



Enniscorthy Golf Club

TERMS OF COMPETITION (LADIES GOLF)

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The Rules of Golf

1. The Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A and U.S.G.A, as may be amended from time to time, in addition to any Local Rules as made and published by Enniscorthy Golf Club, shall apply to all competitions held in Enniscorthy Golf Club. It is the responsibility of all players to ensure that they are familiar with, and apply, these Rules while participating in any competition held in Enniscorthy Golf Club.

Handicapping

2. Handicaps will be operated and maintained in accordance with the current World Handicapping System (WHS).
3. All AWAY scores, including No Returns, in qualifying & non-qualifying competitions must be returned to Enniscorthy Golf Club.
4. Players should familiarise themselves with the handicap system, WHS Rules of Handicapping, particularly Appendix A, 1 – Player Responsibilities. Any player who deliberately or repeatedly fails to comply with the Player Responsibilities, as outlined in WHS Rules of Handicapping, may have their handicap index withdrawn by the Handicap Committee.
5. It is expected that every player who enters a *Qualifying Competition* intends to complete the round.
6. In all Club Competitions, including Semi-Open, Invitation, and Open Competitions, as organised by the Competition Committee, the only handicap indices acceptable and recognised for prize eligibility, shall be for players of affiliated golf clubs.

Eligibility

7. **From March 1st each year only paid-up members, or members who have an agreed payment plan in place, will be eligible to participate in any competition held in Enniscorthy Golf Club. This restriction also applies to any players who wish to represent Enniscorthy Golf Club in any inter-club team competition.**
8. Players are not permitted to sign a scorecard for handicap purposes during designated competition times i.e. in normal competitions.

9. The use of a Golf Ireland Member Card is mandatory for members of clubs affiliated to the Golf Ireland for entry into all Open Singles Qualifying Competitions, which shall be by Computer Entry and uploaded to the WHS following close of Competition.
10. Unless stated otherwise, for all team competitions (including four ball, foursomes, two person team, three person team, four person team) for which competition is being run over more than one day it is permissible for a player to enter on each day of competition, however a team cannot enter a competition more than once i.e. team members may play more than once but a team consisting of same set of players cannot do so.
11. Unless stated otherwise, for singles competitions played over more than one day a player is not permitted to enter competition more than once.

Adults and Junior Members Playing Together

12. One of the reasons for the popularity of golf is that the game is not restricted either competitively or socially by skill, age, or gender. Golf can be enjoyed and keenly contested by players from and between any number and/or apparently diverse groups. That this diversity, almost unique to golf, is encouraged is essential to ensure the continuity of one of the most endearing traditions of the game. Every effort must be made to promote this mix of physical and technical ability.

Responsible interaction between adults and juniors helps bring mutual respect and understanding and helps the standards of the club to be understood and maintained.

Method of Entry & Score Card

13. Members are responsible for their name being entered on the competition entry sheet.
14. Reserving a starting time on the competition time sheet obliges a member to enter the competition of that day.
15. Time sheets are monitored for continuous changes and non-attendance. Members who repeatedly remove their name within 24hrs of allotted tee time or fail to turn up may be subject to further sanctions, at the discretion of the Golf Committee.
16. No player may play in competition outside of designated competition time without the express permission of the Honorary Competition Secretary.
17. Entry fee for competition must be paid in Pro-Shop or to designated person as organised by the relevant committee before commencing play in the competition.
18. Players entering Qualifying Competitions are obliged to make their entry on the relevant computer provided by competition committees for that purpose.

19. A player who fails to enter a *Qualifying Competition* in the required manner is deemed to have neither a score for the competition nor a score for handicap purposes.
20. Each competitor is required to enter their name and the date on the scorecard. In instances where a printed label is available it is up to the member to ensure that the printed label is correct.
21. After completion of the designated round score cards for Handicap Qualifying Competitions must be fully completed and signed by both competitor and marker.
22. Failure to adhere to paragraphs 21 and 22 will result in disqualification of player in question under Rule 3.3b.
23. **All scorecards for qualifying competitions must be returned** as soon as possible after completion of the designated round and scores entered on the designated computer and placed in the appropriate collection area. Under Appendix A of the WHS Rules of Handicapping the Competition Committee may apply a sanction to any player who regularly fails to return a card for a qualifying competition.
24. A player should raise any Rules issues with the Competition 059c8e83-186b-4 Committee before returning his or her 0041a1cd-b549-4 scorecard.
25. In accordance with Rule 3.2 of the Rules of Golf no alteration (of any kind) may be made on a score card after the competitor has returned it to the Competition Committee.
26. All competitions will be deemed to be closed once results have been publicly announced and no further alteration of final result will be permitted, unless it is to rectify an error made by the Competition Committee.
27. **Defining Competitions:** Twenty players will define a sponsored competition with the exception of the Three Majors. If less than twenty players enter a competition, it reverts to a sweepstake. Forty- five players will define the Majors.
28. The Competitions Committee reserves the right to alter ,postpone or abandon any competition.
29. Ladies may play the Tuesday Competition on the Sunday prior to Tuesday by signing in to the relevant competition in the Pro Shop.

Decision of ties

- 30.** In match play if a match is tied after the final hole, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner.
- 31.** In stroke play, in the absence of the computer system the count back will be applied as follows:
- 18 holes - last 9-6-3-1, if still no resolution last 9-6-3-1 of front 9 holes
 - 14/15 holes – last 7-6-3-1
 - 9 holes - last 6-3-1
- 32.** The Competition Committee may announce a different method of deciding ties for any given competition.
- 33.** If any of the above count back methods do not provide a resolution, then the result will be decided by lot.

Disputes and Rules of Golf

- 34.** Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules of Golf must be referred to the Competition Committee as soon as possible after completion of the round and before the competition has been closed as outlined above. The decision of the Competition Committee, which will be made in accordance with the Rules of Golf, the Terms of Competition, will be final.

Prizes and Presentations

35. Eligibility to win an Overall Prize

- a) From the 1st of March 2024 selected Club singles competitions will require that a player must have a minimum of 20 qualifying scores to be eligible to win the
- b) overall prize in such selected club competitions. i.e. Ladies Three Major Competitions.
- c) A player with less than 20 qualifying scores may still play in the list of selected competitions but doesn't qualify to win the Overall Prize. They are, however, eligible to win any other prize available in such competitions.
- d) In addition to point (a) above, to be eligible to win the Lady Captain's Prize, Lady President's Prize, Marie Frizelle Trophy, a player must have played 3 Qualifying 18 hole competitions at Enniscorthy Golf Club from the beginning of qualifying competitions of that year.
- e) To win Golfer of the Year, a player must have a minimum of 20 qualifying scores.

- 36.** Prize winners are asked to attend presentations or make suitable alternative arrangements for prizes to be collected at the presentation.
- 37.** Where a prize winner cannot attend presentations, arrangements should be made for the attendance of a substitute representative and should be notified in advance to the Committee. If prizes are not claimed within ten weeks of winning, the prizes are deemed forfeited.

Club Match Play and Golfer of the Year Competitions

- 38.** The competition rules in relation to club match play and golfer of the year competitions will be as posted on the appropriate noticeboards at commencement of these competitions.

Silver and Bronze Medals

The winners will be those who return the lowest aggregate of three net scores in Medal Competitions from March 1st to July 31st.

Silver Medal- Handicap Index up to and including 20.0

Bronze Medal- Handicap Index of 20.1 and higher.

Use of Golf Buggies

- 39.** Buggies may be used in competitions when course conditions permit. When medical certificate only restriction applies players without a medical certificate are not permitted to use a golf buggy. The buggy may be used only by the person named on the certificate and may only carry her equipment and caddie.
- 40.** Where a player, caddie or other third party is permitted to use a golf buggy by the Committee, the user must agree to the terms and conditions of use:
- Any person operating a golf buggy must do so with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of others and in accordance with any relevant golf buggy operating guidelines.
 - A golf buggy must not impede or interfere with normal pedestrians or vehicular traffic flow on roadways, ramps and pavements.
 - A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (or any caddie or other third party who has been permitted to drive the golf buggy) must always remain seated while in the golf buggy when the vehicle is in motion.
 - Drivers of golf buggies must comply with directional signs and not use prohibited areas.

Pace of Play & “Ready Golf”

41. The Competitions Committee would remind all players of their obligations regarding pace of play. Some points to note in this regard are as follows.

- Be on time & ready to play at your designated tee time.
- Be ready to play every shot when it is your turn.
- Do not wait for greens to clear when they are beyond your range.
- Leave your bag at the side of the green nearest the next tee.
- Line up your putt while others are putting and be ready to putt in turn.
- If you cannot score or improve your team’s score on any hole, pick up.
- First player to putt out should be ready to replace the flag.
- Do not mark cards on or near the green. Mark at the tee-box while other players are teeing off.
- Encourage your playing partners to keep up with the group in front.
- If someone is slowing things down, TELL HIM/HER.
- WALK AS YOU TALK - Do not delay play for conversation.
- If you are falling behind for any reason, invite the group behind through.
- Keep just behind the group ahead, not just ahead of the group behind.
- Play a provisional ball if you think your ball is lost outside a hazard, or out of bounds.
- Find your own ball first before you go searching for others.
- Call the players behind through when you have to search for a ball – not after 3 minutes are up.
- A ball not found within 3 minutes is lost and out of play.
- There should be no undue gaps between groups on the course.
- **REMEMBER: If your group is a hole behind, it is your fault.**

42. In addition, Ladies Golf Committee has adopted the principle of “Ready Golf” to be used for all competitions held in Enniscorthy Golf Club **with the exception of match play competitions**. “Ready Golf” can include some of the following.

- Hitting a shot **when safe to do so** if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options.
- Shorter hitters play first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait.
- Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honor is delayed in being ready to play
- Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball
- Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else’s line
- Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker
- When a player’s ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is having to walk to their ball and assess their shot.
- Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off.

Etiquette

This is a guide to try and ensure that every golfer is given the chance to enjoy the game of golf while upholding its rules and traditions along with caring for the course. Please consider the points listed below.

43. Respect

- Respect the course – leave the course as you would like to find it by repairing pitch-marks, replacing divots, and raking bunkers. Leave no trace of rubbish etc.
- Respect your fellow players – be sportsmanlike and polite and avoid distracting them.
- Respect the game – by knowing the Rules and Etiquette of golf.

44. Safety

- Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, please ensure that no-one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club or ball.
- Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.
- Do not play to an area where greenkeeping staff are working until they indicate that it is safe to do so.
- Shout 'Fore' immediately if there is a danger of a ball hitting someone.
- Players should discontinue playing under Rule 5.7a if there is a danger of lightning.

45. Mobile Phone Policy

- The use of mobile phones on the course is permitted for emergencies only.
- Mobile phone use in the bar is not permitted. Please move to lobby/balcony to receive calls.

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