

## **COMPETITION RULES -- Updated March 2023**

1. ***The handicap limit for ALL competitions is 54. Only players who have submitted 20 scores to WHS in order to receive a fully developed handicap index are able to win a board prize, the Ladies' Championship and the Nicholson Trophy or to enter the Ladies' Knock out competitions.***
2. ***Competitors have to enter the Club Competitions via the online booking system by 5.00.p.m. on the day preceding the competition. In the event that a lady fails to play she will still be liable for the entry fee.***
3. ***Ladies who state their intention to play in Club competitions must BEFORE PLAY, APPLY HI,CH and PH TO HER CARD AND PAY THE ENTRANCE FEE (EXCEPT IN CASE OF ILLNESS). Any competitor not having all handicap indexes on her card will be disqualified and any competitor not paying the entry fee before their scorecard is submitted will be disqualified and will forfeit any prize; however, their score will count for handicap purposes.***
4. ***Players unable to play must contact at the earliest possible time, the Professional and their playing partner. If both are unavailable, they must contact the Competition Secretary. In the event of a single player, she should if possible join the game prior to her tee time.***
5. ***Any player, having indicated their intention to play in a Club Competition who then does not adhere to Rule 4 will be subject to a 1 match ban effective for the following Saturday/Wednesday competition irrespective of what that competition may be. Any extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Ladies Committee.***
6. ***Ladies may only enter their own name and/or that of their playing partner on the Competition entry sheet. Anyone unable to enter their name on the entry sheet should contact the Competition Secretary or the Club Professional.***
7. ***In the event of a tie, Club competitions will be decided on a card count on the back 9, 6, 3, or 1 hole,***
8. ***Named Officials' Prizes and Championship***

***The Captain's Prize, The Lady Captain's Prize, the President's Prize and the Lady President's Prize are all Major Competitions, and, without exception, ALL prize winners must be present in the Club to receive their prize. In the event of a tie the result will be decided on a card count on the back 9, 6, 3, or 1 hole. In addition to these competitions, it is a requirement that winners attend the Presentation at the end of the Championship final. This includes The Championship Trophy, The Nicholson Trophy and the additional prizes for best net day 1 and day 2.***

### ***9. Board Prizes***

***The Millennium Trophy, The Jubilee Trophy, The Ladies Shield and Ladies Trophy are Board Prizes. In the event of a tie, the result will be decided by an 18 hole stroke play Play Off with each player playing off their handicap at the time of the tied competition. The players concerned must arrange to play off within 14 days of the competition, at a mutually agreed time, and a Committee Member must act as marker.***

10. ***Players may not play with the same partner for more than 4 competitions. If anyone does not***

***comply with this ruling the card will stand for handicapping purposes, but no prize can be taken. If a problem arises for players, they must contact the Competition Secretary for authorization if there are extenuating circumstances.***

- 11. All ladies have the choice of playing Saturday or Wednesday when the Alternate Day is in force.***
- 12. a) Saturday and Wednesday competitions are stand-alone competitions, cards being submitted for handicapping purposes. Scores (aggregated when appropriate) are submitted for prize purposes, provided the minimum number of players has been reached.***  
***b) The minimum number of players to constitute a competition are:***
  - for winter competitions, team, medal or Stableford minor competition – 5 players when scores are aggregated;***
  - for major competitions i.e. Board prizes, Named officials prizes, Ladies Championship – 8 players. (There is no alternate day competition for these prizes)******If there are fewer than the minimum number of players, the competition is null and void, but scores may be submitted for handicapping purposes.***  
***Nine Hole Qualifying competitions need no minimum number of players. The weekly competition players will be awarded points, which will be totalled at the end of the season. The cards will be submitted for handicapping purposes.***
- 14. A competition can be cancelled if the course is unplayable e.g. the greens are under water, there are health and safety concerns, or at the discretion of the competition secretary plus 2 committee members.***
- 15. Ladies are required to adhere to our dress code posted in the locker room.***
- 16. For Junior restrictions please see the Club Handbook and notice board.***