

# BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB

## GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

Competitions played under the direction of the Match Committee or Section Competition Committees are only open to amateur golfers with an official handicap.

Unless otherwise stated, competitions are open to Members as follows:

Men's Competitions	-	Men, Veterans and Junior Boys
Veterans Competitions	-	Veterans
Ladies Competitions	-	Ladies and Junior Girls (Max. Handicap 36)

Qualifying competitions are played off full handicap. For other competitions, the handicap allowance will be shown on the competition entry sheet.

Unless otherwise stated on the competition entry sheet, competitions will be played from:

Men	-	White Tees
Veterans	-	Yellow Tees
Ladies	-	Red Tees
Juniors Boys	-	White or Yellow Tees
Junior Girls	-	Red Tees

Play will be from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee unless other wise stated on the competition entry sheet.

Any entry fees must be paid before play commences or, in the case of knockout competitions, before the closing date of the competition entry. Any competitor failing to pay the entry fee before starting play or, in the case of knockouts, before the close of entry will be disqualified from the competition.

All players who enter a 36 hole competition are required to play both rounds. Failure to play both rounds may result in suspension from the next two singles competitions.

All competitions are subject to change as circumstances may dictate. The Match Committee or its representative may abandon or suspend a competition if weather conditions deem it necessary. If play is suspended, players must mark their ball and return to the Clubhouse. When a competition is cancelled entry fees will be refunded.

Players may only use a buggy in Men's, Ladies or Juniors Competitions if they have provided a Doctors medical certificate in advance.

The Match Committee has the power to impose sanctions or penalties against any player/member who disregards the rules of golf or these competition rules.

In any dispute, the Match Secretary's decision is final.

Players are recommended to familiarise themselves with:

CONGU Unified Handicapping System

Local Rules (as printed on the scorecard)

Temporary Local Rules (as displayed on the notice boards)

The General Conditions under which competitions are to be played and the specific conditions for individual competitions (as displayed on the notice boards)

Rules of Golf (as approved by R&A Rules Limited)

## **Stroke Play Competitions**

Competitions are listed in the Club diary and Club website diary which are available to all Members.

Where necessary, competition entry sheets will be on the notice board at least one week prior to the competition.

Start times and groups in which competitors play will be as shown on the official entry sheet. Players must start at the time stipulated. Players not on the starting tee and ready to play within 5 minutes after their published start time may be disqualified from the competition.

In singles competitions players must "sign in" for the competition before commencing play, using either the computer in the Spike Bar or other Section record.

All cards must be returned in competitions (including "No Returns") and, in the case of singles competitions, the gross scores (or "No Return") entered into the computer in the Spike Bar. Each competitor is responsible for his own card. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

All scorecards must record the name of the player, their current handicap and be signed by the competitor and the marker.

Players are responsible for recording the gross score on each hole on the scorecard. Scores on scorecards must be legible and amended scores must be initialled by the marker. Any scorecards that are rewritten must have the original attached.

## **Match Play Competitions**

Both players or both teams have an equal responsibility to arrange their matches. Opponents who fail to respond within a reasonable time to offered dates should be reported to the Match Secretary.

Matches must be completed by or on the date stipulated as the closing date. Extensions will be allowed only in exceptional circumstances.

In Knockout Competitions, if the match is not played by the date stipulated by the Match Committee then both players or teams will be eliminated from the competition. Alternatively, the players may decide between themselves who will progress to the next round.

In all cases, the name(s) of the player(s) progressing to the next round must be entered on the relevant competition sheet before or on the due date. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Any disputes should be referred to the Match Secretary whose decision is final.

## **Awards**

All trophies, medals and prizes will be presented at the awards gathering of the relevant Club section. All winners are expected to attend.

## **Ladies Section**

Certain specific rules are applicable to Ladies competitions;

When a Club competition extends over two days, i.e. Alternative Day & Main Day, the following rule applies:

*“When players have a choice between Main Day or Alternative Day participation for a single stroke play competition, in terms of Rules &-1b of the Rules of Golf, any player who elects to play on the second day of the competition, is permitted to play on the competition course on the first day of the said competition”.*

EWGA Medals only:

If a lady plays in the Weekend EWGA Medal and also the corresponding Main Day EWGA Medal, for the purpose of the Club Competition, she will be deemed to have entered the Club Competition once she has paid her entry fee.

## **OPEN EVENTS**

Only bona fide members of golf clubs with active CONGU handicaps may enter the Club Open Competitions.

With the exception of the Mixed (one player per team) and Junior Open competitions, players must be at least 18 years old.

## **HANDICAPS**

Members must play in at least three qualifying competitions in a calendar year in order to retain an Active Handicap.

Only members with Active Handicaps are allowed to play in Club Knockout Competitions.

Supplementary scorecards may be submitted subject to the conditions laid down by CONGU and the appropriate Club section. They must be correctly scored and signed by both player and marker and marked “For Handicap Purposes”. Cards should be placed in the box situated in the corridor outside the Secretary’s office. Further information is available from the Match Committee or the Club Secretary.

General Play adjustments, in accordance with CONGU guidelines, may be applied as and when required. The Match Committee’s or relevant Club section committee’s decision is final.

Handicap certificates for away competitions should be requested in good time and will be provided by the Club Secretary

**Any general enquiries regarding these rules or handicaps should be addressed to the Match Secretary.**