

## COMPETITION RULES (Men's Section PHGC)

The following rules will apply to all Club Competitions run by the Men's Competition Committee. These are in addition to the Rules of Golf and the published Local Rules.

### General Rules

The format and conditions under which all competitions are played will be determined by the Men's Competition Committee. These conditions must be strictly adhered to. Any conditions which are specific to any one competition will be displayed on the notice board or Club website at the appropriate time.

All decisions made by the Competitions Committee (or its appointed representative) shall be final.

All players are personally responsible for acquainting themselves with the conditions relating to any competition in which they choose to play. All competitions must be played from the tee markers as stipulated on the entry sheet, start on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and end on the 18<sup>th</sup> green unless advised differently on the competition notice.

### Eligibility

Competitions are open to all Members who have a WHS Handicap Index of 54 or below, or playing for their WHS Handicap Index subject to:

- Pre-qualification rules detailed below;
- Restrictions applicable to Flexible members;
- Weekend restrictions for 5-day members;
- A group that includes a Junior player must have at least one eligible adult competitor.

### Pre-qualification for Competitions

#### Playing for a WHS Handicap Index

Members playing for their WHS Handicap Index ('3 cards') can play in order to progress the required games needed to get a WHS Handicap index but **cannot** enter **any** competitions or the 'twos'.

#### Competitions.

A member with a WHS Handicap Index can play **and compete** in all **Stableford** and **Medal** competitions.

A member with a WHS Handicap Index can play in all **Trophy** competitions but is **only eligible to compete** in singles or team **Trophy (includes Matchplay)** competitions after he has played in **3 handicap qualifying competitions** after being awarded / issued with his WHS Handicap Index by the Handicap Committee.

A member with a WHS Handicap Index can play in a **Matchplay** and **Open** competitions.

For entry into **Stableford** and **Medal** competitions a member must have a WHS Handicap Index on the day i.e. prior to the event. Entrants to **Trophy**, **Matchplay** and **Open** competitions must have an eligible WHS Handicap Index (subject to pre-qualification rules identified above) at the time he puts his name down to enter into the competition i.e. prior to the draws being made.

No competition entry fee will be payable by members if they are not eligible to compete in a competition. Participation in the 'twos' is permitted with the appropriate payment to the shop at the time of the competition.

### Competition Tee Times

Members must reserve a tee time for Saturday and Wednesday competitions via BRS online, BRS App or by calling the Pro shop. Play in Saturday competitions will be strictly limited to the block of tee times listed on the BRS booking sheet. Play outside these times is not permitted unless specifically authorised by the committee. Reserved Saturday tee times can only be booked for competition play only.

## **Signing in / Score Entry**

Members MUST sign using the PSI terminal or the Today's Golf feature, in the Howdidido/ClubV1 Members Hub app, to sign in and enter scores for ALL individual competitions.

Players who enter into a handicap qualifying competition and do not submit their scores / scorecards by the time the competition is closed will have a penalty score (Course Rating + Player's Course Handicap) applied to their Handicap Index in the World Handicap System.

### **Competition Scorecard Requirements.**

Players and Markers are responsible for completing a competition scorecard correctly and as required by the club competition committees and the Rules of Golf.

The following areas of the scorecard MUST be entered / completed:

- Competition (name)
- Date
- Time (Start and Finish)
- Player A - name, H'cap Index, Course H'cap, Strokes Rec'd (ie Playing Handicap)
- Player B & C if the format of the competition requires it eg Texas Scramble

(In a team game, the format of the scorecard will be advised in the pre competition notes.)

Gross scores for the Marker and Player(s) MUST be entered per hole for stroke play competitions with subtotals correctly entered for the Front 9, Back 9 and a Total correctly entered.

For Stableford competitions, gross scores MUST be entered and the Stableford points annotated / recorded for each hole preferably in the 'Points' row (below the Player C row). The Stableford points should also be subtotaled and entered for the Front 9, Back 9 and Total.

The Marker is responsible for ensuring that the Gross scores entered for the Player are correct.

At the bottom of the scorecard the Marker and Player MUST sign the scorecard as verification that the scores entered are correct. The net score in a stroke play (medal, trophy) competition or the total points in a stableford competition must be entered in the-appropriate box at the bottom of the card.

It is the Player's responsibility to ensure that the Marker has signed the scorecard and that the scores entered for his / her round are entered correctly. 2 signatures are required for ALL scorecards.

The Player MUST enter their scores using PSI or the Howdidido Today's Golf feature and ensure that their submitted scorecard is 'posted' into the competitions scorecard box by the PSI terminal.

A Player will be disqualified from the competition if any of the following are omitted from their scorecard:

- Marker's signature
- Player's signature
- Correct Gross Scores for each hole
- Scorecard 'posted' in the scorecard box for verification.

Players who frequently do not complete the scorecards 'correctly' and / or do not enter their scores into the computer using PSI or the Howdidido Today's Golf feature, may face a disciplinary sanction e.g. entry into the next competition that they sign up for is revoked.

### **Late on the Tee.**

Failure to be ready to play at the starting tee at the designated start time will be penalised as follows:

- within 5 minutes, 2 stroke penalty in strokeplay, loss of first hole in matchplay.
- after 5 minutes, disqualification.

Players may not delay their start time due to inclement weather conditions unless play has been suspended. See PHGC Storm Protocol in the Members Section of the club website for more details.

### **No shows**

Failure to attend without prior cancellation ('no shows') and without due cause may result in suspension from the next competition of the same type. A pattern of late cancellation may also result in suspension after a warning.