



MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

TERMS OF COMPETITION

June 2024

Change Descriptions			
Date	Item	Section	Description
Jun24	5	Scorecard Returned	Responsibilities of Player added from Rules of Handicapping
May24	2	Entry requirements and Dates	Timeslot oversubscription wording removed.
	9	Event Public Liability Insurance and Equipment Cover	New section added.
Oct23	1	Eligibility	New paragraph added regarding accommodating players who require a buggy
	4	Administration of Competitions	New paragraph added regarding accommodating players who require a buggy
Feb22	1	Eligibility	WHI split changed for Silver and Bronze categories
	2	Entry requirements and Dates	Specific WHI removed for oversubscription
	3(a)	Format	Clarification of WHI to determine Silver Net & Bronze Net
Jun21	3(e)	Format	Clarification re calculation of Playing Handicap
Apr21	2	Entry requirements and Dates	WHI changed for oversubscription
	3(b)	Format	WHI changed for B Championship qualifying
Mar21	1	Eligibility	Handicaps changed to reflect WHS
	2	Entry requirements and Dates	Handicap changed to reflect WHS
	3(b)	Format	Handicap changed to reflect WHS
	5	Scorecard return	Additional options added
	7	Strokeplay	CSS changed to Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)

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These terms apply to all MCLGA competitions but are supplemented by the Rules for the 5-a-side competitions, Greensomes and Knock Outs which are posted separately. In so far as the Rules for the 5-a-sides, Greensomes or Knock Outs may differ from these Terms the provisions in those Rules prevail.

All MCLGA competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and any Local Rules introduced by the MCLGA Committee and any Local Rules applying to the Course being played. In the event that any of the Local Rules of

the Course and those of MCLGA should contradict each other the MCLGA local rules will prevail.

1. Eligibility

MCLGA competitions are open to all amateur full (including junior and student) members of MCLGA holding a WHS Handicap Index.

The Association is committed to making competitions accessible to all members and will make reasonable adjustments to accommodate those members who require a buggy, as a result of either disability or temporary injury, wherever possible.

Associate members may play only in Winter Foursomes Hole and Hole, Greensomes Matches, Biennial Tri-am and Biennial 9 Hole competitions.

Those members holding a Handicap Index of 36.1 – 54.0 may play in any MCLGA competition but for the purposes of competitive play, will be restricted to a Handicap Index of 36.0. Placings will be awarded based on Playing Handicaps.

Those members holding a Handicap Index of 17.9 and below on the day of the competition will be eligible for Silver categories and prizes, and those members holding a Handicap Index of 18.0 and above on the day of the competition will be eligible for Bronze categories and prizes. Eligibility to play in the Silver and Bronze Divisions of the Summer Hole and Hole will be determined by a player's Handicap Index at time of the draw.

2. Entry requirements and Dates

The details of how and when to enter all MCLGA competitions are to be found on the MCLGA website under 'Competitions' and 'Enter Competitions'.

Competition tee times will be broken down into timeslots. These timeslots will be shown on the Scottish Golf App at time of booking. A player must book early to guarantee entry to their preferred timeslot. The App will show "Fully booked" if a timeslot is full. After the closing date, entries will be accepted for any remaining places in the order received.

Payment must be received to guarantee the tee time. If payment is not received within 24 hours, the tee time can be cancelled by the organiser.

3. Format

(a) The **Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings** will be stroke play.

The winners and placings in each competition will be determined, if necessary, by matching scorecards and the placing determined by the scores for the last nine holes, the last six holes, three holes and the final hole. In the event of there still being a tie the last six holes, three holes and final holes of the first nine holes will be considered in turn. Where the competition is one where handicap applies, handicap strokes will be applied in carrying out this exercise consistently with how they were applied for the competition.

No player can be placed more than once in these stroke play competitions. In determining the placings precedence will be given to any placing which would qualify for a place in a further competition or to where there is a cup but otherwise the one prize to be awarded will be determined by which place has the higher monetary value.

A player can win both the Scratch and Handicap Aggregate Trophy in the same year which is determined over all three scores in the Spring, Summer and Autumn Meetings. To

determine if a player qualifies for the Silver Net or Bronze Net, the player's Handicap Index on the day of the Spring meeting will be used. In the event of a tie the last round will be used to perform a count back.

- (b) **The Spring meeting** will be the qualifier for both the **Championship and the B Championship**.

The players who qualify for the **Championship matchplay** will be the 16 players who have indicated on the day of the Spring Meeting that they are available for the Championship matchplay returning the 16 lowest gross scores at the Spring Meeting.

The players who qualify for the **B Championship matchplay** will be the 8 players with a Handicap Index of 13.0 and above, who have indicated on the day of the Spring Meeting that they are available for the B Championship matchplay, returning the 8 lowest gross scores at the Spring Meeting.

In the event of a tie for any of the positions, in either Championship, the placings will be determined by matching scorecards and the placings determined by the scores for the last nine holes, the last six holes, the last three holes and the final hole. In the event of there still being a tie, the last six holes, three holes and final holes of the first nine holes will be considered in turn. If that process does not determine the placings those undetermined will be decided by the toss of a coin.

In the event of any player qualifying for both the Championship and the B Championship they must play in the Championship and will not have the option of being entered into the B Championship.

- (c) The **Championship and B Championship** will be matchplay without strokes given and governed by Rule 3.2 of the Rules of Golf 2019. If the match is tied after the final hole, the match is extended one hole at a time in the same order as in the round, unless the Competition Committee sets a different order, until there is a winner.
- (d) All MCLGA competitions other than the final of Champion of Champions will be played from the red teeing areas.
- (e) **Commonwealth Spoons** is a foursomes stroke play competition, open to all County members, which shall be held on a course nominated by the Committee and as published on the fixture card. The pairing may consist of players from different home clubs, but both players must be MCLGA members.

The Playing Handicap is to reflect the Foursomes Handicap Allowance of 50% of the combined team handicap. **For the Commonwealth Spoons, a local rule, that rounded Course Handicaps for individuals will be used in the calculation, will be adopted.** The Playing Handicap should be rounded up accordingly.

For example:

Playing Partner A has a Course Handicap of 15 and Playing Partner B has a Course Handicap of 28 = combined team handicap of 43.

Foursomes Handicap Allowance of 50% of the combined team handicap is applied (i.e. combined team handicap = $43 \times 50\% = 21.5$ which is then rounded giving a Playing Handicap of 22.

This competition is run as a qualifying competition for the Scottish Final in September, organised by the SGL, to compete for the Commonwealth Spoons donated by the Australian Ladies' Golf Union.

- (f) **Triam.** In odd alternate years, each club within MCLGA will in turn host and run a triam competition for MCLGA members. The format for the competition will be decided by the host club and advised in the entry form. The host club may decide that up to two players in each team of 3 can be non-members.
- (g) **Nine Hole.** In even alternate years there will be a 9 hole stableford competition hosted by a club within MCLGA.

4. Administration of Competitions

For all of the competitions run by MCLGA, there will be a Competition Committee. The Competition Committee will consist of the Captain, Vice Captain and Secretary or any one other person who can be co-opted by them or a majority of them for the purposes of a particular Competition.

The Competition Committee or a majority of its members will make all the decisions that are required in the running and determination of each of the above MCLGA competitions.

In any competition where a player requires the use of a buggy, as a result of either disability or temporary injury, we ask if the relevant club can make a buggy available as a reasonable adjustment. The use of courses which cannot make buggies available will be minimised but not excluded altogether.

In any competition where players are playing in a pair or team, if, after the draw is done and before play has begun, one or more of the players is unable to play they may be substituted by another MCLGA member.

At each of the competitions in (3) above MCLGA may run a Twos Sweep, a Competition sweep and a raffle, participation in each of which shall be optional. Juniors may participate in the Twos sweep and the Competition sweep.

All monies paid into the Twos Sweep will be distributed amongst those having a Two who paid into the fund. In the event that there are no Twos scored in that Competition the monies ingathered will be rolled over to the next of the above Competitions until won.

The monies paid into the Competition Sweep will be divided amongst those who paid into the fund on the basis of 70% to the best handicap scores and 30% to the best scratch scores. The monies paid to those with the best handicap scores will be divided amongst those with the three best handicap scores who paid into the fund on the basis of 50%, 30% and 20% of the 70% of the sweep. The monies paid to the best scratch scores will be divided between those with the two best scratch scores who paid into the fund on the basis of 65% and 35% of the 30% of the sweep.

A raffle may in addition be run at the MCLGA AGM. Any raffle run may be either for money or goods. If for money the pay-out shall be 15%, 10% and 5% of the money paid in with the balance going to the funding of MCLGA junior golf. Any donations will be kept separately.

No Junior may participate in any raffle where the prizes are paid in money. Juniors may participate in raffles for goods but may not win alcohol and should they do so would be given an alternative prize or their money back.

5. Scorecard returned

In each of the above stroke play competitions the player/s' scorecard is considered returned when it has been; a) given to the recorder and the player has walked away; b) submitted via the Scottish Golf App; or c) photographed and emailed to a @mclga.com email account.

Players should be aware of the Rules of Handicapping – Rule 1.3 – Player's Responsibility

A player is expected to:

- Act with integrity by following the Rules of Handicapping and to refrain from using, or circumventing, the Rules of Handicapping for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage,
- Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole,
- Submit all acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability,
- Submit acceptable scores for handicap purposes as soon as possible after the round is completed and before midnight local time,
- Play by the Rules of Golf, and
- Certify the scores of other players.

If a score is not returned, and the Competition Committee determines that a player's reason for failing to submit their score was not justified, the Committee can post the missing score or a penalty score, as per the Rules of Handicapping.

6. Result of Matchplay

The result of matchplay in the Knock out competitions and both Championships is final when reported to the Recorder. In the event that both sides agree that the result was mistakenly reported, the Competition Committee can agree to the recorded result being altered accordingly.

7. Stroke Play

Stroke play competitions will be closed after the results have been posted and the Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) calculated but Rule 20.2e(2) applies to both Championships.

8. Suspension of Play

- (a) A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by two short notes of a siren or horn. See Rule 5.7b.
- (b) A match should not be cancelled once play has begun. If the players stop play by agreement as allowed in [Rule 5.7a](#) or the Competition Committee feel conditions are such that play should be suspended, the match should resume from where it was suspended.
- (c) In a team competition, if some matches are completed while others cannot be completed on the arranged day due to poor light or weather all matches are to be replayed, and each team is free to alter its original team.
- (d) In a stroke play competition in the event of play having been suspended for 30 minutes the Competition Committee shall decide whether or not play should be resumed. In the

event play is to be resumed it shall be at the option of the Competition Committee to decide that the Competition shall be determined by the play of 9 holes and if so, which 9 holes. In the event that resumption is not possible after 30 minutes, it shall be at the option of the Competition Committee to decide whether the competition should be cancelled or rescheduled.

9. Event Public Liability Insurance, and Equipment Cover

Players and Volunteers attending MCLGA events should note that MCLGA **does not** have or provide any Public Liability Insurance or Equipment Cover. However, many of the courses where MCLGA hold events do provide levels of cover, and some MCLGA clubs do provide their members, levels of liability insurance as part of their membership subscriptions.

As such, all Players and Volunteers at MCLGA events should ensure they have adequate personal liability insurance to protect themselves should a compensation claim arise should they inflict or suffer injury to/ from a member of the public, a player, or third party or cause property damage whilst playing or attending a MCLGA event.

Players and volunteers are also wholly responsible for the protection and insurance cover of all their equipment and personal belongings whilst attending MCLGA events.