



Terms of Competition: July 2021

Following the latest amendment to some of the Covid-19 Golf protocols by Golf Ireland on 23rd July the Committee has amended the Terms of Competition to reflect these changes.

In order for competitions to be run effectively and handicap records to be maintained accurately **the following rules must be followed** by all members when playing in Club Competitions.

Failure to follow the Terms of Competition can result in disqualification.

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. **Competition entry** must be made in the Pro-shop at time of Check-in and **prior to commencement of play**.
2. Each player takes a scorecard and ensures their full name, Handicap Index, **Course handicap, Playing handicap** and 4-digit member number is clearly printed on the card or provided on the printed label. The date of play and Competition name should also be identified on the card. Our competition software now includes this information on the printed label. However players should ensure that this is included on cards submitted without the pre-printed label.
3. **Marking Cards: in all cases the MARKER (playing partner) should enter the player's scores on a scorecard** (it is advisable that each player keep their own score as well as the score of the person they are marking). At the end of the round, the marker should ask the player to verbally certify his/her scores, and then write the player's name in the player's signature slot. The marker signs the card in the marker's signature slot.

4. **Returning Scores/cards:- Immediately upon completion of play,** players must:
 - a. Upload scores using the “**How did I do**” mobile App OR the **computer touchscreen system** at the card box, if this is in operation, ensuring hand sanitization occurs before and after use.
 - b. Score cards are to be placed in the appropriate card box.
 - c. **ALL SCORES MUST BE UPLOADED AND CARDS MUST BE RETURNED regardless of score as all “acceptable scores” are reflected in a player’s handicap record under WHS.**

5. **Practice on the course before a competition**
 - Match Play (Rule 5.2a). Players in a match may practise on the course before or between rounds.
 - Stroke/Stableford Play (Rule 5.2b). **Players must not practise on the course before a round on the day of a competition.**

Course Protocols / Local Rules

- Staked Tree – Relief is available from staked trees in accordance with the model local rule E10 posted in the Clubhouse.
- All other rules of golf and local rules per the scorecard are in play.
- **Note: - There is NO free relief from any boundary fence on the course (including the new boundary fence along the 11th hole). Relief may be taken under penalty of 1 shot, taking an unplayable lie.**

Pace of Play & Etiquette

“Ready Golf” is to be adopted by all golfers playing casual golf, Stroke-play and Stableford competitions. Golfers are expected to take 4 hours or less to complete a round.

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by acting with integrity, showing consideration to others and taking good care of the course and course equipment. (Rule 1.2)

Eligibility

1. Annual subscription and competition entry fee must be paid and the player's name entered in the Competition Book / Computer **BEFORE** starting play otherwise the player will be disqualified
2. Juniors of 15 handicap or under can, if partnered by an adult, enter all men's events. Juniors should refer to individual competition entry conditions for Ladies and Mixed Competitions.

Competition Handicap Allowance

As detailed on the entry/ draw sheet.

The handicap allowances will normally be automatically calculated by our competition software but **members must be aware of, and correctly apply, these allowances in all competitions**, whether the computer system is in use or not. They are also to be applied regardless of the Tee Markers that are played from.

The Committee has posted copies of these new allowances beside the Course Handicap tables situated at the Main Noticeboard, Professionals Shop and Fitzhugh Hut at the 1st Tee.

The most common formats played are detailed below

Individuals playing in Singles **strokeplay** or **stableford** competition will be **required to take 95% of their Course handicap**.

If the golfer is playing in a **Singles Matchplay competition** they will receive **100%** of their Course handicap.

If the golfer is playing in a **Fourball Betterball Matchplay** Competition they will receive **90%** of their Course Handicap

If the golfer is playing in a **Fourball Betterball Stroke/Stableford** Competition they will receive **85%** of their Course Handicap

Greensomes: 60% low handicap + 40% high handicap

Foursomes: 50% of combined team handicap