

Discussion document

Men's Golf Competition regime for 2018 season

A change to the current men's competition structure is proposed for the 2018 season. The purpose of this is to modernise the club's approach to competitions, match the approach being taken by other forward looking clubs, reflect the comments made by many members in the recent survey for more qualifying competitions and make our competitions more accessible to golfers with limited free time both during the week and weekend.

Despite the changes proposed we would stress that for most 5 and 6 day golfers there will be no or minimal impact on their golfing routine.

Main golf season - April to end Sept

The following competitions are proposed for the main golf season:

- A weekend qualifying competition that will be played over two days, Saturday and Sunday (with alternative format as appropriate);
- A Friday qualifying competition that will be played throughout Friday with a block period in the morning as currently. This competition will be developed to include many of the formats available to the weekend competition;
- A weekend 9 hole qualifying competition (an alternative to the main 18 hole weekend competition); and
- The continuation of the Hat competition(non-qualifying).

Further detail on each of these is included at the end of this note.

Member eligibility

The competitions open to each of the categories of male members will be, as set out below:

7 day members (and semi full, qualifying juveniles/juniors and country members)

- Weekend qualifying competition with yellow option if white tees are being used for main competition
- Friday qualifying competition – yellow stableford
- An alternative qualifying 9 hole competition on Saturday after 3pm and on Sunday up to 3pm
- The Hat on Wednesday all day
- Captain's day same Friday/Saturday format as currently

6 day members

- Weekend qualifying competition on Sun with yellow option if white tees are being used for main competition
- Friday qualifying competition – yellow stableford
- An alternative qualifying 9 hole competition on Sun to 3pm
- The Hat on Wednesday all day
- Captain's day same Friday/Saturday format as currently

5 day members

- Friday qualifying competition (note this will include many of the format options used in the weekend competition including 4BBB and scrambles)
- The Hat on Wednesday all day
- Captain's day same Friday/Saturday format as currently

Winter season – Oct to March

The following competitions are proposed for the winter season:

- A weekly Turkey competition to the end of December. These will be played over three days, Fri, Sat and Sunday and will be moved onto the green tees at a date which will be weather dependent.
- From January the winter league will commence. There will be no change to the winter league rules with all playing members being able to enter and play on any day within their membership rights. The playing week will remain Friday to Thursday.

Open competitions, matches and charity competitions

Five and six day members if playing in an Open competition or an intra club match eg Trustees Cup, JF Neill cup or similar on a day outside their playing day rights must pay an additional green fee. This will be set by Council each season. Note that there are very few Open days at weekends, most opens being during the week.

For five and six day members playing for teams either in official practice or actual matches on days outside their playing rights there will be **no** additional green fee.

The green fee for charity competitions is not set by the club but by the charity concerned and is at their discretion.

Further details of each competition category

18 hole Friday competition

Tee Time	Block booking on Friday morning Plus a card can be taken out any time on Friday after 11.30
Members who can play	Open to all playing members including 5, 6 and 7 day members, semi full, country and qualifying juveniles/juniors
Qualifying	Competition will be qualifying for handicap
Tee	Yellow tees will be used
Stableford/stroke	Stableford
Formats	Competitions will be structured along current lines and will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4BBB- Scrambles

18 hole Weekend competition

Tee Time	Block booking on Saturday Plus a card can be taken out any time on Saturday after the block booking time ends and on Sunday up to 3.00
Members who can play	Saturday entrance open to all 7 day members, semi full, qualifying juveniles/juniors and country members Sunday entrance open to all above members plus 6 day members
Qualifying	Competition will be qualifying
Tee	White and Yellow tees will be used as currently
Alternative competition	Alternative yellow competition will be run when the main competition is off white tees
Stableford/stroke	Stroke and Stableford as current
Formats	Competitions will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competitions which are qualifiers for match play cups - 4BBB - Scrambles

9 hole weekend competition

Tee Time	Saturday after 3.00pm Plus a card can be taken out any time on Sunday up to 3.00pm
Members who can play	Saturday entrance open to all 7 day members, semi full, qualifying juveniles/juniors and country members Sunday entrance open to all above members plus 6 day members
Qualifying	Competition will be qualifying
Tee	Yellow tees will be used
Stableford/stroke	Stableford
Formats	Competitions will be yellow stableford

Turkey weekend competition

Tee Time	Block booking on Friday Plus a card can be taken out any time on Friday after 11.30 Block booking on Saturday Plus a card can be taken out any time on Saturday after the block booking time ends and on Sunday up to 3.00
Members who can play	Open to all playing members including 5, 6 and 7 day members, semi full, country and qualifying juveniles/juniors
Qualifying	Competition will be non-qualifying for handicap
Tee	Yellow/Green tees will be used
Stableford/stroke	Stableford
Formats	Na

Winter League

Tee Time	Block booking on Friday Plus a card can be taken out any time on Friday after 11.30 Block booking on Saturday Plus a card can be taken out any time on Saturday after the block booking time ends Plus a card can be taken out any other day Playing week is Friday to Thursday.
Members who can play	Open to all playing members including 5, 6 and 7 day members, semi full, country and qualifying juveniles/juniors
Qualifying	Competition will be non-qualifying for handicap
Tee	Green tees will be used
Stableford/stroke	Stableford
Formats	na