



**THE PITLOCHRY GOLF CLUB
COMPETITION RULES**

Ladies Section

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Eligibility:

Ladies Competitions, other than those designated as open to visitors, are restricted to members of the Pitlochry Golf Club. Junior girls are eligible to compete in ordinary Members' Competitions if they hold an official playing WHS handicap.

Competition Entry:

Entry to all competitions will be via the Club V1 Members Hub App.

- If someone wishes to play in the competition and does not have someone to play with the committee can appoint someone to mark the person's card whether or not she is actually playing in the competition.

Entry Fee:

The entry fee for all normal competitions is **£2**, any entry money will be deducted from your competition wallet on sign-in to the relevant competition set up on the Club V1 Hub.

If a cancelled competition is rescheduled and combined with another competition, then the entry fee may be correspondingly increased.

Playing numbers:

Play in medal competitions will be in groups of two or three.

All players in a group must play in the competition unless playing "for handicap."

Sign In, Scorecards and Start Times:

- Prior to starting your round, sign in on the day and make payment via the ipad located in the Pro Shop and collect your scorecard.
- Players must not start their round before their allocated starting time.
- Members who have booked a time for play in a competition, or who have added their name on the ClubV1 Hub for a competition and who become unavailable for play prior to the draw being made must remove their name.
- If the draw for the competition has been made the member must advise the Professional or his deputy and, if possible, her drawn playing partner and the ladies competition secretary of her unavailability to play.
- Any member who fails to take up a drawn time without notifying the Professional or his deputy and, if possible, her drawn playing partner of her unavailability to play will be reminded of this rule.

Recording of Scores:

On completion of the round the **marker** must sign the scorecard and hand it to the competitor. If more than one **marker** records the scores, each must sign the part for which she is responsible. The competitor should check her scores for each hole and ensure the marker or markers have signed the scorecard and then sign the scorecard herself.

- All scorecards should be exchanged, verified and signed in accordance with the Rules of Golf (Rule 3.3b). Failure to do this will result in disqualification.

Score Entry:

Will be done on the PSI monitor located in the hallway outside the locker rooms or via the howdidido App and **MUST** place their scorecard in the box in the ladies locker room.

This includes “No Return” cards. Failure to return cards will result in disqualification, (Rule 3.3b) and/or possible suspension from subsequent competitions and/or their handicap index suspended (WHS guidelines).

Marker – Definition In stroke play, the person responsible for entering the player’s score on the player’s scorecard and for certifying that scorecard. The marker may be another player, but not a partner. The Committee may identify who will be the player’s marker or tell the players how they may choose a marker. Markers and Player’s responsibility for scoring in Stroke play are per Rule 3.3b. Rules of Golf.

Handicap Usage in Stroke Play:

With the continued growth of digital scoring following the adoption of the World Handicap System, players are no longer required to show their handicap on their scorecard in stroke play. The Committee will be responsible for calculating the player’s handicap strokes for the competition and using that to calculate the player’s net score.

Draws: In general, the draw for a competition will be made on Sunday evening or Monday morning prior to the competition. For weekend competitions, the draw will generally be done on the Thursday prior to the competition.

For the Club Championship Qualifiers there will be a segregated draw i.e. where possible, Division 1 drawn with Division 1 and Division 2 drawn with Division 2. All other competitions are straight draws, playing with someone close to your chosen time.

The draws for the Knockout Competitions (Fergusson Cup, Balnakeilly Rosebowl & Doreen Manson Cup) should be done at the end of April / beginning of May. For the Doreen Manson Foursomes, where possible the draw will be made to pair a low & a high handicapper.

The draws for the Club Championships are automatic according to qualifying position.

Charity Donation:

Donations for Charity to be put in an envelope then placed in scorecard box in the ladies locker room. Unless specified, the amount of the donation is up to the competitor.

Course unplayable:

If the course is deemed unplayable by authority of the Professional or his deputy, and/or if possible after consultation with a member of the Committee or on recommendation from a member of the Greens Staff, the competition will be rescheduled for another day or cancelled.

Suspension/Abandonment of Play:

All players must adhere to the rules regarding suspension or abandonment of play laid out in The Rules of Golf. In addition, even though a competition is not formally suspended or abandoned (the air horn has not sounded), a player, believing there is danger from lightning, is entitled to mark his ball and discontinue play under Rule 15.3(a). He must then follow the procedures laid out in this Rule.

Cancelled Competitions:

If a competition is cancelled, any completed cards count for handicap only. The PCC will be calculated after midnight depending on how many acceptable scores have been submitted to the WHS through the PSI. The competition would be abandoned for the competition purposes only. This applies to all counting competition days.

- *Alternative Day Cancelled* - The Alternative Day will not be re-scheduled unless the Main Day is also cancelled. Players are permitted to sign up for the Main Day.
- *Main Day Cancelled & not Re-scheduled* - Except for the designated Medal rounds, the Alternative Day competition will be cancelled. For Medal competitions, then the medal element of the competition will stand, but it will not count towards any Club Competition.
- *Main Day Cancelled & Re-scheduled* - The Alternative Day will be cancelled and rescheduled along with the Main Day.

Tied Competitions:

In the event of a tie the winner will be the player with the lowest scratch or handicap score, unless otherwise stated as appropriate, over:

- the inward half, and if undecided over
- the last six holes, and if undecided over
- the last three holes, and if undecided over
- the last hole, and if undecided over
- the last twelve holes, and if undecided over
- the last fifteen holes

For multi-round competitions, the countback will be done over the aggregate scores.

Match Play Competitions:

The course handicap for individual match play competitions is limited to 36 Further handicap restrictions may be applied by external competitions.

- The first named player on the draw is the challenger. The challenger should give 3 possible dates for playing the tie (non-consecutive dates, including at least one weekend date).
- The challenger should try and contact their opponents ASAP.
- Every effort should be made to play ties by the date stipulated. An extension (maximum one week) will only be granted in special circumstances, after application has been made in writing to the Committee.
- For all Match Play Competitions, the stipulated round is 18 holes. Any match that is tied after 18 holes should proceed up the 1st hole and continue until there is a winner. For handicap competitions, strokes for extra holes will be given at the same holes as on the stipulated round.
- If any match is suspended at the agreement of all players, then it must be resumed at the hole at which the suspension occurred. (If necessary to get into position on the course, the preceding holes may be played, but do not affect the match.)

Buggies:

Any adult may use a golf buggy in competition play without needing a medical certificate. Priority for buggy allocation will be given to those who have a Certificate.

Alternative Day:

- Can be played on **Saturday or Sunday** pier to the main competition on Tuesday.
- **The Alternate Day is to accommodate our working players and every effort should be made to play on the main competition day.**
- Competitors wishing to play on the Saturday **or** Sunday Alternative Day should enter their name on the Club V1 Hub by 6pm on the previous Thursday.
- Once the entry has closed book your tee time on BRS. Please be mindful of all players entered on ClubV1 and try to communicate when deciding and booking your tee time on BRS.
- You must enter on the iPad in the pro shop and record your score on the PSI machine in the hallway and place your scorecard in the ladies box.

1. MEDALS (Stroke Play)

There are **seven Medal Competitions** (April – October). Medal days are usually held on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Extra Medals are the **Spring, Summer and Autumn Meetings** and the extra medal making 11 Medal Competitions in all.

- The qualifiers for the Regional Medal Finals will be the three Pitlochry Golf Club ladies returning the lowest aggregate of three net scores from all 11 Medal Competitions from the previous year.
- If two or more competitors tie, the winner shall be decided on the net score of the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes of all three cards added together. The winners are entitled to compete in the Regional Medal Finals. **Max Handicap 54 as per Scottish Golf Guidance.**

2. THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Scratch)

The **Club Champion** will be the Match Play winner from the **four qualifiers** with the best gross **two** aggregate scores from the May and June Medals and the April and May and Butter Cups.

Competitors should state whether they are available to play if they qualify. The finals date will be on the Fixture List.

It is an automatic draw i.e. 1 v 4: 2 v 3

3. THE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP (Division 1 - Handicap index up to 22.5)

Donated From Margaret Macrae (Fund)

For those in Division 1 who have not qualified for the Club Championship.

The same conditions and dates as for the Club Championship apply for the Handicap Division 1 Championship, calculated on the **4** ladies with the best **two nett** aggregate scores returned from the qualifying rounds. **A maximum course handicap of 23 is applied for match play.**

It is an automatic draw i.e. 1 v 4: 3 v 2.

4. THE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP (*Division 2 Handicap index 22.6 upwards*)

Donated by Margaret McCallum

For those in Division 2 who have not qualified for the Club Championship.

The same conditions and dates as for the Club Championship apply for the Handicap Division 2 Championship, calculated on the **4** ladies with the best **two nett** aggregate scores returned from the qualifying rounds. **When playing in the matchplay stages of the competition you must play off a course handicap of 36.**

It is an automatic draw i.e. 1 v 4: 3 v 2.

5. THE SENIOR LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP (*Scratch*)

Donated by Margaret Chalmers

The same conditions and dates as for the Club Championship apply for the Senior Ladies Championship with 4 qualifiers calculated on the best gross two aggregate scores returned from the qualifying rounds by players aged 50 and over on **January 1st**.

If any of the finalists are involved in more than one Club Championship final. They are permitted to arrange a day and time to suit them both before the finals' day. If this is not possible then up to 2 weeks after the main finals' day.

The ladies' committee has the discretion to consider membership numbers and handicap distribution at the start of the season to decide if changes need to be made to the format of the Club Championships.

It is an automatic draw i.e. 1 v 4: 2 v 3

6. THE LADY MYRA BUTTER TROPHY (*Open to all Divisions*)

Donated by Lady Myra Butter

The Lady Butter Trophy is a **Stableford** competition open to all lady members. There is a maximum Playing Handicap of **36**.

Higher handicap players are eligible to enter but must play off a playing handicap of 36.

7. THE BALNAKEILLY ROSEBOWL (*Division 1 Handicap index up to 22.4*)

Donated by the Stewart Stevens (Wilson) Family

The Balnakeilly Rosebowl is a **Knockout Match Play** competition for Division 1 Played during May, June, July, August and September. It is a Handicap Competition i.e. full difference in handicaps. Maximum course handicap of **23**

8. THE FERGUSSON CUP (*Division 2 Handicap index 22.5 upwards*)

Donated by Fergussons of Baledmund

The Fergusson Cup is a **Knockout Match Play**. Played during May, June, July, August and September. It is a Handicap Competition i.e. full difference in handicaps. There is a maximum course handicap of **36**. (Handicap index **34**) **Higher handicap players are eligible to enter but must play off a course handicap of 36.**

9. THE DOREEN MANSON CUP (Open to all Divisions)

Donated by the Family of Doreen Manson, a former member of the club.

The Doreen Manson Cup is a **Knockout Foursomes Match Play** Competition, played during May, June, July, August and September. It is a handicap competition i.e. half of difference in combined handicaps. A draw will be made for partners. No substitutes will be permitted once players are through their initial round. Prior to this, under exceptional circumstances, a substitute partner may be requested and will be selected by the Committee (subject to availability). Such a request should be submitted to the Committee at least one week prior to the end date stipulated for that round. There is a maximum course handicap of **36**. **Higher handicap players are eligible to enter but must play off a course handicap of 36.**

10. THE BUTTER CUP - Donated by Butter Family.

The Butter Cup is a stroke play competition. There are seven Butter Cup Competitions (April – October). Butter Cup Competitions are usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The Butter Cup winner is the Club Member with the lowest aggregate of **three** nett scores. If two or more competitors tie, the winner shall be decided on the nett score of the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes of all three cards added together. Max playing handicap **54**.

11. THE DOUGLAS KEILLER SALVER

Donated by Gertrude Keiller a former member of the club.

The Douglas Keiller Salver is a stroke play competition and will be awarded for the best **two** rounds nett aggregate scores in the **Spring, Summer & Autumn Meetings**. Max playing handicap **54**.

12. THE TOM HARDY TROPHY: Handicap Champion (all members involved)

Donated by Shirley-Ann Hardy.

The Tom Hardy Trophy is a stroke play competition. It will be awarded to the player with the best **two** nett aggregate scores from the **July and September Butter Cups and the August and September Medals**. Max playing handicap **54**.

13. THE MARY CRERAR ROSEBOWL

Donated by Mary Crerar, a former member of the club.

The Mary Crerar Rosebowl is a **Stableford** Competition open to seniors of **55 years and over**. Max playing handicap **54**.

14. THE PAST CAPTAIN'S CUP

Donated from Margaret Macrae Fund

The Past Captain's Cup is a stableford competition, open to all Past Captains and is followed by a supper in the Clubhouse. It is a small, friendly, social gathering and some come for the supper only. Currently the Captain draws the competition to the attention of all playing Past Captains and writes a personal invitation to all nonplaying Past Captains. Maximum handicap **54**.

15. LADY CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

This is normally a counting competition – the captain decides the format. Maximum handicap **54**.

16. VICE CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

This is a fun competition – the Vice Captain decides the format. Maximum handicap **54**.

17. MADGE RANKIN TROPHY

Donated by the Family of Madge Rankin, a former member of the Club.

This is a fun competition, usually a personal Greensomes Strokeplay. Maximum handicap **54**.

18. LESLEY REID TROPHY

Donated by the Family of Lesley Reid, a former Ladies Captain.

This is a fun competition. Maximum handicap **54**.

19. PROFESSIONAL'S PRIZE

The format and the prizes to be decided by the Club Professional.

20. CORONATION FOURSOMES

Players enter with a partner of their choice; winning Pitlochry Golf Club team go forward to the draw for the Area Final.

21. ABERFELDY TROPHY

Donated by Aberfeldy Ladies Section

This is a fun competition; format will be decided prior to competition. Maximum handicap **54**.

22. BLAIRGOWRIE TROPHY

Donated by Blairgowrie Ladies Section

This is a fun competition; format will be decided prior to competition. Maximum handicap **54**.

23. PGC CUP

Donated by Pitlochry Golf Club

This is a fun competition to be played in teams of 3's, choose your own partner; the format will be decided prior to the competition. Maximum handicap **54**.

24. DAILY MAIL FOURSOMES

The Daily Mail Foursomes is a foursomes stableford competition. Players may choose their playing partner.

- The winning Pitlochry Golf Club Members are entitled to play in the Daily Mail KO Foursomes the following year.
- **Handicap Enter:** There is a maximum handicap index set each year by the Daily Mail. (Players with a higher Handicap Index may take part but can only use the maximum HI set by the Daily Mail).
- If the top qualifiers cannot go through to the matchplay stage those who came second will take their place. If one of the qualifiers is unable to take part in the competition, then the partner who can play can ask someone from any of the club members **who played in the qualifying round**.
- Players must be **18yrs** or over on the 1st of January of the year immediately following qualification.

25. CENTENARY CUP

Donated by Margaret Robertson, a former Ladies Captain.

There will be prizes for the best Junior (**Junior C/Cup**), Lady (**Margaret Robertson C/Cup**) and Gent (**Gents C/Cup**) submitting the lowest handicap score, **including an overall Winner. (Putter C/Trophy)**.

Stableford format should **NOT** be considered due to difficulty in resolving final scores due to the handicap variances.

26. CLUB ECLECTIC (Summer)

This is an eclectic competition covering all qualifying competitions over the summer season.

There are three winners: Playing Handicap: -4 - 17, Playing Handicap 18 - 25 and Playing Handicap 26 - 36. **Handicap 5/8th applied** at the close of play.

The ladies' committee has the discretion to consider the numbers taking part in summer eclectic to set the handicap distribution.