

**MEN'S**  
**COMPETITION**  
**RULES**  
**2017**



# Men's Competition Rules

## 1. GENERAL

### 1.1 Entry to Competitions

- i. Competitors are required to enter names in the Competition Book and pay the appropriate entrance fee before starting play. An entrant who only registers for a competition by using the computer scoring system does not meet the conditions of entry to a competition.
- ii. Failure to sign the book will result in disqualification.
- iii. Failure to pay the appropriate entrance fee before starting play will result in disqualification.
- iv. Members should use the computer scoring system as it is intended viz. registering on it prior to teeing off and completing scorecard on it within the time limit requested (currently this is by midnight on the day of the competition). Failure to do so will not result in a penalty under the rules of golf but the Committee may penalise offenders who do not use the system.
- v. All entrants to the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, CAPTAINS PRIZE, ANGLO AMERICAN VASES, VICTORY TROPHY, MARQUIS TROPHY and the NALL CAIN TROPHY must make sure that they are available to participate in the finals day prior to entry.

### 1.2 Handicaps

- i. In competitions where there is a handicap limit, members with higher handicaps may enter but must play off that limit.

### 1.3 Starting Points

- i. Competitors can begin at either of the two official starting points. i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> tees. **No other tee can be used for starting in a competition.**
- ii. The Committee has the right to reserve any tee for a competition or match.

### 1.4 5-Day Members

- i. Entrance to weekend competitions is normally confined to 7-Day members only.
- ii. Weekday competitions will be organised for 5-Day members.

### 1.5 Ties

- i. Ties in major competitions and monthly medals will be decided by the nett scores over the last 18-holes in 36-hole competitions and the last 9-holes on the card in 18-hole competitions.
- ii. If competitors still tie, the last 9-then 6- then 3-then 1 on the card will be taken.

### 1.6 Tees

- i. White Yardage Disk Markers to be used for the following competitions Club Championship, Captains Prize, Anglo American Vases, Nall Cain Trophy, Victory Trophy, Marquis Trophy, Vice Captain's Bowl, 5 Day Pairs and 5 Day Mixed.
- ii. White markers to be used for all other competitions except Veterans Quaich.

### 1.7 Competition Cards

- i. A member of the Professional staff cannot sign competition cards.
- ii. 5-Day and junior members who are in possession of an official handicap are permitted to sign competition cards but when juniors are playing in a senior competition, their cards must be signed by a senior member.

## **2. STROKE PLAY COMPETITIONS- WHITE MARKERS**

### **2.1 Method of Play**

- i. All stroke play competitions must be played in 3 balls or 2 balls only. Anyone found to be playing in a fourball whilst playing a medal will be disqualified and their card disregarded from the competition.

### **2.2 Monthly Medal**

- i. Junior Members who have senior handicaps (0-28) may play in the Monthly Medal but they are not permitted to enter the Sweep and must play within their permitted times.
- ii. When such competitions are played on Saturday/Sunday, Full members only can sign cards.
- iii. A junior member cannot sign another junior's card whilst playing a senior competition.

## **3. EXTENSIONS MEN'S COMPETITIONS**

**EXTENSIONS WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIONS.**

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP  
CAPTAINS PRIZE  
ANGLO AMERICAN VASES  
VICTORY TROPHY  
MARQUIS TROPHY  
NALL CAIN TROPHY  
VICE CAPTAINS BOWL  
5 DAY PAIRS KNOCKOUT

**EACH PLAYER(S) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING THEIR OWN MATCHES**

**EACH PLAYER(S) SHALL GIVE A MINIMUM OF 3 DATES 2 OF WHICH MUST BE WEEKENDS.**(Vice Captains Bowl and 5 Day Pairs Knockout competitors must still provide 3 dates but obviously not weekends)

If you know that your phone number in the club diary is incorrect please write your correct number on the new number sheet next to the draw sheets.

If a suitable date cannot be agreed then the 12 noon on the play by date for each round will be the agreed time, where this date is used all participating players must turn up and be ready to play at least a full 18 holes.

Where the 1<sup>st</sup> tee is booked at 12 noon the next nearest time afterwards is the agreed start time.

Where a match has to be played using the above time please notify the pro shop in advance, you should also specify which competition you are playing and who is playing.

If any match is not played by the closing date for each round, then all players in the match will be disqualified.

For the Anglo American Vases 1 player can play on their own against another pair and if 1 player from each side is unavailable then the match can still be played.

**PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT ENTER ANY OF THE ABOVE COMPETITIONS IF YOU CANNOT PLAY IN FINALS DAY OR WILL BE UNABLE TO TAKE PART IN EARLIER ROUNDS.**

## RNLI

18-hole competition. 4 Ball Better Ball. Stableford. Full Handicap. 9/10 allowance.

## NPFA Challenge Cup

18-hole competition. 4 Ball Better Ball. Stableford. Full Handicap. 9/10 allowance.

## Nick Faldo Masters Medal

18-hole competition. Stroke play, best nett score. Full Handicap.  
To be played on the weekend of the US Masters

## The Memorial

18 Hole Competition. 4 Ball Better Ball. Stableford. Full Handicap. 9/10 Allowance.

## Anti Tank Salver

18-hole competition. 4 Ball Better Ball. Stableford. Full Handicap. 9/10 allowance.

## Spring & Autumn Trophy

36-hole competition. Singles stroke play.  
18-holes played in conjunction with the Spring Medal & 18-holes played in conjunction with the Autumn Medal.  
Two lowest best combined gross scores from each medal.

## XXX Cans

18-hole competition. Stableford greensomes. Handicap limit 24. Handicap allowance: Lower handicap x 0.6 plus higher handicap x 0.4.

## Battle of Britain Trophy

18-hole competition. Single Stableford. Full Handicap. Full Allowance.

## Dognell Cup

18-hole competition. Stroke play, best nett score. Members in Handicap category 0-15.  
To be played in conjunction with the Warren Cup. Full Handicap. Full Allowance

## Warren Cup

18-hole competition. Stroke play, best nett score. Members in Handicap category 16-28.  
To be played in conjunction with the Dognell Cup. Full Handicap. Full Allowance.

## Nall Cain Cup

Single match play competition. Handicap Allowance max 20 - Full Difference

Qualifying round played over 18-holes stroke play. Full Handicap.

The lowest 8 nett scores qualify for further rounds.

Ties for the last place will be decided count back.

Quarter and Semi-finals will be knockout match play over 18-holes.

Final will be match play over 36 holes. To be played on the clubs 'Finals Day'.

Full Handicap

## Victory Trophy

Qualifying Medal Foursomes. Max combined handicap 36

Qualifying round over 18-holes. The lowest 8 nett scores qualify. Ties to be decided on count back.

Foursomes match play competition. Handicap allowance ½ of combined. Stroke play.

Quarter and Semi-final will be match play over 18-holes

Final match plays over 36 holes. To be played on the clubs 'Finals Day'

Winners qualify for Daily Mail foursomes competition the following year.

## Club Championship

Single match play competition.

Qualifying round played over 36-holes stroke play. Both rounds played on the same day.

The lowest 8 gross scores qualify for further rounds.

Ties for the last place will be decided by playing a sudden death stroke-play play-off starting on the 17<sup>th</sup> then play the 18<sup>th</sup> as many times until a winner is found on the same day as the qualifying round.

Quarter and Semi-finals will be match play over 18-holes.

Final will be match play over 36 holes. To be played on the clubs 'Finals Day'.

All competitors play off scratch handicap.

Referee on the day to be a member of the Golf Club.

## Mannicotts Bowl

36-hole competition. Single Stableford. 18-holes each to be played over consecutive weekends.

Highest combined total wins. Full Handicap.

Players must play off the same handicap in both rounds.

## Reiss Trophy

36-hole competition. Singles stroke play, best nett score. Both rounds to be played on the same day.

Full Handicap.

## Litster Trophy

18-hole four ball stableford competition.

Men's, ladies, seniors and junior sections will have a team of 10 players, selected by the section Captain's.

A player from each section will be chosen at random, a week before the competition, to play within the four ball.

The scoring will be in two parts:

Individual stableford points will count towards their sections total points.

Three out of the 4 player's count for each hole resulting in a combined stableford points score for each four ball.

No Handicap limit and full allowance

## Commemoration Jug Salver

18-hole stableford competition. Teams of 4 players.

To be played the Sunday following the Commemoration Jug competition.

Best 3 stableford scores on each hole to count.

The teams can be made up by any combination of the following: 7-day men, 7 day ladies.

Men's handicap limit 24 and women's handicap limit 30.

## Marquis Trophy

Single Matchplay. Full Handicap.

Winners of the previous year's singles competitions qualify.

Open to Full male members only.

Final to be played on club "Finals Day" over 36 holes matchplay.

## Jubilee Cup

18-hole competition. Singles stroke play, best nett score. Played in conjunction with Monthly Medal.  
Full Handicap.

## Hospital Cup

18-hole competition. Singles stroke play, best nett score. Full Handicap.

## Don Hughes Trophy

18-hole competition. Singles stroke play. Best nett score. Full handicap.

## Highfield Trophy

18-hole competition. 4 ball better ball stableford. Full handicap.  
Player with handicap 0 - 14.4 partners a player with handicap 14.5 - 28.0.

## Carol Cup

18-hole competition. 4 Ball Better Ball. Stableford. Full Handicap. 9/10 allowance.

## Turkey Trot

18-hole greensomes competition. Stableford. Handicap allowance - ½ combined handicap.

08:30am shotgun start cards in pro shop.

Each player should bring an unwrapped gift to a minimum value of £15.00.

## Captain's Prize

Single match play competition. All rounds to be played over 18 holes.

Final match played over 36 holes. To be played on the clubs 'Finals Day'

Handicap limit 20. Full difference between handicaps. Full and Intermediate members only.

### Anglo American Vases

Four Ball Better Ball match play competition.

All rounds are to be played over 18 holes.

Final match played over 36 holes. To be played on the clubs 'Finals Day'

Handicap limit 20. 9/10 handicap allowance. Full and Intermediate members only.

### Vice-Captain's Bowl

Single match play competition.

All rounds to be played over 18 holes. With the final 18 holes to be played on the clubs 'Finals Day'

Handicap limit 24. Full difference between handicaps. 5 Day members only

### 5-Day Pairs

Four Ball Better Ball match play competition.

All rounds to be played over 18 holes. Final 18 holes to be played on the clubs 'Finals Day'

Handicap limit 24. 9/10 handicap allowance. 5 Day members only.

### Breakfast Strings Match v Knebworth

18-hole 'strings game' competition. 4BBB.

Nine holes at one club followed by nine holes at the other. The venue for the first nine holes is changed on alternate year basics.

½ the combined handicap converted into 1 foot of string for each shot given. The string can then be used anywhere on the course in lieu of a stroke.

Team selected by Captain's invitation.

### Christmas Match v Knebworth

18-hole match plays competition. 4 ball better ball.

Alternate years played home or away. Recently half played at Knebworth, half at WGC then all meet for meal at one Club.

Team selected by Captain's invitation.