

## COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

*(To be read in conjunction with individual competition rules where posted)*

1) The maximum number of players on any tee time will not exceed four, no matter what type of match.

2) All competitions will be played from:

- Men's & Junior Boys Competitions - White Markers
- Ladies & Junior Girl Competitions - Red Markers

(Junior boys with a handicap of 30 or less and junior girls with a handicap of 38 or less can play in Club Trophy Competitions).

3) During **Mixed Competitions**, all players are required to use the men's 'Stroke Index' (SI)

4) **Score cards:** All members are responsible for checking their score for each hole, signing their card and ensuring that the marker has signed the card, before returning it. In addition the date and their name should be recorded on the scorecard, together with their handicap.

Members are also obliged to submit all cards, failure to do so, without a valid reason will lead to penalty scores being applied. ***Incorrect completion of the scorecard may result in disqualification.***

5) **Monthly Competitions (Medal / Stableford):** -

- All 9 hole competitions will be run over holes 1-9
- Players entering competitions on a Sunday afternoon who are unable to return their scorecard, due to the Golf Centre closing early, have until 10.00am on the Monday morning, following, to deposit their card in the competition box located outside the main entrance.

6) **Juniors entering competitions:**

***Weekend medals or stablefords***

Juniors who wish to play in weekend medals or stablefords must play their round with at least one adult playing within the two, three or fourball. Failure to play with an adult will result in the juniors being ineligible for winning prizes and further will result in disqualification from the competition. The scores of all juniors disqualified as a result of applying this rule would count towards handicap adjustments.

***Trophy competitions:***

A maximum of two juniors can form part of any team entered for all trophy or major trophy competitions.

7) **All Trophy Competitions:**

Entrants must enter the competition by using the 'Competition Entry / Payment' envelopes located in Reception. Complete the details required and together with the non-refundable entry fee, deposit the envelope in the slot located in the Reception counter prior to the closing date of the relevant competition. Tee times for these competitions shall be block-booked by the competition co-ordinator.

It is a condition of all Trophy competitions that the Participants must have completed at least 3 qualifying competitions in the previous 12 months on the date of the competition. (See 'Club Rules')

In addition to the competition entry fee, appropriate green fees are payable by the member prior to entering the course to play, unless stated otherwise on the competition poster.

i) **Failure to show for a block booked competition:** The members committee in conjunction with the proprietors have agreed that all members who enter a competition that is block booked by the club and fail to honour that tee time, without giving 24 hours notice to the coordinator, will be expected to pay a '**No show penalty**' of £10.00 in addition to the loss of the competition entrance fee, before entering any further competition. Offending member's names will be posted on the notice board one month from notification of failing to comply, and subsequently membership suspension may occur. **Please note** – All member's may be subject to disciplinary procedures if not adhering to this rule.

ii) The Competition coordinators name will be on all notices and they will define the competition rules. Any request or dispute must be addressed to the coordinator, who will have authority to make decisions on behalf of the committee?

iii) Prize money for winners and place winners will replace vouchers and payments will be credited to member's card accounts. Prize money will be determined by the entry levels.

#### 8) **Individual Knockout Competitions**

i. All Group matches to be played by the "play-by" date as shown on the draw. There will be NO EXTENSION OF PLAYING TIME for the GROUP MATCHES unless there are extenuating circumstances agreed by the co-ordinator.

If there is a dispute on this matter, it should be brought to the immediate attention of the competition co-ordinator who will make a decision on the match. All knockout matches to be completed by the due dates as advertised unless weather conditions require an extension (decided by the Co-ordinator).

The final to be played by the stipulated date, unless there are exceptional circumstances and an extension is agreed by the Competition & Handicap Committee and the Competition Co-ordinator. The co-ordinators decision is final.

ii. The **winner** of each match, in every **round, is responsible** for entering their name on the displayed draw sheet immediately after the completion of the match or before the completion date of that round. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification.

iii. **Individual Club Match Play Knockout Competitions (e.g. Morris/ Ann Morris Bowls, Winter Match Play League)** Following an agreement between the Centre and Bromsgrove Golf Club Members Committee the Centre reserves the right to join up players to make 3/4 balls in all matches up to the semi-final stage. For the semi-final and final stages, the Centre agrees to reserve the tee time solely for the use of the finalists providing they receive prior notification of the status of the match from the Competition Co-ordinator and/or the players involved.

#### 9) **Times of starting in a Club competition.** The Rules of Golf (Rule 5.3a) state:

*'The player must start at (and not before or after) his or her starting time. This means that the player must be ready to play at the starting time.*

*'If a player arrives at the teeing ground ready to play no more than 5 minutes late or*

*the player starts no more than 5 minutes early, the general penalty (Loss of hole) is applied to the first hole in match play or 2 strokes in stroke play instead of disqualification.’ NOTE: Otherwise the penalty is – disqualification.*

*Further Rule 23-4 Best Ball and Four Ball Match play, states:*

*‘A side may be represented by one partner for all or any part of a match; all partners need not be present. If the partner arrives after the start of the hole then they are not allowed to play until the next hole*

#### **10) Temporary Greens during a Medal or Stableford Competition:**

The Rules of Golf state: *“The position of each hole and each teeing ground must be in the same position for all competitors, on any one day of competition and the length of the course played must not vary by more than 100 yards (91 metres) from the length of the measured course”.*

If the course is shortened as a result of the moving of the flag stick (temporary greens) before the start of the competition, the competition will be a non qualifying event for that day, but if the flag stick is moved once the competition has started it becomes a non-competition.

In the event of a *Qualifying Competition* extending over more than one day, the *Competition Scratch Score (C.S.S.)* shall be calculated for each day. If on the first day of the competition full greens are in play then the event is a qualifying competition, but if on the second day the course changes (i.e. temporary greens) before the start of that day’s competition, it will be a non qualifying event for that day. If subsequently the flag stick is then moved during the competition it will become a noncompetition and vice versa for full greens on the second day.

11) In the event of Hazardous Weather Conditions affecting play during competition, please refer to the section headed ‘Hazardous Weather Conditions’ for further clarification

#### **12) Pace of play**

- i) Under Rule 5.6, the Committee has determined that a maximum Pace of Play target time should be in force for all competitions of 4 hours and 10 minutes.
- ii) The Competition Co-ordinators appointed by the Committee will be on the course during the competition to act as marshals with regards to pace of play.
- iii) Under Rule 5.6, the Committee has determined that the Competition Coordinators may issue warnings where appropriate with regard to pace of play and if warnings are not heeded, a **one penalty stroke shot (first breach)** may be applied to each member of the offending group.

#### **13) Ready Golf**

In stroke play, there is no penalty for playing out of turn, and players are both allowed and encouraged to play out of turn in a safe and responsible way for convenience or to save time. Because the order of play is central in match play, if a player plays out of turn, the opponent may cancel that stroke and make the player play again or to save time you and your opponent may agree to play out of turn.

#### **14) Distance- Measuring Devices**

For all competitions run by the Club at this course, a player may use equipment to obtain distance or directional information. If, during a stipulated round, a player

uses, a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4-3a, for which the penalty for the first breach is “General penalty” and for the second breach -disqualification.