

SGA Golf Club

Rules for all Competitions

This document covers the terms and conditions of entering competitions at SGA Golf Club for members of SGA Golf Club.

By entering a competition, you agree to abide by these rules.

Rules

1.0 Rules of Amateur Status

1.1 All players must be of Amateur Status as defined by The Rules of Amateur Status.

2.0 Rules of Golf

2.1 All competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and such Local Rules and Terms of the Competition as shall be approved by SGA Golf Club.

3.0 Behaviour

3.1 All players, officials and supporters are expected to comply with the SGA Golf Club Code of Conduct and are requested to familiarise themselves with this policy in advance of competing in any SGA Golf Competition.

4.0 Entries

4.1 All entries into non draw official competitions held by SGA Golf Club must be done using the BRS booking system under the competitions headline. Entries open 21 days in advance of the competition (unless specified otherwise).

4.2 Entries are accepted on a first-come first-served basis for limited entry competitions.

4.3 Payment for any competition will be made on the day of the competition by placing the correct money in the box in the club shop. Each envelope **must have** the entrants name, date and which competition it is on the front.

4.4 Entry fee for singles Competitions will be £3.00, unless otherwise stated.

4.5 Entries by telephone are not accepted. Entries by simply 'turning up' on the day are not accepted.

4.6 Entry fee for doubles competition will be £6.00 (£3 per person) unless otherwise stated.

Prize credit will be paid 1st Team 50%, 2nd Team 30% and 3rd Team 20%.

5.0 **Inclement Weather, Cancellation, and Force Majeure**

- 5.1 If, in the opinion of SGA Golf Club, it becomes impossible to complete a Competition in accordance with that Competition's conditions because of adverse weather or other circumstances, the players will be refunded any entry fees made.
- 5.2 SGA Golf Club reserves the right to cancel, or postpone indefinitely, the event at any time if required to do so, or if in its opinion it is reasonable in the circumstances to do so, due to events beyond its reasonable control.
- 5.3 Should the number of entries total less than ten, then the competition will be cancelled.

6.0 **Entry of a Score**

- 6.1 Scores will only be accepted if the score card:
 - 6.1.1 Is placed in the competitions score card box on the day of the competition.
 - 6.1.2 Is signed by a marker and the player.
 - 6.1.3 Is legible.
 - 6.1.4 Has the competition name on it.
 - 6.1.5 Has your full name on it. (e.g. John Smith)
 - 6.1.6 Has the date the competition took place.
 - 6.1.7 Has your playing handicap on it.
- 6.2 A scorecard can only be signed by someone else (the marker) playing in the same competition. This is defined as meaning someone who is playing in the competition on the same day as you or has played on another day (in accordance with that competition).
- 6.3 It is not acceptable for the scorecard to be signed by a club member not playing in that specific competition.
- 6.4 Failure to provide any of the information covered in the above points would result in disqualification of that score from the Competition.

7.0 **Handicaps**

- 7.1. All entrants must have a WHS registered handicap
- 7.2 Players who have less than 6 scores in the World Handicap System at the date of the competition, will not be eligible for the three majors (The Masters, The Seve and The SGA Open)

8.0 **Disputes**

- 8.1 Any disputes will be resolved at the discretion of the Club Committee. Any formal complaints must be lodged within 48 hours of any result being publicised either on the board in the shop or on the club website (whichever is first).

9.0 Texas Scramble

9.1 Handicaps

Competition handicaps are calculated as follows:

Check your handicap against your stroke allowance on the green chart on the clubhouse.

Player with lower handicap gets 35% of their playing allowance (include the point figure- do not round up or down)

Player with the higher handicap gets 15% of their stroke allowance. (As above do not round up or down)

Add the 2 together and divide by 2 as it is a 9-hole competition.

9.2 On the Course

Both players tee off. Choose the best drive, put a tee in the ground within 6 inches (but not nearer the hole) Player who's ball it is goes first, then second player goes from same position.

Follow on till ball is in the hole, when that hole is then complete

Each player has to have 4 counting tee shots (i.e. 4/5 or 5/4) Put scores down against player a or b to see which tee shot was used!

Bunkers are in play, elsewhere mark, pick, clean and drop on all parts of the course.

9.3 Put gross score on card and sign as per normal.

10.0 Greensomes

10.1 Handicaps

This is a strokeplay event (Using 95% of handicap)

This is not a SGAGC Order of Merit or handicap counting competition.

Team handicap (WHS equivalent) is 60% of lower (WHS) handicap plus 40% of higher (WHS) handicap.

10.2 On the Course

Both players tee off and then play alternatively from the preferred tee shot. The tee shot of each player must be used a minimum of 6 times over 18 holes.

Prepared scorecards will be supplied at the first tee of each team.

11.0 Foursomes

11.1 Handicaps

This is a stableford competition, using 50% of the combined team course handicap, rounded up. (Team's course handicaps 10 and 17 = 13.5, rounded up to 14)

This is not a SGAGC Order of Merit or handicap counting competition.

11.2 On the Course

One player will tee off on the odd numbered hole, and the other player will tee off on the even numbered holes. If out of bounds, or a lost ball, the other player will then tee off again (3 off the tee) but it will revert back to the normal order on the next tee. Shots will then alternate until holing out.

Prepared scorecards will be supplied at the first tee for each team.

12.0 Prize Money – General Competitions

| No. of Entries | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| <12 | £10.00 | £6.00 | £3.00 |
| 13-15 | £12.00 | £8.00 | £4.00 |
| 16-18 | £15.00 | £10.00 | £5.00 |
| 19-21 | £18.00 | £12.00 | £6.00 |
| 22-24 | £20.00 | £15.00 | £10.00 |
| 25-27 | £25.00 | £15.00 | £10.00 |
| 28+ | £30.00 | £20.00 | £10.00 |

Rest of entry income from each competition goes into the pot for the end of series (Order of Merit) prizes (after trophy & Club Championship/Victor Ludorum prize costs).

12.1 Prize Money – Majors

The first £15 of entry fees will go towards trophy engraving and then the remainder will be distributed as follows:

Winner – 50% Second - 30% Third – 20%

12.2 Prize Money – Order of Merit

OoM Prizes, from the remaining monies, after costs, will be awarded as follows:

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 40% | 30% | 20% | 10% |

The SGA Golf Club retains the right to amend these rules where necessary at any time.

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SGA Golf Club Competitions Code of Conduct

1.0 Etiquette

It is a breach of etiquette (i.e. good manners) to: -

- Move or speak when a player is addressing their ball or play out of turn (i.e. the ball furthest from the hole must be played first. (Unless agreed between the players in your group).
- Strike your ball before the players in front are out of range – don't strike and regret, think first.

2.0 Conduct on the Course

- The white tees only are used for approved competitive rounds.
- All divots, both on the course and on the practice ground must be replaced.
- A player must repair all marks in a bunker caused by their play.

- Caddie carts or trolleys must not be driven or taken onto greens, aprons to greens,
- between greenside bunkers and greens, or any other place indicated by signs.
- Plug/ pitch marks must be repaired on greens and where possible on fairways.
- Players attending a flag should stand as far from the hole as possible.
- In order to prevent needless damage to the more vulnerable parts of the course,
- practise swings are not permitted on grass tees or on greens with any other club other than a putter.

3.0 Health & safety on the Course

- All members are reminded of their obligation in regard to health and safety when playing golf. Bearing in mind the ground conditions, no player should tee off before the match in front is well clear. All missed shots should be accompanied with the warning shout of 'Fore' should any other player be in the likelihood of danger – if in doubt, SHOUT. All members should be aware of the responsibility to ensure the safety of others. Any members witnessing dangerous play should draw the attention of the offender to their actions and remind them of their obligations.
- Course will be closed in foggy conditions if members' safety is at risk.

4.0 General Conduct of Members and their guests

We wish to maintain a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for all our visitors, guests, staff and members at all times whilst using the course and facilities at the golf club.

In order to achieve this, as a minimum, the following behaviours are not to be used or condoned:

- The use of foul, abusive or offensive language.
- Any aggressive or intimidating behaviour.
- The smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes both inside the clubhouse, shop, driving range and the cafe
- To openly or publicly be offensive towards staff, club suppliers/partners and their staff.

Furthermore, the name of SGA Golf Club or its logo, may not be used in any form of communication at any time, without prior permission.

Failure to comply with the above may result in Disciplinary Action being taken.