



Little Hay Golf Club

Competition Rules, Entry Criteria & Local Rules



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PART 1 ALL COMPETITIONS

1-1. GENERAL

- a. Notwithstanding any of the rules and regulations contained herein, all competitions will be played under the prevailing version of The Rules of Golf (approved by R&A Ltd), which will be enforced by the Club, together with any Local Rules such as the Committee may consider necessary to meet the requirements of the course.
- b. It is the responsibility of each member to be familiar with The Rules of Golf and to acquaint themselves with such rule changes as R&A Ltd may implement from time to time. Copies of the latest edition of The Rules of Golf are normally available from the Complex Reception or from the Club Secretary.
- c. The etiquette of golf should be observed at all times.
- d. If any player is unable to play, she/he must notify the Competition Organiser or Competition Secretary immediately. It is not sufficient to simply contact the Complex. Failure to do so, notwithstanding exceptional circumstances, will result in the player being excluded from the next competition. Failure to appear at any subsequent competition without notice, will result in the player being excluded from the corresponding number of competitions.
- e. In all competitions, competitors must have their scorecard marked by a fellow competitor; the scores must then be agreed by signatures of the competitor and marker. Score entry on HowDidIDo must include the marker’s name.

- f. In all competitions, the marker must record as a minimum the player's gross score (number of strokes) at each hole. In better ball competitions, it must be clear, by recording the gross score (number of strokes) in the appropriate column on the scorecard, which player's score is to be counted. The committee for that competition is responsible for allocating Stableford points etc.
- g. Players must report to Complex Reception before playing, either to pay a green fee or to check in.
- h. Competition cards are issued on the morning of the competition. Players must report to the Starter/Competition Organiser to pay any applicable fee and collect their scorecard. The Committee requests that the player records the competition name, date, members name, and handicap on this card. It is the player's responsibility to check they have the correct handicap on their card and not the competition organiser's.
- i. It is at the discretion of the competition organiser to change or cancel the competition and/or format due to weather or safety concerns.
- j. Please be on the tee 10 minutes before your tee time. You *must* start at the time established by the competition organiser . Keep up with the game in front, not just in front of the game behind.
- k. If the application of these rules comes into conflict with the Rules of Golf and/or the World Handicap System, the latter two will take precedence.
- l. If the application of these rules comes into conflict with the rules of any externally run competition, the latter will take precedence.

1-2. DRESS CODE

- a. All players are reminded that, when playing in Club competitions they are not only representing themselves, but are also representing the Club. Players are therefore required to wear clothing of a type which is generally considered acceptable as golf wear.
- b. A prescriptive list of acceptable clothing is not included, but the following are deemed to be unacceptable:
 - Football or Rugby shirts, Vests,
 - Any type of Polo shirt with a large logo (e.g. 'ENGLAND'),
 - Collarless T-shirts, unless of the crew- necked variety as worn by some professionals,
 - Football or other sports shorts. 'Tailored' shorts are acceptable, with knee length, or short, socks.
 - Combat trousers or multi-pocketed workmen's trousers.
- c. Competition organisers are empowered to prevent members taking part in competitions if they believe that the members' attire is inappropriate.
- d. Players are encouraged wear the Little Hay Golf Club polo shirt or jumper when competing in Club matches.

PART 2 HANDICAPS (All Members)

2.1. HANDICAP

Definitions

Handicap Index

Is a value calculated using the average of a player's best 8 scores from her/his last 20. It can be regarded as the player's handicap if playing a course with a Slope Rating of 113.

Course Handicap

Is the handicap to be used when playing a particular course. It is the result of the following calculation: Slope Rating/113*Handicap Index. This is the handicap to be used for General Play/Casual Rounds.

Playing Handicap

Is the Course Handicap modified by the allowance for a competition.

Players are advised to make use of the MyEG App to find their respective Handicap Index and Course Handicap

General

- a. The Handicap Index allocated by the club to a member is a recognised WHS (World Handicap System) Handicap and is approved by the handicap committee.
- b. **To enter any competition that spans over multiple weeks/months a player must have a current WHS Handicap Index at both the start and the end of the competition.**

All Members

- a. A member may request at any time to have their Handicap Index reviewed. Send an email to info@littlehaygolfclub.co.uk requesting a review with any reasons why you believe a review is necessary. Your request will be processed as soon as possible and you will be notified of the outcome.

2-2. NEW MEMBER (NO HANDICAP INDEX)

- a. To obtain a Handicap Index, scores from a minimum of 54 Holes of golf must have been entered in the player's scoring record. These scores can be made up of any combination of 9 or 18 hole rounds played with an existing member, excluding No Returns. Rounds to be played with all holes being completed i.e. ball must be holed out on all greens. The card is to be marked by a member who already has a valid handicap.

2-3. NEW MEMBER (WITH EXISTING HANDICAP INDEX)

- a. If a new member has an existing handicap from another club this will be transferred to Little Hay Golf Club using either their England Golf membership number(formerly CDH number) or a handicap certificate. If they cannot provide either an EG membership number or a handicap certificate they will be deemed to be a new member with no handicap.

2.4. ANNUAL REVIEW

- a. To be held in January.
- b. A member may request to have their handicap reviewed at this time by sending an email to info@littlehaygolfclub.co.uk requesting a review with any reasons why they believe their review to be necessary.
- c. Additional circumstances to be taken into consideration e.g. new member, health history, any documented playing history, etc.

- d. All captains are welcome to attend during the review meeting along with handicap committee.

2-5. PERIODIC REVIEW

Reviews may be held in May, July, September.

2-6. GENERAL PLAY REVIEW

- a. If the committee becomes aware that a member is consistently playing below or above their allotted handicap they will be reviewed as soon as is practicably possible.

2-7. HANDICAP ALLOWANCE

- a. All competitions are subject to a Handicap Allowance. This is the maximum Playing Handicap allowed for use in that competition. The particular allowance for each competition is set out in the appropriate sections of Parts 3 to 8 of this document.
- b. Members without a Handicap Index can enter competitions for handicap purposes.
- c. From 2021 and beyond, in addition to the requirement for a Handicap Index, Little Hay Golf Club requires a minimum of 10 scores (180 holes) to have been added to a player's scoring record in the 12 months prior to the date of competition.
- d. There will inevitably be some exceptions where the above is not applicable and these will be looked at by the committee – please make your representation to a committee member as soon as you realize your case needs to be looked at in order to avoid any disappointment.
- e. When a competition is played from two or more sets of tees additional strokes might need to be added to the standard calculation of the Playing handicap for equity purposes. The additional strokes are added to the players Handicap Allowance as follows:

Playing Handicap = (Course handicap x Handicap Allowance) + difference in course ratings

See section 6.2b of the Rules of Handicapping (page 65 Jan. 2020 edition)

2.8. TEAM HANDICAP FOR PAIRS COMPETITIONS

Team handicaps will be calculated in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Rules of handicapping, typically 40% of the higher Course Handicap plus 60% of the lower Course Handicap of the pair. In competitions which utilise a draw for pairings, members who enter the competition after the draw has been made may be accommodated at the discretion of the organiser who will either allow entry on a non-competitive basis or assign a team handicap equal to or less than the lowest team handicap which resulted from the draw. Similarly, the organiser may use his/her discretion in the make up and handicap of ad hoc teams formed for any other reason, e.g. due to the withdrawal of one or more players

2.9. GENERAL PLAY/CASUAL ROUNDS (Also formerly known as SUPPLEMENTARY CARDS)

All members are encouraged to enter their scores from casual rounds/general play. To do this the round must be played with an existing member and the ball must be holed out on every green. The intention to enter scores from a casual round must be declared in advance of play, both to the marker and to the club. Declaration to the club is achieved by Pre-Registration on HowDidIDo – (Today's Golf – Sign In/Pre-Register). After the round scores must be entered on HowDidIDo (Today's Golf – Score Entry). The marker's name must be included and the entry "Confirmed" and

signed – See sections 11 and 12 as appropriate for details. Note that both Pre-registration and Score entry must be performed whilst within a 2 mile radius of the clubhouse – it is GPS checked. Finally, the card should be photographed and sent as an email attachment to casrounds@littlehaygolfclub.co.uk.

Alternatively Scores can be entered via the England Golf App. from play at Little Hay and courses other than Little Hay. The App requires both sign-in and score entry to be completed whilst in the vicinity of the course concerned (it uses GPS to check). It also requires scores to be verified by a marker who is also registered as a player with England Golf. Finally, the card should be photographed and sent as an email attachment to casrounds@littlehaygolfclub.co.uk

PART 3 COMPETITION FORMATS

3-1. MEDAL

3-1A

Men's Competitions

- a. A Monthly Medal is generally held on the first weekend of each month and is open to all male club members. Juniors and Seniors may participate in the competition.
- b. The format is Stroke play, Playing Handicaps apply (95% of Course Handicap). The winner is the lowest net score.
- c. There are two Divisions in the Monthly Medal. The Divisions WILL be determined when the draw is made by the organiser and the numbers in each division will be made as near as possible the same, based on players handicaps where an equal number isn't possible, then Division 2 will be made the larger. NO adjustment will be made on the day of the competition.
- d. Unless otherwise advised all Mens' Medal competitions will be played from the White Tees using the White Slope rating to calculate the Playing Handicaps.

3-1B

Senior Competitions

- a. A Monthly Medal is generally held on the first Thursday of each month and is open to all male club members.
- b. They are arranged by the Organiser with prizes awarded to Senior competitor winners.
- c. The format is Strokeplay, Playing Handicaps apply (95% of Course Handicap). The winner is the lowest net score.
- d. The competitions are normally played from the white tees. When justified by the number of players, the competition will be run in two Divisions with the boundary between Divisions being determined by the Organiser. The intention will be to create 2 Divisions with equal numbers of players.

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Women's Competitions

- a. Two monthly medals are played; one on a weekdays (normally the first Monday of each month) and the other (for women unable to play on Mondays), normally on the first Saturday of the month.
- b. The monthly medals are played from the Red tees, starting in April and ending in November. They are all qualifying competitions.
- c. The format is Stroke play, Playing Handicaps apply (95% of Course Handicap). The winner(s) is the lowest net score.
- d.

3-2. STABLEFORD

3-2A

Men's Competitions

- a. A Monthly Stableford is generally held on the third weekend of every month and is open to all male Club members.
- b. In these Competitions there is only one Division covering all handicaps with the Stableford points awarded using Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap). A trophy is awarded to the player with the highest number of Stableford points.
- c. A number of the Stableford competitions have an associated Honors Board and, in addition to winning a trophy, the winner's name will be added to the appropriate Board.
- d. Unless otherwise advised all Mens' Stableford competitions will be played from the White Tees using the White Slope rating to calculate the Playing Handicaps.

3-2B

Senior Competitions

- a. A Monthly Stableford is generally held on the third Thursday of every month and is open to all male Club members.
- b. They are arranged by the Organiser with prizes awarded to Senior competitor winners
- c. The competitions are normally played from the white tees. When justified by the number of players, the competition will be run in two Divisions with the boundary between Divisions being determined by the Organiser. The intention will be to create 2 Divisions with equal numbers of players. The format is Stableford points scoring with the winner(s) having the highest Stableford score.

3-2C

Women's Competitions

- a. Competitions in stableford format will be played according to the following format:
 - i. Stableford points scoring.
 - ii. Winner is the player with the highest stableford score.
 - iii. Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap) will be used.

3-2D

Junior Competitions

No junior may enter the sweep in a club competition.

- a. Junior competitions are normally scheduled for the school holidays.
- b. Competitions are usually a Stableford format on the Wednesday and a Medal format on the Friday.
- c. For Stableford competitions, the winner is the player with the highest stableford score.
- d. For Medal competitions, the winner is the player with the lowest nett score.
- e. When the competition is a mixed one (girls and boys) then the WHS Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap) will be applied.
- f. The Junior Club Championship (36 holes) is open to all Juniors and usually played over two days in August. The winner is the player with the lowest gross.
- g. The Junior Cup is played at the same time as the Junior Club Championship and the winner is the player with the lowest nett score.

- h. The Juniors also play an Order of Merit. The winner is the player with the best 6 points scored over the calendar year.

3.2 E

Mixed Competitions

When a competition is played from two or more sets of tees, additional strokes might need to be added for equity purposes. See section 6.2b of the Rules of Handicapping. (Page 65 of Jan. 2020 edition)

3-3. SCRAMBLES

a. General

Medal scoring is used; all play from the teeing area on each hole, one of the tee shots is selected and all play their second shots from that spot. One of the second shots is then selected, and all play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed. A minimum number of tee shots of each team member must be used, usually 3 or 4 in teams of 4.

b. Where to Play the ball from

- In parts of the General Area cut to fairway height or less: place within 12 inches, no nearer the hole
- Elsewhere in the General Area, Penalty Areas & Bunkers: drop within 1 club length, no nearer the hole in accordance with Rule 14.6 (b) of the Rules of Golf
- When *Preferred Lies* are in operation in the whole General Area or in Bunkers: place within 12 inches, not nearer the hole

On the Putting Green: place within 6 inches, not nearer the hole

c. Handicap Allowance

The Handicap Allowances for Scrambles are:

2 Player Teams	35% Low Course Handicap + 15% High Course Handicap
3 Player Teams	30%, 20%, 10% Low to High
4 Player Teams	25%, 20%, 15%, 10% Low to High

The strokes received by each player are calculated to the nearest 0.1 and added to give the total strokes received by the team, which is rounded to the nearest whole number.

The strokes received and the minimum number of tee shots may be reduced pro rata when playing less than 18 holes.

9 hole Course Handicaps are used In 9 hole competitions.

d. Mixed Gender/Mixed Ability

See section 2.7e above

e. Tee Shots

Each team member must have a minimum number of tee shots chosen, as follows:

4 Player team – 4 tee shots per player, the remaining two tee shots may be selected at will.

3 Player team – 5 tee shots per player, the remaining three tee shots may be selected at will.

2 Player team – 7 tee shots per player, the remaining four tee shots may be selected at will.

f. Short-handed Teams

The handicap allowances listed above assume that all teams will have the same number of players. The percentages listed for 2 and 4 ball teams are listed in the WHS Rules of Handicapping and, therefore, are mandatory. The percentages for 3 ball teams are taken from CONGU guidelines and are advisory. In reality many competitions will have one or more short-handed teams.

It is recommended that short-handed teams receive an extra stroke allowance by including a “ghost” player with a Course Handicap of 20 in the calculation.

The minimum number of tee shots for short-handed teams is increased by approximately one third (33%) where teams of 4 are the norm and one half (50%) where teams of 3 are the norm (rounded to a suitable whole number).

g. Variations

Texas Scramble all play from the teeing area on each hole and one of the tee shots is selected. All the team members play their second shots from that spot and continue playing their own ball.

Florida Scramble the player whose shot is selected stands aside and does not play the next shot.

The Doughty Cup is an ‘All Sections’ Texas Scramble, normally played in November of each year. The format is as above BUT:

Teams should comprise, as far as possible, an adult male, a senior male, a woman and a junior. A draw is made for team composition.

3-4. WINTER LEAGUE

- a. The Winter League is open to all Club members and is played on weekend mornings between November and March, when there is no other Club competition.
- b. The number of rounds scheduled to be played will be determined by the Fixture Secretary when preparing the Club Calendar for the year.
- c. The format is: pairs playing better ball Stableford, with each competitor playing off their WHS Course Handicap. All players will use the Red tees (Unless otherwise instructed by the complex or the organiser) and the appropriate (Women's/Mens) card & Stroke Indices throughout the competition.
- d. Each player commences the Winter League with his or her full correct WHS Course Handicap. No subsequent change to a player's WHS Handicap Index will affect their Winter League handicap.
- e. Handicaps are adjusted after each round based on the performance of the team:
 - i. A score of 36 and under 0-19 Handicap both will gain 1 shot, 20 Handicap and over gain 2 shots. (This only applies IF both players are playing)
 - ii. A score of 40 and over and both lose 1.

- iii. A score of 43 and over, handicaps 0-9 lose 2 and handicaps 10 and over lose 3.
- iv. A score of 46 and over both lose an additional extra 1 shot.
- f. The winning pair will be the one with the best aggregate score from six rounds (if seven or more are played), from five rounds (if six are played), from four rounds (if five are played), or from all rounds if four or fewer are played.
- g. In the event of a tie the winning team will be team with the highest aggregate score of the previous two, three, four etc. rounds.
- h. The Winter League is not a non-qualifying format of play for WHS purposes and, therefore, scores should not be submitted to the England Golf Platform.

3-5. COUNT-BACK.

- a. Unless otherwise stated, in the event of a tie the competition result shall be determined by either of the following unless otherwise stated.
- b. Computer - If a competition run using the Club Systems software and the scores are entered into the club database, the result will be determined by the computer program. i.e. best of: back 9, or successively back 6, back 3 or back 1 until a clear result is achieved.
- c. Clerical - The result will be determined clerically, using the same criteria as within the computer program mentioned above, i.e. best of: back 9, or successively back 6, back 3 or back 1 until a clear result is achieved.

PART 4 MEN'S COMPETITIONS

4-1. GENERAL

- a. Male members without handicaps may play in any of the competitions detailed below for handicap purposes only, except where otherwise stated.
- b. The preferred method of entry is by means of HowDidIDo. . Players wishing to enter after the closing date (Book until on information icon) which is generally the Sunday evening prior to the competition date, should contact the Competition Organiser direct.
- c. Draws for Start times should be posted in HowDidIDo by the competition organiser by the Tuesday Evening Prior to the competition and sent to a representative to publish on the Club Website where they should be posted by the Wednesday Evening. All players should be aware that changes to start times are often required & should re-check there time in HowDidIDo the the day prior to play.
- d. The Competition Organiser will issue scorecards to the players prior to the competition. It is the player's responsibility to ensure that their details, e.g. handicap, are correct. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

4-2. MENS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. The Club Championship is held over two days. It is played from the blue tees. The format is Scratch Medal, with 18 holes being played on Saturday and 18 holes on Sunday.
- b. The draw for the 1st round will be based upon Playing Handicap (95% of Course Handicap), with the higher handicappers starting first and the lower handicaps following.
- c. The draw for the 2nd round will be based upon gross scores in the 1st round, with the highest scores starting first and the lowest scores following.
- d. The Club Championship is open to all male members who meet the following criteria:
 - i. A minimum of 10 scores (180 holes) to have been added to a player's scoring record in the 12 months prior to the championship. These must be in addition to qualifying rounds for handicap allocation. They also must have been a member of the club for 12 months prior to the competition date.
 - ii. Juniors may play at the discretion of the tournament director dependent on their golfing ability.
- e. Under the same criteria, there will be a concurrent competition for the **Tony Hodson Trophy** (Net Club Champion), played at the same time and based on players' current Playing Handicaps, with the lowest net score winning.
- f. **STABLEFORD COMPETITION**

In parallel with the Club Championship a stableford competition is held as an option for those who don't feel ready for a Scratch Medal from the Blue tees.
- g. The following rules apply to the Club Stableford Competition:
 - 1) The competition is played over 2 days on the same weekend as the Club Championship.
 - 2) Played from White tees, teeing off after the Blue Tee players.
 - 3) Individual Stableford format with standard playing handicap allowance of 95% of course handicap.

- 4) Must have a PLAYING handicap (95% allowance) of 18 or higher to enter.
- 5) Winner is best combined stableford score over the 2 days.
- 6) No minimum criteria for number of scores or term of membership but must obviously already have a WHS handicap index.
- h. In the event of a tie the winner will be decided by a sudden death play-off.

4-3. APRIL MEDAL & GOLD CUP

- (a) Competition for the Gold Cup is played in tandem with the April Medal
- (b) Only members who have won a Medal in Div 1 or Div 2 in the previous year are eligible for entry to the Gold Cup. In addition they must meet the following criteria.
 - i. A minimum of 6 scores (108 holes) must have been added to a player's scoring record in the 12 months prior to the championship. These must be in addition to qualifying rounds for handicap allocation. They also must have been a member of the club for 12 months prior to the competition date.

4-4. FOUNDERS DAY

- a. The Founders Day Competition is a Singles Stableford Competition played using Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap).
- b. Play is from the Yellow tees.
- c. In the event of a tie, count-back (computer)* will be used to decide the winner.

4-5. SECRETARY'S CUP

- (a) The Secretary's Cup Competition is a Singles Stableford Competition played using Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap).
- (b) Play is from the White tees.
- (c) In the event of a tie, count-back (computer)* will be used to decide the winner.

4-6. BRYN ALDRIDGE CHARITY SHIELD

- (a) The Bryn Aldridge charity Shield Competition is a Singles Stableford Competition played using Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap).
- (b) Play is from the White tees.
- (c) In the event of a tie, countback (computer)* will be used to decide the winner.

4-7. CAPTAIN'S TEAM v PAST CAPTAINS

- (a) This is a 4-Ball Match Play competition played from the White tees.
- (b) Handicap allowance is 90% of the difference in Course Handicaps
- (c) If there are more players for one team the organiser will move players so that teams are equal.
- (d) A meal is usually arranged for afterwards with the club paying for Past Captains' meals.

4-8. ALAN IRWIN SHIELD

- (a) The Alan Irwin Shield is a Singles Stableford Competition played using Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap).
- (b) Play is from the Yellow tees.
- (c) In the event of a tie, countback (computer)* will be used to decide the winner.

4-9. RON GINGELL SHIELD

- (a) The The Ron Gingell Shield is a Singles Stableford Competition played using Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap).
- (b) Play is from the White tees.
- (c) In the event of a tie, countback (computer)* will be used to decide the winner.

4-10. NEEDLE SHIELD

- (a) The Needle Shield is a Team Stableford Competition played against participants of the Herts Friendly League. LHGC will enter a team of 12 players for this event. The Competition organiser, Club Captain and Vice-Captain will select the team to represent the club.
- (b) The competition is played at a different course each year using the White tees.

4-11. JOHN CATCHPOLE CUP

- (a) The John Catchpole Cup Cup is a Singles Stableford Competition played using Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap).
- (b) Play is from the White tees.
- (c) In the event of a tie, countback (computer)* will be used to decide the winner.

4-12. TURKEY SHOOT

- (d) The Turkey Shoot is a Singles Stableford Competition played using Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap).
- (e) Play is from the Yellow or Winter (Mats) tees as appropriate.
- (f) In the event of a tie, countback (computer)* will be used to decide the winner.

4-13. CLUB ORDER OF MERIT

- a. Club Orders of Merit based on results in Weekend Medal and Stableford competitions. Points are awarded for the best five overall net scores (divisional split removed), or highest Stableford points, in each competition from the total field. Points are awarded as follows:
 - i. 1st place: 41 x number of starters.
 - ii. 2nd place: 26 x number of starters.
 - iii. 3rd place: 16 x number of starters.
 - iv. 4th place: 11 x number of starters.
 - v. 5th place: 6 x number of starters.

The winner is the player with the highest number of such points accumulated over the Calendar Year.

- b. Those tying for first place will be declared joint winners.
- c. Organiser: Mens' Competition Organiser.

4-14. ALL SECTION 3-CLUB CHALLENGES

Open to all club members.

All players are limited to three clubs, including a putter.

The format is:

- (a) Eighteen-hole Stableford round using Playing Handicaps.

(b) Men will play from the Yellow tees and ladies from the Red tees.

(c) There will be 1 division each for men and ladies.

The winners are the players with the most Stableford points.

4-15. CLUB SUMMER MIXED GREENSOMES

Open to all club members.

The format of the Greensome competition is as follows:

- (a) Mixed pairs where possible: A fair draw will be performed for playing partners – that means ‘no partner picking’. The organiser’s draw is final.
- (b) All participants must have a current WHS handicap index.
- (c) It is a closed competition; visitors are not allowed to enter.
- (d) The men will play from the White tees and ladies will play from the Red tees.
- (e) This is a non-qualifying event.

Stableford rules and scoring:

- (a) Playing Handicaps are calculated by the lower Course Handicap x 0.6 plus the higher Course Handicap x 0.4.
- (b) Men’s stroke index is used to determine points on each hole.
- (c) While both players in each team tee off on every hole, each player must have at least 6 tee shots selected. The remaining 6 tee shots may be selected at will.
- (d) After the tee shot is selected, alternate shots are played on each hole until the ball is holed.

The pair with the highest Stableford points score will be the winners. Standard countback rules will apply in the event of a tie.

PART 5

SENIORS' COMPETITIONS

*(For the purpose of these competition
a Senior at Little Hay Golf Club is a male player aged 60 or over)*

5-1. GENERAL

- a. Senior competitions throughout the year will normally be played according to the following competition rules. Variations to these rules may only be made with the concurrence of the Seniors' Competition Sub-Committee.
- b. Senior members without handicaps may play in any of the competitions detailed below, apart from the Senior Champion and Senior Cup, but for handicap purposes only.
- c. Unless otherwise stated, the competitions listed below are only open to Senior members of Little Hay Golf Club and, unless mutually agreed to the contrary, are not to be played at weekends.
- d. Seniors' Competition Sub-Committee. The Seniors' Competition Sub-Committee is: Seniors' Captain, Seniors' Vice-Captain, Seniors' Competition Organiser and a results computer representative.

5-2. ORDER OF MERIT

- d. Both summer and winter Orders of Merit are based on results in the relative Monthly Medal and Stableford competitions. Points are awarded for the best five net scores, or highest Stableford points, in each competition from the total field, regardless of divisions. Points are awarded as follows:
 - vi. 1st place: 41 x number of starters.
 - vii. 2nd place: 26 x number of starters.
 - viii. 3rd place: 16 x number of starters.
 - ix. 4th place: 11 x number of starters.
 - x. 5th place: 6 x number of starters.

The winner is the player with the highest number of such points accumulated over the period of the competition.

- e. 'Summer' covers the period April-September; 'Winter' the period October-March.
- f. Those tying for first place will be declared joint winners.
- g. Organiser: Seniors' Competition Organiser.

5-3. ECLECTICS

- a. Two Eclectics are held during the year; Summer and Winter. 'Summer' covers the period April-September; 'Winter' the period October-March.
- b. The Eclectic is a total of the best gross scores achieved on each hole during the Monthly Medal and Stableford competitions over the period. Half the Playing Handicap in force at the end of the competition is deducted from the accumulated score to determine the net winner.
- c. In the event of a tie, the player who has the lowest handicap is declared the winner. If still a tie, the trophy is shared.

- d. ***In addition*** there is a prize for the player with the lowest gross score *before* handicap adjustment. In the event of a tie for this additional prize, the player with the highest handicap is declared the winner. If still a tie the prize is shared.
- e. Organiser: Seniors' Competition Organiser..

5-4. SENIOR CHAMPION & SENIOR CUPS

- a. The Senior Champion and Senior Cup competitions are played concurrently over two days, towards the end of the summer period, as 36 hole Stroke Play events – 18 holes on Tuesday and Thursday of the same week.
- b. Entry for these Cups is open to male Club members aged 60 or more by the first day of the Competition, and who have played in at least three qualifying Little Hay Golf Club competitions (Men's and/or Seniors) during that summer season.

5-4A. SENIOR CHAMPION CUP

- a. The Senior Champion Cup is Scratch in format, thus the winner is the player with the lowest combined gross score over the two rounds.
- b. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by a 'sudden death' play off starting at the 1st tee.

5-4B. SENIORS' CUPS

- d. The Seniors' Cups are played using Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap), with separate Cups being awarded for each of two Divisions, these being a split by age so that the numbers competing are roughly the same in each. The lowest combined net score over the two rounds wins. The start order for the first round will be according to handicaps, with the lower first and the higher following. For the second round the placing will be reversed, with the higher handicaps starting first.
- e. In the event of a tie in either of the two Divisions, countback (computer)* will be used to decide the winner.
- f. Organiser: Seniors' Competition Organiser.

5-5. SINGLES AND DOUBLES KNOCK OUT

- a. Both the Singles and the Doubles Knock Out competitions take place during summer months, each following the same basic format:
 - i. Match play off the white tees;
 - ii. For singles knockouts, Course Handicaps apply.
 - iii. For doubles the handicap allowance is 90% and is taken as the final step in calculating a player's playing handicap.
 - iv. Each round of the competition has a target date for completion and this must be adhered to. It is the responsibility of the first named player/players to arrange a date for the match. If he/they are unable to meet the deadline then the matter should be referred to the knockout competition organiser.
- b. If matches are all square after 18 holes, a 'sudden death' play off is to be played, commencing at the 1st tee (having first obtained the agreement of the Complex Reception staff).
- c. Organiser: as arranged

5-6. 3-CLUB COMPETITION (John McDonough Trophy)

- a. All players are limited to three clubs, *one of which must be* a putter. The format is:
 - i. Eighteen hole NON Qualifying Stableford round using Course Handicaps;

- ii. There is one Division;
 - iii. Either yellow tees or mats are used, depending on the course situation at the time;
 - iv. The winner is the player with the most Stableford points.
- b. Organiser: Seniors' Competition Organiser.

5-7. CHARITY SHIELD (Vic Allen Trophy)

- a. The format of the Charity Shield is:
- c. Stableford, Qualifying, Handicap Allowance 95%
 - d. Played from the yellow tees;
 - e. The trophy will be awarded to the Senior Section member with the most Stableford Points.
 - f. As a charity fund-raising event, prizes will be awarded for other achievements as decided by the Organiser. In addition "fines" might be levied for misdemeanours defined by the organiser. All players will be eligible for these prizes and fines.
- g. Organiser: Seniors' Competition Organiser

5-8. PAIRS

- a. The Pairs competition format is:
- i. Four ball better ball, in teams of two, with a draw for pairings;
 - ii. Stableford scoring is used, with 85% of Course Handicaps;
 - iii. Each player plays his own ball, with the higher Stableford score on each hole counting;
 - iv. The winning pair is the one with the most Stableford points.
- b. Organiser: Seniors' Captain or Vice-Captain.

5-9. CRUICKSHANK MEMORIAL SALVER

- a. The Cruickshank Memorial Salver competition is a Seniors vs Women match. The format is:
- i. Pairs match play;
 - ii. Men's stroke index to be used by all players;
 - iii. Men play from the white tees, Women from the red tees;
 - iv. Using the player with the lowest Course Handicap as a base, the other players take 90% of the difference between their Course Handicap and his/hers;
 - v. The number of groups to play in the competition has to be agreed in advance by the two Captains.
- b. In the event of a tie, a draw will be declared.
- c. Organiser: Seniors' Vice-Captain.

5-10. MIXED PAIRS (Jefferson/Lane Trophy)

- a. The format of the Jefferson/Lane Trophy competition is:

- i. Stableford rules and scoring;
 - ii. A mixed pair consists of a Woman and a Senior, with the pairings drawn by the Seniors' and Women's Captains;
 - iii. Playing Handicaps at 85% of Course Handicaps and appropriate stroke indexes are used;
 - iv. Men play from the white tees and Women from the red;
 - v. The winners are the pair with the highest combined Stableford score.
- b. Organiser: Seniors' Captain or Vice-Captain.

5-11. GREENSOME based (with Women)

- a. The format of the Greensome based competition is:
- i. Mixed pairs, consisting of a woman and a Senior;
 - ii. Stableford rules and scoring;
 - iii. Playing Handicaps are calculated by the lower Course Handicap x 0.6 plus the higher Course Handicap x 0.4
 - iv. Men's stroke index is used;
 - v. Men play from the yellow tees, Women from the red;
 - vi. Alternate shots are played on each hole. Each player must have nine tee shots selected;
 - vii. The pair with the highest Stableford points score will be the winners.
 - viii. Men not paired with a woman will play a separate, but otherwise identical, competition.
- b. Organiser: Seniors' Captain or Vice-Captain.

5-12. SUMMERTIME STABLEFORD (with Women)

- a. The format for the Summertime Stableford is:
- i. Teams of four, each comprising two Women and two Seniors;
 - ii. Playing Handicaps apply.
 - iii. The score on each hole will be the sum of the best Woman's Stableford score and the best Senior's Stableford score;
 - iv. Seniors will use the men's stroke indices and the Women will use the Women's stroke indices to calculate the Stableford scores;
 - v. Each player will have their own scorecard — the Woman and Senior Captains will confirm the team scores at the end of play.
 - vi. If players do not arrive on the day and a group of three has to be sent out, then - supposing there are two Seniors and one woman - on the five holes with the lowest Women's stroke index, the best two of the Stableford scores may be taken, irrespective of whose scores those are.
 - vii. If there are extra Seniors, not playing with Women, they will play a separate competition in which the three best Stableford scores are added at each hole.
- b. Organiser: Seniors' Captain or Vice-Captain.

5-13. JOHN BIDGWAY PLATE

- a. The format of the Greensome based competition is:

- i. Pairs consisting of a low and high H/C player
 - ii. Stableford rules and scoring;
 - iii. Playing Handicaps are calculated by the lower Course Handicap x 0.6 plus the higher Course Handicap x 0.4
 - iv. Played from yellow tees
 - v. Each player plays a tee shot one ball is selected and alternate shots to finish each hole. Each player must have 9 tee shots.
 - vi. The pair with the highest Stableford points score will be the winners.
- b. Organiser: Seniors' Competition organiser

5-14. PETER BETTS SHIELD

- a. The format is Texas Scramble.
- b. Organizer: Seniors' as arranged.

5-15 FRANK SPENCE SHIELD

- a. The format will be combined pairs Stableford.
- b. Playing Handicaps are 85% of Course Handicap
- c. Organiser: Seniors Competition Organiser.

5-16 TURKEY SHOOT (with Women)

- a. The Turkey Shoot is normally played at the end of November. The Seniors' Captain and Woman Captain will jointly decide which format the competition will take, and how the prizes are to be allocated.
- b. Organiser: Seniors Vice Captain

PART 6 WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

6-1. GENERAL

- a. Women's competitions from April to November will be played according to the following competition rules.
- b. Women with handicaps may play in all competitions. Women without handicaps may play in competitions for handicap purposes only.
- c. A Woman member without a handicap can mark a card, but only for an existing handicapped player.
- d. WomenWomen
Players may sign-up to competitions via HowDidIDo. If there are any problems with this contact the Women's Organiser whose name is listed on the Women's Fixture List
- e.
- f. Monday is the main day for Women's competitions and the Alternate Day is Saturday, or Sunday if the tee times are to be combined into the Men's competition start times. A woman member may play on both a Monday and a Saturday, then their Monday score will count for Alternate Day Competitions. The Alternate Day will be arranged within 7 days of the main competition. The results of the 2 days will be combined for the allocation of prizes.
- g. Women cannot play with others who are playing in any competition if they are not taking part in the competition themselves, unless they are playing for Handicap Allocation. The only exception to this is where there are insufficient competitors to allow cards to be marked, in which case those who are not in the competition may play for this purpose only

6-2. COMPETITIONS IN MEDAL FORMAT

The following competitions are played in medal format:

A. THIPTHORPE TROPHY AND Women's CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. This competition is played over 36 holes on 2 consecutive days.
- b. The draw for the first round will be based upon handicap, with the higher handicappers starting first and the lower handicaps following. The draw for the second round will be based on gross scores in the first round, with the highest scores starting first and the lower scores following.
- c. Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap) are used. The handicap of a player applied at the beginning of the competition shall apply throughout the duration of the competition. Handicaps will be updated fully when the competition is closed.
- d. The Thipthorpe Trophy winner is the player with the lowest **net** score.
- e. The Women's Championship winner is the lowest **gross** score.
- f. Any woman member, apart from Juniors, can play for the Championship. Juniors have their own Championship.
- g. In the event of a tie for the Thipthorpe (net) competition, count back by computer will be used. In the event of a tie for the Women's Championship (gross) competition, the winner will be decided by a sudden death play-off.
- h. In the event of course closure on either day, the competition will be decided over 18 holes.

B.

6-3. COMPETITIONS IN STABLEFORD FORMAT

The following competitions are played in stableford format and Playing Handicaps (95% of Course Handicap) apply:

- **Spring Meeting – Non qualifier**
- **Women 9-Hole Qualifying Competitions** .These will be played from a 9-hole card.
- **Irons Rose Bowl.** This is played with irons only, excluding all hybrid clubs.
Non-Qualifying competition.
- **Four Clubs and a Putter.** *Non-Qualifying competition.*
- **Dacorum Trophy.** *Non-Qualifying Competition.*
- **Ovaltine Cup.** *Qualifying competition.*
- **Spring Bouquet.** *Qualifying Competition.*
- **Charity Cup.** *Qualifying Competition.*
- **Summer Cup.** *Qualifying competition.*
- **Bland Shield.** *Qualifying competition.*
- **Burhill UK.** *Qualifying competition.*
(This is also played to qualify for the NAPGC competition)
- **Basildon Bond Rosebowl.** *Qualifying competition.*
- **Fressingwood Cup.** *Qualifying competition.*
- **Autumn Fruit Bowl.** *Qualifying competition.*
- **David Johnson Trophy** .*Qualifying competition.*
- **Founders Cup.** *Bogey Par non-qualifying competition.*
- **New Captains Cup.** *Non-qualifying competition.*

6-4. THE GODDENS TROPHY

- a. The Goddens Trophy is played as a Greensomes competition. The format is:
 - i. Pairs, with a pairing selected by the organizer by handicap—one high, one low.
 - ii. Stableford rules and scoring.
 - iii. Handicaps are calculated by the lower Course Handicap x 0.6 plus the higher Course Handicap x 0.4.
 - iv. Each player tees off, and the better ball is selected. Thereafter alternate shots are played during that hole. There are no restrictions on the number of drives selected for each player.
- b. The pair with the highest stableford points score will be the winners.
- c. Organiser: as arranged

6-5. O'CONNOR CUP FOURSOMES/DAILY MAIL QUALIFIER

- a. The format of the O'Connor Cup Foursomes is:
 - i. Pairs with stableford scoring.
 - ii. Players choose their partners.
 - iii. Half the combined Course Handicaps are used.

- iv. The two players drive off from successive tees. i.e. one from the odd and one from the even-numbered holes. Thereafter alternate shots are played during that hole.
- b. The pair with the highest stableford score will be the winners of the O'Connor Cup. The winner will be entitled to go forward to the Daily Mail Foursomes, as long as this has been indicated in advance in the competition book.
- c. Organiser: as arranged.

6-6. ECLECTICS

A. COMPETITION ECLECTIC–BARNES TROPHY AND KENT SALVER

- a. The eclectic is a total of the best gross scores achieved on each hole during the monthly medal and stableford competitions, over the period from April–November. Half the handicap in force at the end of the competition is deducted from the accumulated score to determine the net winners.
- b. The Barnes Trophy is awarded to the silver division winner (up to 20 handicap) and the Kent Salver is awarded to the bronze division winner (21 to 54 handicap).
- c. In the event of a tie, countback by computer will be used. If the competition is still tied after countback then the prize will be shared.

B. CHARITY ECLECTICS

- a. Two Charity eclecticics are held during the year: summer and winter. *The summer eclectic runs from May-September, starting with the May medal, and the winter eclectic runs from November-March, starting with the November medal.*
- b. The eclectic is a total of the best gross scores achieved from a maximum of 12 cards played in the summer and 10 cards in the winter in **any** games played over this period. The summer eclectic **must** start with a medal. The winter eclectic **should** start with the November medal. *If a player is unable to play in the November medal then the first card should be a full round of 18 holes.* Half the Playing Handicap in force at the end of the competition is deducted from the accumulated score to determine the net winner.
- c. In the event of a tie, countback will be used. If the competition is still tied after count back then the prize will be shared.

6-7. SINGLES AND DOUBLES KNOCKOUT

- a. Both the singles and doubles knockout competitions take place during the summer months, each following the same basic format:
 - i. Match play off the red tees.
 - ii. For singles knockouts Course Handicaps apply. This is played in two divisions, a silver division for those with handicaps below 20, and a bronze division for handicaps 21-36.
 - iii. For doubles the handicap allowance is 90% and is taken as the final step in calculating a player's playing handicap.
 - iv. Each round of the competition has a target date for completion and this must be adhered to. It is the responsibility of the first named player/players to arrange a date for the match. If she/they are unable to meet the deadline then the matter should be referred to the knockout competition organiser.
- b. If matches are all square after 18 holes, a sudden death playoff is to be played, commencing at the first tee,(having obtained the agreement of the Complex reception staff first).

6-8. GOLFER OF THE YEAR (GOY)

- a. The Golfer of the Year is decided over 21 competitions (detailed below) by a points system, with
1st. place awarded 4 points, 2nd place 3 points, 3rd place 2 points and 4th place 1 point.
 - i. All medals played from April to November. Both Monday and Saturday Medals can be played in but only one will count towards the competition. If you choose to play on both Saturday and Monday the one to count towards the competition must be chosen in advance of play by indicating on the sign-up sheet and competition book. If it is not indicated on the sign-up sheet and competition book your Monday score will count towards GOY.
 - ii. The Ovaltine Cup, Spring Bouquet, Bland Shield, Burhill Trophy, Thipthorpe Trophy, Summer Cup, David Johnson Trophy, Basildon Bond Rosebowl, Fressingwood Cup, Autumn Fruitbowl, Charity Cup, Founders Cup and Dacorum Trophy.
- c. The winner is the player with the most accumulated points after the last competition has been played. In the event of a tie the title is shared.

6-9. WOMEN V MEN

- a. The format of the Women v Men competition will be decided by the two captains:

6-10. TEXAS SCRAMBLE (with Seniors)

- a. The format of the Texas Scramble (with Seniors) competition is:
 - i. Team of four, each comprising two women and two seniors. A draw is made for composition.
 - ii. Men's stroke index is used.
 - iii. Men play from the white tees, women from the red tees.
- b. Organiser: as arranged, jointly with Senior Captain.

6-11. CRUICKSHANK MEMORIAL SALVER

- a. The Cruickshank Memorial Salver competition is a Seniors v Women match, normally played in June. The format is:
 - i. Pairs match play.
 - ii. Men's stroke index to be used by all players.
 - iii. Men play from the white tees, Women from the red tees.
 - iv. Using the player with the lowest Course Handicap as a base, the other players take 90% of the difference between their handicap and his/hers.
 - v. The number of groups to play in the competition has to be agreed in advance by the two captains.
- b) Organiser: Senior Captain

6-12. MIXED PAIRS (Jefferson/Lane Trophy)

- a. The format of the Jefferson/Lane Trophy competition is:
 - i. Stableford rules and scoring.
 - ii. A mixed pair consisting of a woman and a senior, with the pairings drawn by the Seniors' and Women' Captain.

- iii. Playing Handicaps at 85% of Course Handicap and appropriate stroke indexes are used.
 - iv. Men play from the white tees and Women from the red.
 - v. The winners are the pair with the highest combined stableford score.
- b. Organiser: Senior Captain or Vice-Captain

6-13. GREENSOME COMPETITION (with Seniors)

- a. The format of the Greensomes competition, which is normally played in January and October is:
- i. Mixed pairs, consisting of a woman and a senior.
 - ii. Stableford rules and scoring.
 - iii. Handicaps are calculated by the lower Course Handicap x 0.6 plus the higher Course Handicap x 0.4
 - iv. Men's stroke index is used.
 - v. Men play from the yellow tees, Women from the red.
 - vi. Alternate shots are played on each hole. Each player must have 9 tee shots selected.
 - vii. The pair with the highest stableford score will be the winners.
 - viii. Men not paired with a Woman will play a separate, but otherwise identical competition.
- b. Organiser: Senior Captain.

6-14. TURKEY SHOOT (with Seniors)

- a. The Turkey Shoot is normally played in December. The Senior's Captain and the Women's Captain will jointly decide which format the competition will take, and how the Prizes are to be allocated.

PART 7 MIXED & CLUB COMPETITIONS

No.	Competition	Section Type	Detail	Board	Tees
3	Captain's Drive-In & Team Stableford	All Texas Scramble	Teams of 4, each comprising, as far as possible, an Adult Male, a Senior Male, a Woman & a Junior. A draw is made for team composition	No	Red Yellow White
8	Mid Summer Evening League	All Stableford	Singles Front 9 holes competition	Yes	Red White
11	Captains Day	All Stableford	The decision of which tees to play from is the player's. The prizes that relate to the different tees will be decided by the captain. e.g in 2018 Women/ junior Women played from the Red tees. White was available but all others played from the Blue tees. Prizes were pro rata on entries per section & tees used.	Yes	Red White Blue
14	President's Day	All Stableford	There will be a Male & Female winner, on the day, for the President's putters. The Mens' competition will be played from the Blue tees	Yes	Red Yellow White Blue
17	Puddiphat All Sections Cup	All Stableford	All entrants are allocated to a team solely according to gender & age with separate teams for Men, Seniors, Women and Juniors. Scores for each team player are totalled then divided by the number of players in the team. The winner is the team with the highest average score.	No	Red White
18	Doughty Cup	All Texas Scramble	The gross team score is recorded for each hole and handicaps applied as follows – Team of 4 apply 1/8th of combined handicaps Team of 3 apply 1/16th of combined handicaps.	Yes	Red Yellow White
19	Winter League	All Better Ball Stableford	See Competition Formats – Section 3.4	Yes	Red/ Mats

PART 8

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

8-1. GENERAL

There are seven knockout competitions played at Little Hay Golf Club:

- a. **The David Johnson Trophy** - Men's Singles
- b. **The Dacorum Trophy** - Men's Fourball
- c. **The Fred Roberts Trophy** - Mixed Pairs
- d. **Scratch Men's Knockout.**
- e. **The Steve Seaford Memorial Trophy.**
- f. **The Ron Griffin Trophy** – Senior Men Singles
- g. **The Dave Holden Trophy** – Senior Men Four-Ball

8-2. FORMAT

8-2A. THE DAVID JOHNSON TROPHY

- a. The David Johnson Trophy is a singles Match Play competition, open to all male members and played over 18 holes, from the white Medal tees. Course Handicaps will be used, with the handicap allowance being the full difference between the handicaps of the two players.
- b. The winner of each round is the player who has won the greatest number of holes.
- c. In the event of a match being level after 18 holes, the match should continue from the 1st hole (having first obtained the agreement of the Complex Reception staff), until one of the players is one hole up. Strokes should be taken as for the original 18 holes.

8-2B. THE DACORUM DOUBLES TROPHY

- a. The Dacorum Doubles Trophy is a four ball, Match Play competition, open to all members and played over 18 holes, off the white Medal tees, with the lowest handicap player conceding strokes to the other three players. The handicap allowance is 90% and is taken as the final step in calculating a player's playing handicap. The maximum playing handicap is 28.
- b. The winner of each round is the team that has won the greatest number of holes.
- c. In the event of a match finishing all square after 18 holes, the match should continue from the 1st hole (having first obtained the agreement of the Complex Reception staff), until one of the teams is one hole up. Strokes should be taken as for the original 18 holes.

8-2C. THE FRED ROBERTS TROPHY

- a. The Fred Roberts Trophy is a mixed pairs Stableford competition, open to all members and played over 18 holes. Men play from the white tees and the Women play off the Red tees. Each player receives 85% of Course Handicap.
- b. The winner of each round is the pair with the highest number of Stableford points.
- c. Only in the event that a countback fails to provide a winner will extra holes be played. The match will continue from the 1st hole (having first obtained the

agreement of the Complex Reception staff), until one of the teams is at least one point up. Strokes should be taken as for the original 18 holes.

8-2D. THE SCRATCH MEN'S KNOCKOUT

- a. The Scratch Men's Knockout is a competition open to all men members and played off the white tees, over 18 holes, with no handicap allowances.
- b. The winner of each round is the player who has won the greatest number of holes.
- c. In the event of the match finishing all square after 18 holes, the player will play sudden death from the 1st hole (having first obtained the agreement of the Complex Reception staff) until one player wins outright.
- d. The number of rounds will be determined by how many entrants there are.

8-2E. STEVE SEAFORD MEMORIAL TROPHY

- a. The Steve Seaford Memorial Trophy competition is played from the middle of June with the final being played before the end of September, and is Match Play. It is open to all male Club members who meet the entry criteria.
 - i. Entry to the Matchplay competition is restricted to the top 4 players in both Div 1 and Div 2 in the June Medal.
 - ii. The winner of Division 1 plays the 4th from Division 2, 2nd in Division 1 plays 3rd in Division 2, 3rd in Division 1 plays 2nd in Division 2 and the 4th in Division 1 plays the winner of Division 2.
 - iii. Match play over 18 holes* from the white tees;
 - iv. Course Handicaps apply for the Match Play games;
 - v. As individual players are knocked out in each round, re-matching is made;
 - vi. *The final round is played over 36 holes on the same day.

8-2F. RON GRIFFIN TROPHY

- I. The Ron Griffin is a singles Match Play competition, open to all male Senior members and played over 18 holes, from the white Medal tees. Course Handicaps will be used, with the handicap allowance being the full difference between the handicaps of the two players.
- II. The winner of each round is the player who has won the greatest number of holes.
- III. In the event of a match being level after 18 holes, the match should continue from the 1st hole (having first obtained the agreement of the Complex Reception staff), until one of the players is one hole up. Strokes should be taken as for the original 18 holes.

8-2G. DAVE HOLDEN TROPHY

- I. The Dave Holden Trophy is a four ball, Match Play competition, open to all members and played over 18 holes, off the white Medal tees, with the lowest handicap player conceding strokes to the other three players. For doubles the handicap allowance is 90% and is taken as the final step in calculating a player's playing handicap.
- II. The winner of each round is the team that has won the greatest number of holes.
- III. In the event of a match finishing all square after 18 holes, the match should continue from the 1st hole (having first obtained the agreement of the Complex Reception

staff), until one of the teams is one hole up. Strokes should be taken as for the original 18 holes.

8-3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- a. The entry fee to all knockout competitions and the closing date for applications is shown on the competition's application form and HowDidIDo.
- b. The minimum entry condition for competitions is that each player must have a valid Handicap Index at the closing date for entries. It is the player's responsibility to determine their own eligibility to play.
For Doubles you must also ensure your partner is eligible.
- c. **The entry fee is non-refundable under any circumstances i.e. once you have submitted your entry request.** Additionally in Doubles if you are paying for your partner and they are in-eligible or withdraw for any reason. Exceptions may be made for new members.
- d. Entry to competitions will **ONLY** be accepted on the appropriate application form or by electronic signup via HowDidIDo.
- e. Payment of knockout entry fees must be paid within 2 weeks of the draw being made. If no entry fee is paid it will be assumed that you do not wish to continue in the competition and your name will be removed from the draw.
- f. The Fred Roberts Trophy is open to fully paid up Club members and there are no specific conditions of entry, beyond having a valid Handicap Index at the time of playing the first round.
- g. Both the David Johnson Trophy and the Dacorum Trophy are open to full paid up male Club members meeting the following criteria:
 - i. Members of more than 12 months standing at the closing date for entries must have added at least three 18-hole scores to their WHS scoring Record in the 12 months prior to the closing date.
Exceptions may be made for new members.
 - ii. Members of between six and 12 months standing at the closing date must have added at least three 18-hole scores to their WHS scoring Record in the 12 months prior to the closing date.

NOTE: For i & ii above, 'AWAY' members must provide a valid Handicap Certificate, or their English Golf Union CDH identification number, demonstrating that they have met the above criteria.
 - iii. Entry to members of less than six months standing at the closing date for entries is at the discretion of the Handicap & Competition Chairman. Eligibility must be confirmed prior to submitting the application form.
- h. By entering the competition(s) you are giving consent that your contact telephone number will be made available on the knockout draw sheets so that competitors will be able to contact each other.

8-4. DRAW AND PROCEDURE

- a. The draw for all three competitions will be made in the week following the closing. Players will receive email notification of their matches and the draw will be available on HDID – "more/knockouts/view infor/ view draw.
- b. Dates by which the various rounds of each competition are to be played are stated in the notification emails. It is the responsibility of both players or teams to arrange their matches and also to ensure that the matches are played by the stipulated dates.
- c. There will be sufficient time allowed for playing each round, so extensions will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. Holidays, injuries, or long-term illnesses

are not considered exceptional circumstances. Any difficulties in arranging a match must be communicated to the Competitions Secretary – details in the notification email - at least one week before the due date.

- d. If a player is unable to play his/her match before the due date as a result of injury, or long term illness, they should forfeit the match. In the case of the 4-ball competitions their partner may play as a single against 2 opponents.

Failure to arrange and play matches by the stipulated date without approval of the Competitions Chairman, which will only be given under exceptional circumstances, IT WILL result in BOTH PLAYERS OR TEAMS being disqualified, regardless of the reason for the delay.

- e. The result of the match should be Emailed to the Address advised on the HowDidIDo View Info page for each Knockout competition at the earliest opportunity for the organiser to enter into the HowDidIDo knockout competition.
- f. Prior to starting any match, or if a play-off is required, the staff in Complex Reception should be notified that a match is taking place and that you wish to use the white tees.
- g. The playing of Strokeplay and Matchplay at the same time is strongly discouraged as the rules relating to Matchplay and Strokeplay are fundamentally different. In extreme circumstances, players having difficulty finding a date on which to play a knockout match may request permission from the committee to play the match as part of a strokeplay competition. If permission is granted it will be on condition that the game is played in accordance with Strokeplay rules and that the Matchplay result is derived from completed Strokeplay scores.
- h. The Competitions Chairman's decision is final in all matters and disputes relating to these competitions.
- i. If a match, once started, has to be suspended for any reason eg. course closed due to bad weather, the match must be continued from the tee of the next unfinished hole. eg match stopped half way through playing 7th hole. Match to be restarted/resumed from 7th tee.

PART 9 DISABILITY

The R&A recognise four such categories of disability and have been identified as:

- Players who are blind,
- Players who are amputees,
- Players who use assistive mobility devices, and
- Players with intellectual disabilities.

If you (a member), believe you are part of one of these groups please contact a committee member or our Welfare Officer to discuss possible rule difference that may affect you.

Appendix A

Honours Boards Winter League

PS

Bryn Aldridge Charity Cup	S	
Doughty Cup	TS	
Tony Hodson Trophy	M	
Past Captains Summer Cup	S	
Ron Gingell Shield	S	
John Catchpole Cup		
Alan Irwin Shield	S	
Gold Cup	M	
The Captains Cup		
Secretary's Cup		
Club Championship	SM	
Club Order Of Merit		
Mid-Summer Evening League	9S	
Dacorum Trophy	FBBB	Knockout
David Johnson Trophy	SMP	Knockout
Fred Roberts Memorial Trophy		Knockout
Scratch Knockout	M	Knockout
Steve Seaford Memorial Trophy	M	Knockout

Woman Club Champion
 Woman Golfer of the Year
 Seniors Eclectic Summer
 Seniors Midweek Order Of Merit (Ray Moore Memorial Trophy)
 Seniors Fourball (Dave Holden Trophy) Knockout
 Seniors Singles (Ron Griffin Trophy) Knockout
 Seniors Midweek Cup (Older)
 Seniors Midweek Cup (Younger)
 Seniors Midweek Champion

Junior Cup
 Junior Club Championship
 Junior Order Of Merit

Captain
 Club Captains
 Women Captains
 Junior Captains
 Hole In One

M = Medal
 S = Stableford
 SM = Scratch Medal
 PS = Pairs Playing Better Ball Stableford
 TS = Texas Scramble
 SMP = Singles Match Play
 P9S = 9 Hole Stableford
 FBMP = 4 Ball Match Play
 MPBBS = Mixed Pairs Better Ball Stableford

Version Control

Version	Changes	Date
20.0	Change of terminology to reflect WHS. Separation of Local Rules into their own document	Jan. 2022
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21.1	Correction of Handicap Allowance Sect 8-2c	Jan 2024
21.2	Section 2.8 renumbered to 2.9 and new 2.8 added to describe the handling of team handicaps for pairs competitions	Jan 2025
21.3	Correction of Rules 2-7c and 4-2ci to show the requirement for 10 scores	Jan 2025