



**MUSKERRY
GOLF CLUB**

Terms of Competition for Men

May 2024

It is the responsibility of each player to know and follow the Rules of Golf and Terms of the Competition for entry to Male Club Competitions.

1. Eligibility

Age Limits

Junior competitions

Junior category shall be separated into 2 categories, Junior under 15 and Junior over 15, that all age limits be set as of 1st January, in the subscription year, in line with Golf Ireland practice.

Progression from the new under 23 category to full membership, be via any other current age related subscription schemes as might be in place, at the time of transition.

Senior Competition

The Competition shall be open to players who have reached the specified age on the day the player plays in the competition.

Age limits for National Competitions will set by Golf Ireland.

Competition Limited to Amateurs

All competitions run by the men's Captains Committee shall be open to players who have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of R&A Rules Limited.

WHS INDEX Limits

Note: All reference to WHS INDEX means World Handicap System index (WHS INDEX)

Juniors

A seven-day male Junior member on reaching WHS INDEX of 19.9 or less, may play in Ordinary club singles competitions.

A seven-day male Junior on reaching WHS INDEX of 11 may also play in, Medals, the Dee Cup and the Ryan Memorial Salver.

A seven-day male Junior on reaching WHS INDEX 9 may play in all the above, plus the Woodbrook Cup, Club Championship, Fr. Wall Memorial, Roseleigh Cup and the Mackessy Cup and Club Fourballs.

A seven-day male Junior on reaching WHS INDEX 5 may play in all the above plus the Canon Warren memorial and the Tom Murphy Memorial.

Male Juniors may not play in the Presidents prize, Captains Prize, Lady Captains prize to the men, Christmas Hampers, the club mixed foursomes Matchplay and turkey and bottle competitions.

Male Juniors may not play in any competition where alcohol is offered as a prize.

No 3 male Juniors may play together in eligible club competitions other than competitions specifically designated for Juniors. The exception being those who have reached WHS INDEX 9 or under who may play as a 3 ball in eligible competitions if so desired. Juniors whose WHS INDEX is higher than 9 may not play as a 3 ball in competitions that they are eligible for except in a situation that the convenor of the competition deems it acceptable and appropriate.

A maximum of one male Junior is allowed in club team events provided they have attained a WHS INDEX of 13 or less. (Confined to club members)

All Juniors with a maximum playing WHS INDEX of 18 may play in mixed foursomes with an ordinary member excluding the Burwood Cup, Eamon Murray mixed foursomes, Winne Rourke, Munster Mixed Foursomes, Keane invitation mixed team and the Christmas hamper.

Junior category members shall not commence play between the hours of 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. After 7:30 pm a Junior may only commence play if accompanied by an ordinary or a lady associate member.

The Captains committee shall make additional rules governing the running of competitions which shall be posted on the club notice board and on the club website.

Singles Competitions

The Committee reserve the right to set restrictions and/or limits on the WHS INDEX eligible for entry or use in any competition. The WHS INDEX limit will be displayed on the competition banner on club net.

In team formats, such as foursomes, fourball, Mixed foursomes:

The Committee may Limit the maximum difference between partners' WHS INDEX in specific competitions. The Committee may also choose to reduce the WHS INDEX for the player with the higher WHS INDEX to meet the requirement, or

The Committee may also Limit the maximum total WHS INDEX of partners. The Committee may also choose to reduce the WHS INDEX for one or both players to meet the requirement.

Note: For the club Championship, the Junior Scratch Matchplay and the Joe Grey 4 ball Matchplay competition, which are played over multiple rounds during which a player's WHS INDEX may change:

Players whose WHS INDEX has been adjusted during the duration of the event will play with the WHS INDEX as at the first day of the competition.

Players whose WHS INDEX has been adjusted during the duration of all other events (unless otherwise specified by the committee) will play with the revised WHS INDEX for each round.

2. Requirements on Members of the Club

The local leagues shall be open to members of Muskerry Golf Club, Cork Golf Club, Douglas Golf Club and Monkstown Golf Club.

Open competitions or open invitation competitions shall be open to members of clubs affiliated to Golf Ireland and each player may only represent one club.

In relation to General Play scores

Members must pre-register by

- completing the dedicated register in the locker room
- by entering on Clubnet.
- And if playing away from Muskerry, by notifying the handicap secretary in advance.

*It is not permitted to enter or sign in for a general play score after commencing your round of golf.

*Members who register for a general play score in Muskerry G.C. should note that €5 will be deducted from your e-purse. The handicap secretary will instruct the manager's office to make the deduction. If there are insufficient funds in the e-purse, the general play score will be deemed invalid. The handicap committee may at their discretion apply a reduction in handicap as they see fit.

*Members may submit general play scores having played in **singles format only.**

*Failure to comply with the above will render the general play score invalid and the players handicap may be adjusted by the handicap committee at their discretion.

Players should familiarize themselves with the WHS guidelines which can be viewed on the club hub on the golf Ireland app.

Note: Casual Golf or general play rounds may not be played during competition times. The marker of a general play scorecard must have a valid handicap himself or herself.

Where a player has no one to mark his card the committee or competition convenor may nominate someone to mark the card.

2. Local Rules

In addition to the terms of competition, the local rules will be those outlined on the club scorecard and or as displayed on the notice board which will from time to time be set by the Captains Committee.

3. Entry Requirements and Dates

Competitions – Method of Entry

Entries must be submitted on the Muskerry GC Competitions Portal (Clubnet), this must be done within the time constraints outlined on the portal. To submit a valid entry all information required on the portal must be submitted.

The time sheets will become available for entry 9 days in advance of the date of play at 7:30pm or as indicated by the competition secretary on the portal.

The entry fee as outlined on the Muskerry GC Competitions Portal (Clubnet), must be paid as outlined on the portal. Failure to pay will render the player ineligible to play in the competition and will result in automatic disqualification.

Entries will close at the date and time as specified on the portal.

To be eligible to win first, second or third prizes in the Captains, Presidents and Lady Captains prize to the men, members must have 16 cards on their WHS index record and be a member of the club for no less than 6 months.

A person who has not been a member for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the competition shall not be entitled to enter the Captains' or President's Prizes.

Junior associate category golfers may only compete for the Junior category prize in the Captains, Presidents and Lady Captains prize to the men.

The only circumstances where it is acceptable for Juniors, with a WHS INDEX of 19.9 or less, to be restricted from playing in competitions is where the timesheet cannot accommodate all adult competitors.

Play

Play commences in accordance with the rules of golf and scores are recorded by the marker, also in accordance with the rules of golf.

It is not permitted to enter or sign into a competition after commencing your round of golf.

“No scorecards are allowed in a competition or otherwise, where golfers have teed off from the first tee without signing in and getting their card from the point of registration.”

Exceptions to the rule may be accepted by the committee, but only in extenuating circumstances. The decision of the committee is final.

The points of registration are

- *The Pro shop*
- *The computer in the men's locker room*
- *The Competition office when an officer of the day is on duty.*

Entry Oversubscribed

In the event of an entry oversubscription, entries will be accepted in the order in which they are received until the limit is reached, at which time a waiting list will be compiled with the same procedure in place.

Timesheet Etiquette.

Where a player fails to remove his name from the timesheet by 9pm the night before the day of competition/play the player will forfeit the entry fee.

Where a player fails to turn up for play, he forfeits the entry fee.

Where a member displays inappropriate timesheet etiquette the committee will have the discretion to implement sanctions.

The committee have the right to exercise discretion in extenuating circumstances.

4. Format, Including WHS INDEX Allowance

Match Play Format

The committee will outline that the competition shall be decided by match play over a specified number of holes on the specified course and between dates.

Stroke Play Format

The competition shall be decided by strokes on a specified course and over a specified number of rounds which will be played on or by a date which will be outlined by the committee. The committee will specify the dates of play and the WHS INDEX restrictions, if any. The format of the competition will be outlined i.e. match play, stroke play or stroke play going into match play, -v- par etc., The Number and order of holes in a round. Number of rounds, including whether there will be a cut.

Stroke Play going into Match Play Format

The qualifying rounds of the specified competition will be stroke play, one round of golf, over 18 holes which will be played on the dates and times specified by the committee, and which will be outlined on the Clubnet app. The specified number of players with the lowest scores over the 18 holes will compete in the match play stage of the competition.

The Committee will outline which tees the competition will be played from.

The stroke index allocation for the competition is as per the Club course Scorecard.

Joe Grey – Match Play Format

The Competition shall be decided by match play over Knockout rounds. The winner of each round enters the result of the match and enters their name in the next round on the sheet on display.

The rules for match play competitions will be outlined by the committee, including dates by which matches are played, WHS INDEX, ties, deciding team to progress in the absence of a result.

Junior Scratch – Match Play

The qualifying round of the Competition will be stroke play qualifier competition held over 18 holes on date/dates selected by the Committee and as outlined on the Clubnet app. The 64 players with the lowest scores over those 18 holes will compete in the match play stage of the competition on the course as determined by the Committee. A pro rata number of qualifiers will qualify from each day when the event is run over two (2) days. In the event of a qualifying player being unavailable to play, his place will be taken in the Matchplay stage by the next best qualifier from the day that that player qualified from.

Teeing Areas

The competition will be played from the tees as nominated by the captains committee.

Stroke Index Allocation

The stroke index allocation for the competition will be as provided on the Club Course Scorecard.

5. Terms for Other Forms of Play

The scoring in competitions which are non-stroke in format such as stableford or -v- par, the score will be calculated against the hole index as provided on the scorecard.

Note, when a player can no longer score a point, he should **pick up his golf ball and prepare to go to the next tee.** (In the interest of keeping up with play, do not delay and “Ready Golf” should always be deployed.)

In the case of scrambles, competitors must follow the competition rules as outlined by the Committee.

6. When Scorecard Has Been Returned

A scorecard is returned when:

On completion of your round of Golf you must without delay and within 20 minutes of completion, submit your scorecard (as outlined below). Failure to do so will be classified as a non-return. Any fine imposed on the club due to non-returns, by Golf Ireland, will be passed on to the member/members concerned. Please refer to WHS guidelines (Available on Club Hub) – “Automated penalty score process”

Members must check their scorecard, ensure that it is completed correctly and that it is signed, dated and countersigned by the marker.

Note: *Casual Golf nor general play rounds may be played during competition times.*

Prior to submitting your scorecard you must enter your score onto the computer system provided in the Gents locker room.

Place your card in the box provided in the Gents locker room which is underneath the computer.

The scorecard is considered returned when the player has placed it in the box in the locker room under the computer screen, and the score has been entered on the computer.

Players are asked to

- Total the scores and in a Four-Ball competition, determine the score that counts for the side.
- Enter the points scored for each hole on the scorecard in Stableford.
- Enter whether the hole was won, lost or tied in -v- Par competitions.

“If players fail to comply with the above request(s) the Committee may not permit entry into the next eligible competition for the player/member.”

- Enter specific details on the scorecard such as tee markers played from, players name, WHS index and playing handicap, date and name of the competition, as per the rules of golf.

7. How Ties Will Be Decided

Match Play

The following rules may be deployed by the committee in keeping with the competition then in play

Option 1

“In the event of a tie, the match will end in a tie.”

Option 2

“In the event of a tie, the match is extended one hole at a time until a winner is determined.” (For example in the Junior Scratch Matchplay and the Joe Grey Matchplay competitions.)

Option 3

“In the event of a tie, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off over holes 1 – 18 until a winner emerges.

Play-off in Stroke Play

Where it is stated that an outright winner must emerge: -

In the event of tie, for example in the Senior Scratch Cup, a hole-by-hole play-off will be held commencing on hole 6 and then playing the following holes 15 and 18 until a winner emerges. The play off will be held directly after the result has been declared or if not feasible due to unsuitable course conditions, at a time specified by the committee.

Strokeplay

Ties shall be decided in accordance with rules set out by the Captains Committee and where specific rules are not set for a competition the following shall apply in the event of a tie.

In all competitions other than Match play and competitions where it is stated that a winner must emerge, ties will be decided by Matching Scorecards.

36 holes – on the last 18 – and proceed as for resolving a tie for a match over 18 holes. If a tie still exists repeat the process in respect of the first 18. If a tie still exists, decide by lot.

18 holes – on the back 9;6;3;1; and then the last 3;6;7;8 of the first 9 holes. If a tie is still not resolved – decide by lot.

For Single Round competitions (Rounds of less than 18 Holes), The winner is determined based on the score for the last nine holes played, last six holes played, the last three holes played and finally the last hole played in turn. If a tie is still not resolved – decide by lot.

8. When the Result of the Competition Is Final

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Match Play

“The result of the match is considered final once the result has been recorded on the draw sheet and reported to the officer of the day.

Stroke Play

The competition is final when the results have been posted by the Committee.

9. Changing Terms of the Competition After Competition Has Started

The Committee reserves the right to amend the terms at any time including the right to arrange and/or alter starting times. The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.

10. Anti-Doping

All players are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (www.igf.com). Players who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the R&A or the IGF knowing that, should a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) be required this must be submitted to the IGF not later than 30 days before the start of the Championship

11. Prizes

In any Men's Singles competition where there are four or more Prizes, a “Gross Prize” will be awarded at Prize number four, provided that none of the first three prizes would have been the “best gross”. A “Second Best Gross Prize” will be awarded at number eight in the Captains' and Presidents Prize.

Where the committee decides to run a competition on a Category prize basis, the following format will apply: -

- **Overall winner,**
- Cat 1
 - Winner
 - Second
 - Third
- Cat 2
 - Winner
 - Second
 - Third
- Cat 3
 - Winner
 - Second
 - Third

The prizes in each category (first in category, second in category and third in category) will be of equal value respectively.

If the best gross does not win Category 1, a gross prize will be awarded.

The best gross will be the same value as the first in category.

The computer system will work out the number and spread of categories.

The Committee has the discretion to add additional Categories based on computer analysis.

Prizes will be awarded for nominated competitions as determined by the committee. In the absence of prizes the committee will award e-vouchers which will be deposited in the winners e-purse. Should a member wish to have a voucher issued thereafter he must contact the manager's office and ask for a voucher to be issued from the e-purse.

The value of prizes will be in compliance with limits set by Golf Ireland and the R&A.

All trophies awarded to winners will be retained in the trophy cabinet in the club and may not be removed from the premises.

Presentation Etiquette

It shall be a condition of membership that each member provides his contact details and GUI number so that the golfing affairs of the club can be run effectively.

Players are expected to attend presentations out of courtesy to our club, officers, fellow members and sponsors whose generosity is very much appreciated. Where a prize-winner is unable to attend a presentation, he is expected to nominate another person to represent him.

12. Frost Delay procedure

Where play is suspended due to frost,

If the course opens on or before 11 am the competition will carry on as 12-hole singles competition and the timesheet stands. (E.G. if the course opens at 10:15 am the players listed first on the timesheet are first to tee off and so on.) If the course opens between 11am and 12 midday the competition will carry on as a 9-hole singles competition and the timesheet stands (as per the above example).

After 12 midday the competition is cancelled and the timesheet then in existence remains in force but for casual golf.

The rule applies to all formats.

13. Use of buggies

Users of ride on buggies must comply with the Buggy policy. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the competition.

These terms of competition are written and interpreted by the Captains committee. Their decisions are final.

The document is subject to review and change from time to time as the committee sees fit.