

## **COMPETITION FORMATS & ENTRY RULES**

### **COMPETITION QUALIFICATION**

#### **HOW TO GET A GENTLEMAN'S HANDICAP**

As of January 2018 handicaps can now be allocated up to 54.

Submit 3 cards, signed by a Member and indicating which tees played, in a sealed envelope into the card box situated in the lobby of the Clubhouse. The submitted cards may be 3 x 18 holes, 6 x 9 holes or any combination amounting to 54 holes. The gross score on each card should be less than or equal to 132 (18 holes) or 66 (9 holes). If you are joining from another Golf Club then submit your Handicap Certificate from that Club or your CDH number, in a sealed envelope, into the card box in the lobby of the Clubhouse.

Also supply your email address to allow the Handicap secretary to make contact with confirmation of your handicap.

#### **GENT'S COMPETITION CARDS**

All Competition cards should be collected from the Pro Shop and your Competition entry fee paid prior to commencing your game. The card will show – the type of Competition – the Competition date – your name – handicap fraction applicable to the Competition – tee of the day. **YOU MUST COMPLETE** – your handicap – gross score for each hole – your signature and that of your marker. On leaving the course you should enter your gross score into the computer and place your card in the Competition card box in the lobby of the Clubhouse.

Competition cards must be marked by a member of the club who does not need to be playing in any competition except in the case of a major competition when the card must be marked by a member playing in the same competition and in the case of a junior by a 'non-junior' category competitor.

Details of how to enter scores are shown on the input terminal in the lobby of the Clubhouse. You must play in three qualifying competitions per calendar year to keep a competitive handicap. If you fail to play in three, your handicap will become non-competitive and may restrict your competition eligibility at Styal or other golf clubs at which you may play.

#### **QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR GENTS COMPETITIONS**

To play in the regular weekly Competitions you must have an official Styal Golf Club handicap. Members whose handicaps are 'non-competitive' may play but not win and a competition entry fee is not required. Members are eligible to play in Major Competitions if they have played in 6 (six) individual Qualifying Competitions at Styal Golf Club in the 12 months prior to the actual Tournament start date and have a handicap of 28 or lower. Full details of eligibility can be found on the following pages of this diary.

The results of Competitions are regularly posted onto the howdidido website- links to this site are clearly displayed on the home page of the Club Website – [www.styalgolf.co.uk](http://www.styalgolf.co.uk)

#### **HOW TO GET A LADIES HANDICAP**

As of January 2018 handicaps can now be allocated up to 54.

Submit 3 cards signed by a Member with an active handicap in a sealed envelope into the Ladies' card box in the lobby of the Clubhouse. The submitted cards may be 3 x 18 holes, 6 x 9 holes or any combination amounting to 54 holes. The gross score on each card should be less than or equal to 132 (18 holes) or 66 (9 holes). They must have your full name at the top and be signed and dated. Your handicap will be listed on the notice board in the Ladies locker room.

Also supply your email address to allow the Handicap secretary to make contact with confirmation of your handicap.

#### **LADIES COMPETITION CARDS**

All Competition cards should be collected from the Pro Shop prior to commencing your game. The card will show – the type of Competition – the Competition date – your name – handicap fraction applicable to the Competition – tee of the day – the Competition Book must be signed prior to play. **YOU MUST COMPLETE** – your handicap – gross score for each hole – your signature and that of your marker. On leaving the course you should enter your gross scores into the computer and place your card in the Competition card box in the lobby of the Clubhouse. Details of how to enter scores are shown on the input terminal in the lobby of the Clubhouse.

Competition cards must be marked by a lady member playing in the same competition - except for the Sunday club stableford competition when the card may be marked by any member (any section).

You must play in three qualifying competitions per calendar year to keep a competitive handicap. If you fail to play in three, your handicap will become non-competitive and may restrict your competition eligibility at Styal or other golf clubs at which you may play.

## **QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR LADIES COMPETITIONS**

All Ladies must book in at the pro-shop and sign in the Ladies Book prior to playing in a Competition, except the club Sunday stableford in which you check-in with the pro shop staff. All members with a Handicap may play in the weekly Competitions, i.e. the Thursday and Sunday stableford competitions. Members whose handicaps are 'non-competitive' may play but not win and a competition fee is not required. Members are eligible to play in Major Competitions if they have played in 6 (six) individual Qualifying Competitions at Styal Golf Club in the 12 months prior to the actual Tournament start date and have a handicap of 36 or lower. Full details of eligibility can be found on the following pages of this diary

## **SENIOR MALE MEMBERS**

In addition to the above competition criteria, Senior Male Members are also eligible to play in Senior Competitions, if aged 55 or over and have subscribed to the seniors section.

## **LADY JUNIOR MEMBERS**

Junior ladies are able to play in adult ladies, mixed competitions and junior competitions both on the 18 hole and Academy Course.

## **JUNIOR MALE MEMBERS**

Junior male members are able to play in gents competitions, mixed and all junior competitions both on the 18 hole and Academy Course.

## **STYAL GOLF CLUB MAJOR COMPETITION RULES - PLAY-OFFS**

In the event of a tie after 18 holes of any Match-Play competition E.G. the following tournaments: The Styal Gents Knockout Competition, The Styal Gents Doubles Knockout Competition, The TOFFS singles match play trophy, the TOFFS doubles match play trophy, the Sue Forster Trophy, the WhitLamb Trophy. Competitors must continue down the 1st hole (19th) and proceed onwards until a result is concluded. In the event of a tie in the Club Championship tournament, the players who have tied must replay over 18 holes on an agreed date.

All other remaining major competitions in the event of a tie will be decided on the day of the tournament implementing the standard count back procedure governed by the Rules of Golf.

## **USE OF BUGGIES**

Buggies are allowed to be used in any of the club competitions and permission from opponents in Match-play events is NOT required.

## **CLUB MAJOR COMPETITIONS**

For the major competitions listed below, entry is restricted to members with handicaps of 28 (Gents) and 36 (Ladies)

Except where stated below for specific competitions, members are only eligible to win a Major Competition if they have played in 6 (six) individual Qualifying Competitions at Styal Golf Club in the 12 months prior to the actual Tournament start date, except for the Gents KO competitions in which the entry criteria is assessed on the previous year before the draw. In major competitions the card must be marked by a member playing in the same competition and in the case of a junior by a 'non-junior' category competitor.

## **SENIOR MAJOR COMPETITIONS**

Members of the senior's section are eligible to play in senior section major competitions if they have a competitive competition handicap of 28 or lower. In the case of members who joined the club after 1<sup>st</sup> April of the preceding year, must, since that time, have played a minimum of six (6) individual qualifying Competitions at Styal Golf Club and have a handicap of 28 or lower.

## **MAJOR GENTS COMPETITIONS**

(Gents Committee responsibility)

## **THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Individual 36 hole stroke play competition for Gents. The lowest thirty-six hole gross score wins the competition. The 36 hole best nett score will receive a subsidiary prize. Each round nett winner will also receive a prize. Players maintain the same handicap throughout the two rounds of the competition

### **THE RYDER CUP**

Two teams of 8 players are selected and play the four competitions comprising the Ryder Cup over two days.

Entry is by invitation only and all matches are Match Play format with the match winner(s) gaining 1 point or ½ point if halved.

The first day matches are four Foursomes in the morning followed by four Fourball matches in the afternoon.

The second day is four Four-Ball's followed by eight individual Match Play games. The winning team is the higher team total of points across all matches.

### **CAPTAINS TROPHY**

Entry criterion is any member with a competitive handicap.

The Captains Trophy is an Eighteen-hole tournament. The format is to be decided by the current Captain.

### **THE PROFESSIONALS CUP**

Individual stroke play competition over 18 holes

### **THE FRANK BURGESS TROPHY**

The winner will be the Gents player with the lowest nett six individual scores, from all Saturday Medal Competitions between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **THE REID ROSE BOWL**

The Reid Rose Bowl is an order of merit trophy for all Saturday singles competitions run throughout the golfing year from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Points are awarded for places in each competition. Each competition is weighted in terms of the level of importance - Club Championship, Major Competitions, Medal and Stableford in descending order. The winner is the player with the most points at September month end.

### **THE STYAL GENTS DOUBLES KNOCKOUT COMPETITION**

Gents Better-ball Knockout competition, to be played by end of September. Entry via Pro Shop by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March. Handicap allowance is 90% of the difference to the lowest handicap player.

### **THE STYAL GENTS SINGLES KNOCKOUT COMPETITION**

Gents individual Matchplay Knockout competition, to be played by end of September. Entry via Pro Shop by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March. Full Handicap allowance difference to the lowest handicap player.

### **THE GENTS WINTER LEAGUE SHIELD**

The winner will be the player with the best six aggregate scores from all winter competitions. (Single Stableford Competitions played between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> March. All players will be entered automatically)

### **MAJOR SENIORS COMPETITIONS**

(Seniors Committee responsibility)

Entry criteria:- Must be a member of the seniors section with a competitive handicap.

### **SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The winner will have the lowest five, stroke play scores in Senior Medal competitions held between the 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **TOFFS INDIVIDUAL MATCHPLAY KNOCKOUT COMPETITION**

Individual senior section singles match play knockout competition starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Full handicap allowance played from the white tee distance post.

### **TOFFS DOUBLES MATCHPLAY KNOCKOUT COMPETITION**

A senior section betterball matchplay knockout competition starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Match is played to normal matchplay rules with a handicap allowance of 90% of the difference to the lowest handicap and played off the white tee distance posts.

### **SENIORS PRESIDENTS PUTTER**

The President's Trophy is an Eighteen-hole tournament. The format is to be decided by the current Seniors President.

## **MAJOR LADIES COMPETITIONS**

(Ladies Committee responsibility)

### **LADY CAPTAINS DAY**

Ladies eighteen-hole competition, the format of the tournament is to be decided by the current Lady Captain. The winner of The Lady Captains Trophy must attend the prize presentation. Failure to do so will forfeit the prize but her name will be entered on the honours board.

### **LADIES SHIELD**

Ladies individual eighteen hole stroke-play competition.

### **SUE FORSTER TROPHY**

Ladies individual match play knockout competition. Strokes received are difference of full handicap.

### **LADIES WINTER LEAGUE TROPHY**

Entry criteria:- Must be a member of the Ladies section with a competitive handicap.

The winner will be the player with the most Winter League points\* at the end of the season (November to March see ladies diary). Points will be awarded in the weekly Thursday Ladies Day Winter League Stableford competitions; 5 points for 1st place followed by 4, 3, 2, 1 for 2nd to 5th places respectively.

\* Only each player's top 8 points scores will be counted (or 50% of weeks in which a competition took place, whichever is the lower). In the event of a tie, the result will be decided by the number of Stableford points scored in the competitions which counted towards each player's Winter League points total; the winner will be the player with the most Stableford points.

### **LADIES SUMMER CUP**

Entry criteria:- Must be a member of the Ladies section with a competitive handicap.

The winner will be the player with the most Summer Cup points\* at the end of the season (April to August see ladies diary). Points will be awarded in the weekly 9 hole Ladies Summer Cup competitions; 5 points for 1st place followed by 4, 3, 2, 1 for 2nd to 5th places respectively.

\* Only each player's top 8 scores will be counted (or 50% of weeks in which a competition took place, whichever is the lower). In the event of a tie, the result will be decided by the number of Stableford points scored in the competitions which counted towards each player's Summer Cup points total; the winner will be the player with the most Stableford points.

### **LGU MEDAL WINNERS TROPHY**

Entry criteria:- Must be a member of the Ladies section with a competitive handicap.

An individual Medal competition, open to players who have won an EWGA Medal competition during the season.

### **MERREN PLATE**

Entry criteria:- Must be a member of the Ladies section with a competitive handicap.

Awarded to the Lady who has reduced her handicap the most during the season (1<sup>st</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> Oct) Computed by exact starting – exact ending handicap.

## **MAJOR JUNIOR COMPETITIONS** (Junior organiser's responsibility)

### **THE RALPH BULLOCK JUNIOR CUP**

The junior with the best three out of four net scores over the summer medal competitions.

### **THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

An Eighteen hole stroke play competition.

### **THE JUNIOR SUMMER PLATE**

An Eighteen hole stroke play competition

### **THE JUNIOR ORDER OF MERIT TROPHY**

The junior with the most points from the designated merit competitions on the 18 hole course through the summer.

## **MAJOR COMPETITIONS OPEN TO MALE & FEMALE MEMBERS**

### **THE STYAL CLASSIC COMPETITION (Gents Committee responsibility)**

A pair's Betterball stableford competition. Any combination of pairs allowed. 90% handicap allowance played from, Men White Tees, Ladies Red Tees. Handicaps may be adjusted to account for the different Par & SSS of the 2 courses

### **THE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Ladies mixed competition organiser responsibility)**

A Mixed Betterball Stableford Competition. 90% Handicap allowance. Gents from White tees, Ladies from Red tees. Handicaps may be adjusted to account for the different Par & SSS of the 2 courses.

### **THE HIGHAM CUP (Gents Committee responsibility)**

An Individual stableford competition open to both male & female members. Gents play from White tees and Ladies from Red tees. Handicaps may be adjusted to account for the different Par & SSS of the 2 courses

### **THE AQUILLA TROPHY (Gents Committee responsibility)**

Eighteen-hole foursomes' stroke play competition, partnerships can be made up of both lady, gents or mixed combinations. Partnerships competition handicap allowance is then  $\frac{1}{2}$  the aggregate of the two handicaps. Gents play from White tees and Ladies from Red tees. Handicaps may be adjusted to account for the different Par & SSS of the 2 courses. The adjustment is applied before any other adjustment is made for the competition allowance.

### **THE SOCIAL SHIELD (Gents Committee responsibility)**

Individual eighteen hole stableford competition. Handicaps may be adjusted to account for the different Par & SSS of the 2 courses

### **THE WHITLAMB TROPHY (D Lamb & C Whitney responsibility)**

A Mixed Doubles knockout competition. The preliminary round is played as an individual pair 4BBB stableford game with an individual 90% handicap allowance. It is played at any time within a defined timeframe with Gents playing from Yellow tees and Ladies from the Red tees with corresponding SI. The field is then cut based on the preliminary round's stableford scores and the top 8 pairs enter a normal knockout Match play competition. The top 2 pairs are seeded within a 3 round draw. If fewer than 10 pairs enter then the field will be cut to 4 for round 2, with the top pair playing the 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place playing 3<sup>rd</sup> placed pair. The Match play knock out competition is played to normal matchplay rules with a handicap allowance of 90% of the difference to the lowest handicap and the Gents playing off the white tees and the Ladies off the red tees. In conformance with CONGU guidance a single Stroke Index (SI) is to be used and the white course SI is to be used. In addition, handicaps may be adjusted to account for the different Par & SSS of the 2 courses.

## **OTHER Non-MAJOR COMPETITIONS**

### **GENTS CAPTAIN'S HANDOVER CHALLENGE (Current Captain's responsibility)**

A four-ball betterball competition with a shot gun start. Entry to all members, an active club handicap only required.

Pairs can be any combination. The competition takes place on the Saturday of the inauguration for the new Captain, with pairs allocated to either the current Captain or to the current Vice Captain. Pairs play a better ball competition against their playing pair with a win earning 1 point and a halved match as  $\frac{1}{2}$  point. Competition Handicap allowance of 90% allowed.

### **THE DOUG ROBERTS PAST CAPTAINS TROPHY**

Only entry criterion is to have been a past captain or being current captain or vice captain of Styal G.C. An individual stableford competition to be held on the same day as the Ladies past captain's competition and followed by a joint evening dinner.

### **THE LADIES PAST CAPTAINS (Ladies Captain's responsibility)**

Only entry criterion is to have been a Lady past captain or being current captain or vice captain of Styal G.C. Ladies

An individual stableford competition to be held on the same day as the Gents Past captains competition and followed by a joint evening dinner.

### **THE GRANGE TROPHY (S Grange responsibility)**

Entry criteria: - Must be a member of the Ladies or Senior's section with a competitive handicap. Ladies v Senior Gents – an individual Stableford competition, Individual Gent's stableford point scores are totalled and similarly for the Ladies team. The team with the most points will win the trophy.

### **THE FAMILY CUP (D Blackburn responsibility)**

A family betterball competition for close family partnerships (blood related). 90% handicap allowance.  
Entry criteria: - 1 player in each pair must be a member of the club and all to hold a competitive handicap.

### **THE WINN CHALLENGE TROPHY (Ladies mixed competition organiser responsibility)**

The Ladies take on the Gents in a better ball match play competition. Gents to play off the white tees and the Ladies from the Red Tees. All players use the RED stroke index.

Two ladies play as a team against two gents. Each hole is won/lost/halved based on the lowest number of nett strokes for the better ball of each pair, i.e. the par of the hole has no relevance.

Match winners score one point for their respective section, Ladies or Gents. Drawn matches after 18 holes score a half point for each section.

The winner is the section with the most points. In the event of a tie the holders retain the title.

The lowest handicapped player plays off scratch. Other players receive 90% of the difference between their handicap and that of the lowest handicapped player.

### **HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS for MIXED COMPETITIONS**

In mixed stableford competitions, the Gents handicaps are adjusted to maintain equity with the Ladies scores to account for the difference between the SSS & Par of each course. The adjustment is applied before any other adjustment is made for the competition allowance.

This results in +2 increase to the Gents handicap if play off white tees but no adjustment if yellow tees are used.

This adjustment is applied for the competition allowance only and is not considered when assessing a player's CONGU handicap adjustment. There is no adjustments made in a stroke play event as the SSS of the red & white courses are the same.

### **HOLE-IN-ONE**

Any player who scores a validated Hole-In-One on the course has their name recorded on this board.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDANCE**

In the event of a thunder storm or inclement weather conditions during competitions you must obey the following procedure. A klaxon will be sounded and indicate the following action to be taken:-

#### **A long single Klaxon hoot**

**Play suspended** – Mark your ball and take shelter or return to the clubhouse.

#### **Two separate long Klaxon hoots**

**Resume play** and return to your last position.

#### **Four short hoots of the Klaxon**

**Competition Abandoned** – leave the course.

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