawing from the competition between this email being sent and the confirmed Start Time will be subject to disciplinary action (see **Penalties for Breach of Club Competition Rules** later).
- On the day of the competition, individual or team, each player is required to sign in and pay the entry fee via the PSI (unless otherwise directed). Players who fail to do either will be considered as not having entered the competition.
- Score cards for individual competitions will be printed from the PSI following successful entry to the competition. Score cards for team events will be issued by the professional.

Arriving on time, Changing of tee times, Non Arrivals

- The player must start at the time established by the Committee. The time on the tee sheet is the time per the clock on the first tee. (See 2012 changes to Rule 6-3a).
- Players whose name is on the tee sheet and who fail to arrive will be subject to disciplinary action (see **Penalties for Breach of Club Competition Rules** later).
- Players cannot change their starting time after the tee sheet booking is closed on the PSI although the committee (professional) reserves the right to change starting times to ensure that all players have a marker.
- Groups must remain in their allotted groups throughout the round (6-3b).

Walking off the Course during Competition Play

- Those players who walk off the course without completing the round, other than when permitted (when the committee has suspended play, he believes there is danger from lightning, he is seeking a decision from the committee on a disputed point; or other good reason such as sudden illness) shall be disqualified (6-8a) and shall be subject to disciplinary action (see **Penalties for Breach of Club Competition Rules** later).
- Players who walk off the course when not permitted in a qualifying competition (see above) will not receive any 0.1 increase in their CONGU handicap as they will have been disqualified.

Completion of Score Cards

- After completion of the round, the player should check his score and ensure that the marker has signed the score card, sign the score card himself and return it to the score card box above the PSI. It is also a Club Regulation to assist administration that scores are entered on the PSI prior to returning to the score card box (6-6b/8). This applies to all score cards, including those with No Returns.
- Play ends when the last group has returned their score cards. Failure to return a correctly completed score card will result in disqualification (6-6b).
- No alterations can be made to a score card after it has been returned (6-6c).

Ties

- All ties in strokeplay events will be decided on a count-back basis (better inward half, last 6, last 3 etc.) with the exception of the Club Championships (gross score) which will be decided by sudden death play off commencing at hole 1.
- All ties in matchplay events will be decided via a sudden death play off commencing at hole 1.
- Play must be resumed from where it was discontinued even if resumption occurs on a subsequent day and irrespective of whether it is during the 18 hole match or during a play off (6-8d).

Caddies

- Players may be assisted by a caddie but a professional golfer is not permitted to act as a caddie during a stipulated round (6-4). Failure to comply will result in disqualification (33-1).

Distance Measuring Devices

- Players may obtain distance information by using a device which measures distance only. Devices which also measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g. wind speed, temperature etc), whether these other facilities are used or not, cannot be used. The penalty for breach of this is disqualification (14-3).
- If you use a mobile phone as a DMD, the phone must not have any feature or application which can gauge or measure other conditions such as wind speed and temperature. If the phone has such a capability, irrespective of whether it is used or irrespective of whether the feature or application is switched off or otherwise disabled, you will be disqualified. If in doubt, do not use your phone as a DMD.

Transportation/Use of Buggies in Competitions

- Only members who have a medical exemption may use buggies during Club competitions.
- No other player may use the buggy of an exempt player otherwise they will be disqualified. The only exception is where a player is returned to the tee.
- As a medical certificate is required for a buggy, then a fellow-competitor, partner or opponent must also have a medical certificate to be entitled to carry their clubs on the buggy.

- Medical exemptions are obtained by providing a current medical certificate from a medical practitioner. A simple letter from you GP is not sufficient.
- Players requesting an exemption should notify the club professional and the Competition Secretary.
- It is the player's responsibility to arrange the hiring of the buggy.
- Buggies must be operated responsibly and with care and consideration for other players.

Conforming Clubs

- All clubs used during the round must comply with the decisions of the R&A. Particular attention should be made to non conforming drivers (4-1).

Mobile Telephones

- These are permitted on the course but should be placed on silent or vibrate so as not to cause a distraction to other players. Play should not be unduly delayed as a result of the use of a mobile phone in a non-emergency situation (6-7).

Penalties for Breach of Club Competition Rules*

- Disciplinary action for breach of Club Competition Rules is as follows:
 - 1st offence in a calendar year will result in a warning.
 - 2nd offence incurs a ban from Club Comps for 1 week starting from the Monday immediately following the competition concerned.
 - 3rd and subsequent offences incurs a 3 week ban from Club Comps.

The ban will cover individual and team/pairs competitions but excludes League matches and Cup matches where the individual in question is representing the club; it also excludes the Summer Knockouts.

- To re-iterate, disciplinary action will be taken in the event of:
 - Withdrawing from a competition after the Competition Start Times have been confirmed by the sending of an email from alerts@how-did-i-do.co.uk and the confirmed tee time.
 - Players whose name is on the tee sheet and who fail to arrive.
 - Players who walk off the course without completing the round, other than when permitted (when the committee has suspended play, he believes there is danger from lightning, he is seeking a decision from the committee on a disputed point; or other good reason such as sudden illness).

* An appeal process is in place. The player must lodge an email appeal with the Committee within 12 hours of the Competition in question and the Committee will make a decision within a further 24 hours.