



CHURCH STRETTON GOLF CLUB LIMITED  
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1) This document sets out the rules and conditions for competitions organised for the membership of Church Stretton Golf Club Seniors Section. They are published for the guidance of players and officials.

NB. Etiquette and Safety on the Course is dealt with in a separate document which should be read in conjunction with these rules.

- 2) All competitions are to be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and the local rules laid down by Church Stretton Golf Club Limited.
- 3) It is the responsibility of all members to make themselves familiar with the rules of golf and the local rules. Ignorance of a rule or competition condition is not acceptable as a reason for non-compliance with that rule or condition.
- 4) The Senior Section Committee reserves the right to vary competition rules and conditions when exceptional circumstances require it. The Seniors' Captain, Chairman of Competitions or Club Manager/Professional will normally exercise any variation.
- 5) Definitions  
Within this document reference is made to three handicap figures: -
  - a) Handicap Index: WHS generated individual's handicap based on the best eight returned scores from the last twenty returned cards.
  - b) Course Handicap: The Handicap Index figure adjusted for the course difficulty.
  - c) Playing Handicap: The Course Handicap adjusted for the competition format.

## 2 OFFICIALS RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) The Seniors' Competition Chairman, Seniors' Captain and the Seniors' Vice-Captain together with the Club Manager/Professional are responsible for the organisation and administration of all competitions.
- 2) The Seniors' Captain and/or the Manager/Professional are responsible for reporting any hazard or problem on the course, on the day of a competition, which may require a local rule for that day.

### **3 GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR COMPETITIONS**

#### **3.1 ENTRIES**

- 1) A person whose Section subscription, Club subscription and/or affiliation fees are unpaid on the day of a competition is not qualified to enter that competition.
- 2) Anyone entering a seniors' competition must have a valid WHS handicap index.
- 3) A person enters a competition by entering his or her name on the Competitions Sheet or at the Professional shop, signing the Sheet and paying the prescribed competition entry fee before starting to play. A person has not entered a competition if he or she fails to enter and sign his or her name on the Competitions Sheet before starting to play or paid the entry fee prior to playing.
- 4) The minimum number of entrants for a qualifying competition is 6.
- 5) Providing the Seniors Competition Chairman, Seniors' Captain, Seniors' Vice-Captain or Club Manager/Professional has granted permission beforehand, a competitor in a competition is permitted to have a player who has not entered the same competition as his marker. The marker must be a member of an England Golf affiliated golf club with an active handicap.

#### **3.2 HANDICAPS**

- 1) The handicap system in use is that of the World Handicap System (hereafter referred to as WHS).
- 2) Before starting in a competition, the player must ensure that their current handicap index is active and recorded on the official list. The player is responsible for ensuring that the correct course handicap and playing handicap are recorded on any card issued to him or her by the Club Manager/Professional prior to commencing the round.

Players are also requested to enter their completed score card into the Club's computer.

- 3) If a player plays off a playing handicap higher than their current handicap index dictates, then he or she shall be disqualified from the competition. If he or she plays off a playing handicap lower than their current handicap index dictates, then the score or the result shall stand (Rule 3-3b).

- 4) The maximum handicap index laid down by CONGU for both men and ladies is 54.
- 5) A player with a handicap index higher than that laid down for a particular competition may enter that competition but must play off the handicap index limit laid down for that competition.
- 6) It is a requirement in GB&I that players pre-register on the day if they wish their scores to be used for handicapping purposes both for competitions and for General Play. By entering any section or club competition you will be pre-registered for handicap purposes.
- 7) You must hand in your card for handicap purposes if the game is an “qualifying competition”. Under WHS, for example, regular informal competitions, often organized as roll-ups or society events, would now fall into this category. Players have a responsibility to ensure that their scores from such events are returned to their home clubs.

### 3.3 TEES

- 1) The Committee will indicate, on the Competitions Sheet, which tee markers are to be used for each competition and the handicap index limit if applicable. Failure to play from the designated tee markers in match play results in no penalty but your opponent may cancel the stroke. In stroke play there is a two-stroke penalty and your mistake must be corrected; failure to do so will result in disqualification (Rule 6-1b).

### 3.4 TIED COMPETITIONS

- 1) In match play competitions, in the event of a tie after 18 holes, play will continue until one side has won a hole. If weather conditions, for example failing light, prevent a result being reached the match will resume, at a mutually agreed date and time, from the point at which it halted.
- 2) In all other competitions, ties will normally be decided by comparing the nett score of the last nine/six/three/two/one. If the scores remain tied after the comparison the Seniors' Competition Chirman and Club Manager/Professional will decide whether it should be decided by a play off or by further analysis of the front nine scores.

### **3.5 CANCELLATIONS**

- 1) The Seniors' Captain and Competition Chairman will be responsible for cancelling a competition should this be necessary. In the Captain's absence, the Seniors' Vice-Captain and/or Manager/Professional will decide.

### **3.6 ORDER OF PLAY**

- 1) Competitors may play in two, three or four balls in any competition, provided the format of the competition does not dictate otherwise.

### **3.7 TEEING OFF TIMES**

- 1) In any Honours Board competition, where start times have been agreed, a competitor may be disqualified if he or she is not on the first tee or such other tee as may be appropriate, ready for play at the allotted time (Rule 5-3a). Any competitor failing to appear for such a competition may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 2) In a match play competition where tee off times are published (e.g. Finals Day) a player will lose the match if he fails to appear on the first tee at the allotted time.

### **3.8 DRAWS FOR PARTNERS**

- 1) In any competition, which involves the allocation of partners by lot, no changes will be allowed once the draw has been made except by permission of the Competition Chairman or Seniors' Captain (or in his absence, the Seniors' Vice-Captain). Any pairing playing without this permission will be disqualified.

### **3.9 RETURNED CARDS**

- 1) The player is responsible for returning their card to the Club Manager/Professional upon completion of their round. The card must show their name, course handicap, playing handicap, the name of the competition, scores and be signed by the player together with a counter signature from their marker. The player is responsible for entering a gross score for each hole including no score when the player has not holed out during a non-medal competition.

- 2) For competitions where the computer is in use, the player is responsible for entering his scores into the Club's computer before returning his card to the Club Manager/Professional.
- 3) Blatant or repetitive failure to observe these conditions may result in disciplinary action.

### 3.10 RESULTS

- 1) The results of competitions will be published on the Club Notice Board and/or website as soon as possible after the competition is concluded.

## 4 HONOURS BOARD COMPETITIONS

- 1) There are four Seniors' 'Honours' Board competitions: The Tarbuck Trophy, The Millennium Pairs, The Pedley Plate and The Roger Ratcliffe. These competitions are not club Honours board competitions but are restricted to paid up members of the Seniors Section, both men and women, having a handicap index. To be eligible for any of these competitions a player must have played in three qualifying Club and/or Section competitions during the preceding 12 months. In all major competitions, there must be a minimum of 6 players signed up to play. The following table indicates the competition tees and handicap index limits for these competitions

Competition	Comp Tees Gents/Ladles	”	Duration	Handicap Index limit
Tarbuck Trophy	White/Red	Knockout	18holes	36
Millennium Pairs	White/Red	Knockout	18holes	36
Roger Ratcliffe	White/Red	Stableford	18 holes	36
PedleyPlate	This is now a running total competition.			

The Pedley Plate competition is now a running total of points gained in ALL competitions starting in the Spring and ending in September. Points will be awarded in all competitions as follows 10 for winner, 9 for runner up etc. down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup> place AND below.

## 5 OTHER COMPETITIONS

From time to time and under the direction of the Seniors' Competition Chairman, other competitions and formats will be held as required.



# COMPETITION FORMATS

## Monthly Individual Competition

The Monthly Individual competition: -

- 1) Will run from January to November inclusive.
- 2) Shall be played over eighteen holes from the yellow/red tees and shall be qualifying for handicap. The format will be decided by the Competitions Chairman.
- 3) Tee times begin anytime from 8.00am on the day of the competition.
- 4) There is a minimum requirement of 6 players else the competition shall be deemed void.
- 5) Entry fee will be set and reviewed by the seniors committee
- 6) The winners will be announced via the "how did I do" and club web sites and in the monthly newsletter.

The individual's playing handicap will be as set by the R&A (95% of the course handicap at the moment)

## Roger Ratcliffe Shield

The Roger Ratcliffe Shield Competition:

Shall be played under the rules of the R&A. The maximum handicap index shall be 36 and played from the white tee for gents and red tee for ladies .

- 2) Is an Honours Board Competition
- 3) The prize shall be awarded at the AGM and held for one year, and the winners name added to the Honours Board.

## Tarbuck Trophy

The Tarbuck Trophy is a singles knockout competition.

The maximum handicap index shall be 36 played from the white tee for gents and red tee for ladies.

The individual's playing handicap shall be 100% of the course handicap in accordance with the WHS.

Entrance into the competition shall be via an entry sheet that will be put up on the notice board in the changing room at least 4 weeks prior to the start of the competition. The draw will be drawn randomly and will be displayed on the notice board in the changing room.

The first competitor of a pairing shall offer up to 3 tee times to the second competitor. If the second competitor can't agree on any of the offered tee times, then the matter must be referred to the competitions chairman or competition administrator for a final decision.

The match must be completed before the beginning date of the next round as defined by the committee. If the match can't be completed before this date the pairing must refer the matter to the competitions chairman or competition administrator for a final decision.

The results of each match must be entered onto the results form that will be displayed on the notice board in the changing rooms and also communicated to the competition administrator.

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The trophy shall be awarded at the AGM and held for one year, and the winners name added to the Honours Board.

# Millennium Pairs Trophy

The Millennium Pairs Trophy Competition: -  
Is a pairs, four ball best ball knockout.

The maximum handicap index shall be 36 played from the white tee for gents and red tee for ladies.

The individual's playing handicap shall be played to 90% of the course handicap in accordance with the WHS.

Entrance into the competition shall be via an entry sheet that will be put up on the notice board in the changing room at least 4 weeks prior to the start of the competition.

Matches will be randomly drawn and the pairings will be displayed on the notice board in the changing room.

The first team of a pairing shall offer up to 3 tee times to the second team. If the second team can't agree on any of the offered tee times then the matter has to be referred to the administrator for a final decision.

The match must be completed before the beginning date of the next round as defined by the committee. If the match can't be completed before this date the pair must refer the matter to the administrator for a final decision.

The results of each match must be entered onto the results form that will be displayed on the notice board in the changing rooms and communicated to the administrator.

It is an Honours Board Competition

The Trophy shall be awarded at the AGM and held for one year, and the winners name added to the Honours Board.

## Seniors' Open

The Seniors' Open Day:

Shall be open to male and female competitors from both Church Stretton and other golf clubs.

Competitors shall be 55 or older on the day of the competition

The competition shall be played as a pairs four ball better ball Stableford format.

Gentlemen shall play off the White tees and the ladies from the Red tees.

There is a handicap index limit of 36 for gentlemen and ladies

Players will have a playing handicap of 90% course handicap in accordance with the WHS.

Tee times and pairings shall be designated 14 days prior to the day of the competition (the entry form shall be advertised on the Empire Golf web site and the CSGC web site and notice boards).

Entrance fees shall be set by the committee .

The prizes (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> , 3<sup>rd</sup> , best front 9, best back 9 and NTP) are decided by the committee and awarded immediately after the competition.

## Seniors' Captain Away Day

The Away Day shall be at a selected venue designated by the Seniors' Captain.

Shall have a handicap limit of 36

All other aspects of the game shall be decided by the Captain prior to the day

# The Windyways Cup

The Windyways Cup is a putting competition held on the practice putting area.

Shall be open to competitors from Church Stretton Seniors.

The competition shall be played over two rounds of the nine-hole course

The winner shall be the person with the lowest number of putts for the two rounds.

Entrance fees shall be £2.