
WHITBURN GOLF CLUB

2026 COMPETITIONS

FIXTURES & HANDBOOK

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PRIORITY ON THE COURSE

The Club Captain has priority at all times.

Competitors in Club Competitions have priority over all other matches.

On weekdays two-ball matches have preference over three and four-ball matches but all matches have equal standing on Saturdays and Sundays.

All members of a four, three or two-ball match must be on the first tee before their match has any standing.

If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should allow the match following to pass.

CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PLAYERS

All Members must become familiar with the Rules of Golf, the Course Rules and with golf etiquette.

No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

In the interest of all, players should play without delay.

Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be easily found; they should not search for the allowed **THREE** minutes before doing so. They should not continue play until the players following them have passed and are out of range.

When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green. **Players in competitions or general play should not mark cards until they have left the green.**

CARE OF THE COURSE

HOLES IN BUNKERS: Before leaving bunkers, players should carefully fill in and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them.

RESTORE DIVOTS AND PLUG MARKS: Through the green, players should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by them is replaced at once and pressed down, and that any damage to the putting green made by the ball or the player is carefully repaired.

DAMAGE TO THE GREEN: Flagsticks, Bags, etc.: Players should ensure that, when putting down bags (near the green), or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to it, handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green.

DAMAGE THROUGH PRACTICE SWINGS: In taking practice swings players should avoid causing damage to the course, particularly the tees, by removing divot.

BUGGIES: Must be driven giving due care and attention to the course. OBSERVE all markings on the course and drive in the rough as much as possible. Wet areas SHOULD be avoided.

CLUB OFFICIALS 2026

President:	Mr. A. McCONNELL
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Vice-Captain:	Mr. J. JENKINS
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Committee:

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Mr. C. DICKINSON

Welfare Officer:

Mr. G. Maughan

Junior Liaison Officer

Mr. K. Walsh

LADIES' SECTION OFFICIALS 2026

Ladies' Captain:
NO CAPTAIN THIS YEAR

Ladies' Vice Captain:
Mrs S. O'BRIEN

Ladies' Secretary:
Mrs S. O'BRIEN

Ladies' Treasurer:
Mrs. C. TAYLOR

Ladies' Competition & Handicap Secretary:
Mrs. V. ATKINSON

Ladies' Committee:
Mrs F. BARNES
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Mrs. M. PENNOCK

Junior Captain:
Master J. RUSSELL

Professional:
Mr. S. McNALLY (0191 529 2177 – Option 3)

CLUB FIXTURES 2026

COURSE FIXTURES 2026

Hepplewhite and Shaw Cup – Singles Match Play Competition

Hector Imrie Trophies – Four Ball Match Play Competition

Dodd's Trophies – Mixed Foursomes Match Play Competition

Entries for Match Play Competitions in Professional's Shop from January 2026.

N.B. includes Seniors & Juniors Home matches (for Course overview) but excludes Ladies Tuesday fixtures (see 'Ladies' Fixture List on pages 10-12) and Visiting Parties (see Club calendar on website or Clubhouse whiteboard).

FEBRUARY

Sat	7th	CAPTAIN'S DRIVE-IN	11:56 – 12:12
Sun	8th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	7:00 pm onwards

MARCH

Tue/Sat	17 th /21 st	Ladies 9 Hole Qualifier Competition	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	24 th /28 th	Ladies 9 Hole Qualifier Competition	10:36 – 11:08
Thu	26 th	Seniors Spring Cup (Competition)	10:36 - 11:40
Sun	29 th	Clocks go forward 1 hour to BST	01:00
Tue/Sat	31 st /4 th	Ladies 18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08

APRIL

Thu	2 nd	Seniors v South Shields	10:36 - 11:40	Home
Sat	4 th	Junior Competition	09:08 – 09:48	
Tue	7 th	Ladies Captain/Vice Captain Match	10:36 – 11:08	
Wed	8th	Midweek Stableford 1	07:00 – 15:48	
Thu	9 th	Juniors Match	16:28 – 17:00	
Sun	12th	GEORGE HILLS MEM. TROPHY	06:36 – 14:12	
Tue/Sat	14 th /18 th	Ladies 18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08	
Wed	15 th	DCGU Seniors Pairs Spring Open	06:12 – 14:04	
Thu	16 th	Seniors v Hobson	10:36 – 11:40	Home
Thu	16 th	Juniors Match	16:28 – 17:00	
Sun	19th	SUNDAY POST PUTTER	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue	21 st	Ladies Secretary's Cup	10:36 – 11:08	
Wed	22nd	Midweek Stableford 2	06:28 – 16:20	
Thu	23 rd	Senior Men's George Bryson Trophy	10:36 – 11:40	
Thu	23 rd	Juniors v TBA	16:28 – 17:24	
Sun	26th	Daily Mail Foursomes' Qualifier 2026	06:12 - 14:12	
Tue/Sat	28 th /2 nd	Ladies Lizard Cup (QR)	10:36 – 11:08	

MAY

Sun	3rd	HUDSON CUP QUALIFIER	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue/Sat	5 th /9 th	Ladies Elizabeth Porter Trophy (Stableford)	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	5 th	Men's Team V Birtley	16:36 - 18:04	Home
Wed	6th	Midweek Stableford 3	06:12 – 16:44	
Thu	7 th	Seniors v Chester-Le-Street	10:36 - 11:40	Home
Thu	7 th	Juniors v Ravensworth	16:28 – 17:24	Home

Sun	10th	JOSEPH LANDAU TROPHY	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue	12 th	Ladies Susan Hughes-Russell Memorial Trophy	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	12 th	Men's Team V South Shields	16:36 – 18:04	Away
Sun	17th	CHARLES SMITH QUALIFIER	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue/Sat	19 th /23 rd	Ladies Whitburn Vase (Par)	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	19 th	Men's Team V Garesfield	16:36 – 18:04	Away
Wed	20th	Midweek Stableford 4	06:12 – 17:00	
Thu	21 st	Seniors Walter Connor Competition	10:36 – 11:40	
Thu	21 st	Juniors v Boldon	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Fri	22 nd	Captain's Texas Scramble 1 (Shotgun Start)	17:00 Start	
Sat	23rd	MENS OPEN	08:04 – 14:04	
Sat	23 rd	Junior Club Championship	15:00 – 15:24	
Sun	24th	CAPTAINS CUP	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue/Sat	26 th /30 th	Ladies 18 Hole Strokeplay	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	26 th	Men's Team V Ravensworth	16:36 – 18:04	Home
Wed	27th	Midweek Stableford 5	06:12 – 17:00	
Sun	31st	NEPTUNE TROPHY	06:12 – 13:56	

JUNE

Tue	2 nd	Ladies 18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	2 nd	Men's Team V Roseberry Grange	16:36 – 18:04	Away
Thu	4 th	Seniors Strokeplay Competition	10:36 – 11:40	
Thu	4 th	Juniors v Chester-Le-Street	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Sat	6th	LADIES OPEN (WALTZ FORMAT)	10:04 – 13:00	
Sun	7th	T.H. DOUGLAS TROPHY	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue/Sat	9 th /13 th	Ladies Susan Hughes-Russell Singles Trophy	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	9 th	Men's Team V Washington	16:36 – 18:04	Home
Wed	10th	Midweek Stableford 6	06:12 – 17:00	
Thu	11 th	SENIOR MENS OPEN 1	09:00 – 13:00	
Sat	13th	STAN NICHOLSON ROUND 1	06:12 – 11:00	
Sun	14th	STAN NICHOLSON ROUND 2	06:12 – 11:00	
Sun	14th	Sunday Stableford 1	11:08 – 14:04	
Tue/Sat	16 th /20 th	Ladies Jessie Pollock Trophy	10:36 – 11:08	
Thu	18 th	Seniors v Whickham	10:36 – 11:40	Home
Sat	20th	SUMMER SOLSTICE (Shotgun Start)	04:26	
Sun	21st	MARSDEN CUP/GORDON ADCOOK TROPHY	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue/Sat	23 rd /27 th	Ladies President's Bowl	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	23 rd	Men's Team V Birtley	16:36 – 18:04	Away
Wed	24th	Midweek Stableford 7	06:12 – 17:00	
Thu	25 th	Juniors v Houghton-Le-Spring	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Fri	26 th	Captain's Charity Day	11:00 – 14:12	
Sun	28th	ALAN WAUGH TROPHY	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue	30 th	Ladies Ann Maw Greensomes (Random Draw)	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	30 th	Men's Team V South Shields	16:36 – 18:04	Home

JULY

Thu	2 nd	Juniors v Ramside	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Fri	3 rd	JR Russell Trophy (seniors over 60)	06:12 – 16:52	
Sun	5th	FRED CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY	06:12 – 13:56	

Tue	7 th	Ladies 18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08	
Tues	7 th	Men's Team v Garesfield	16:36 – 18:04	Home
Wed	8th	Midweek Stableford 8	06:12 – 17:00	
Fri	10 th	Past Captains Day	10:04 – 10:44	
Sat	11th	DOBSON TROPHIES (Mixed Comp.)	10:04 – 10:28	
Sat	11 th	Junior Competition	15:00 – 15:24	
Sun	12th	ERNEST MAW TROPHY	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue/Sat	14 th /18 th	Ladies Exley Trophy	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	14 th	Men's Team V Ravensworth	16:36 – 18:04	Away
Wed	15th	Midweek Stableford 9	06:12 – 17:00	
Thu	16 th	Senior's Gentlemen's Trophy	10:36 - 11:40	
Thu	16 th	Juniors v Washington	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Fri	17 th	Captain's Texas Scramble 2 (Shotgun Start)	17:00 Start	
Sun	19th	TOM GARDNER MEMORIAL TROPHY	06:12 – 13:56	
Mon	20 th	Juniors 72 Hole Challenge	05:00 – 05:24	
			09:00 – 09:24	
			13:00 – 13:24	
			17:00 – 17:24	
Tue	21 st	Ladies Club Championship Gross/Nett R1	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	21 st	Men's Team V Roseberry Grange	16:36 – 18:04	Home
Thu	23 rd	Senior's Pairs 4BBB	10:36 – 11:40	
Sat	25th	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP R1	06:12 - 11:00	
Sun	26th	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP R2	06:12 - 11:00	
Sun	26th	Sunday Stableford 2	11:08 – 14:04	
Tue	28 th	Ladies Club Championship Gross/Nett R2	10:36 – 11:08	
Tue	28 th	Men's Team V Washington	16-36 – 18:04	Away
Wed	29th	Midweek Stableford 10	06:12 – 17:00	
Thu	30 th	Senior's Charlie Peterson Trophy	10:36 – 11:40	
Thu	30 th	Juniors v Heworth	16:28 – 17:24	Home

AUGUST

Sat	1 st	Alzheimers/Chloe & Liam Charity Day (S/gun Start)	08:20 – 16:28	
Sun	2nd	STERN CUP/SPRAGGON PUTTER	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue/Sat	4 th /8 th	Ladies Silver Salver (Par)	10:36 – 11:08	
Wed	5th	Midweek Stableford 11	06:12 – 17:00	
Sun	9th	GORDON STOREY TROPHY	06:12 – 13:56	
Thu	13 th	Senior's v Wearside	10:36 – 11:40	Home
Thu	13 th	Juniors v Wearside	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Sat	15 th	Junior Competition	15:00 – 15:24	
Sun	16th	PRESIDENTS PUTTER	06:12 – 13:56	
Tue/Sat	18 th /22 nd	Ladies Monica Sinclair	10:36 – 11:08	
Wed	19th	Midweek Stableford 12	06:20 – 16:28	
Thu	20 th	Seniors v Morpeth	10:36 – 11:40	Home
Sat	22nd	Men's Invitation Day (George Robson Shield)	08:04 – 14:04	
Sun	23rd	ENTERPRISE TROPHY	06:20 – 13:56	
Tue/Sat	25 th /29 th	Ladies 18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08	
Thu	27th	SENIOR MENS OPEN 2	08:30 – 13:30	
Sat	29th	D.C.G.U. Juniors Autumn Meeting	13:32 – 15:16	
Sun	30th	TED NICHOLSON TROPHY	06:36 – 13:56	

SEPTEMBER

Tue/Sat	1 st /5 th	Ladies Captain's Cup	10:36 – 11:08	
Wed	2 nd	Midweek Stableford 13	06:44 – 15:56	
Thu	3 rd	Seniors v Boldon	10:36 – 11:40	Home
Sat	5 th	Help for Heros (Shotgun Start)	08:04 – 15:48	
Sun	6th	STEVE LAMB TROPHIES	06:50 – 14:00	
Mon	7 th	MAINTENANCE WEEK TILL FRIDAY 11 th		
Sun	13 th	Presidents Prizes (Open to Men, Ladies & Jnrs)	07:00 – 14:04	
Tue/Sat	15 th /19 th	Ladies Charity Competition	10:36 – 11:08	
Thu	17 th	Seniors v Houghton-Le-Spring	11:00 – 12:04	Home
Sat	19th	MATCHPLAY FINALS DAY	08:44 – 09:40 13:24 – 14:20	
Sat	19 th	Junior Competition	15:00 – 15:24	
Sun	20th	CAPTAIN V VICE CAPTAIN	07:20 – 14:30	
Tue/Sat	22 nd /26 th	Ladies 18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08	
Wed	23rd	Midweek Stableford 14	07:24 – 15:00	
Thu	24 th	LENA ROUTLEDGE COMP (Senior over 55's)	07:24 – 15:00	
Sun	27th	Junior Patron Day	07:32 – 14:04	
Tue/Sat	29 th /3 rd	Ladies 18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08	

OCTOBER

Sun	4 th	Ladies Triangle Inter Club Competition	11:00 – 11:16	
Tue	6 th	Ladies Charity Competition	10:36 – 11:08	
Wed	7th	Midweek Stableford 15	07:56 - 14:28	
Sun	25 th	Clocks Back 1 hour to UTC/GMT	02:00	

NOVEMBER

Sat	21st	TROPHY PRESENTATION NIGHT		
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DECEMBER

Sat	5th	Ladies Section/Past Captains Christmas Luncheon		
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MENS TEAM MATCHES 2026 – NDUGC LEAGUE DIVISION 3

MAY

Tue	5 th	Birtley	16:36 – 18:04	Home
Tue	12 th	South Shields	16:36 – 18:04	Away
Tue	19 th	Garesfield	16:36 – 18:04	Away
Tue	26 th	Ravensworth	16:36 – 18:04	Home

JUNE

Tue	2 nd	Roseberry Grange	16:36 – 18:04	Away
Tue	9 th	Washington	16:36 – 18:04	Home
Tue	16 th	No Fixture		
Tue	23 rd	Birtley	16:36 – 18:04	Away
Tue	30 th	South Shields	16:36 – 18:04	Home

JULY

Tue	7 th	Garesfield	16:36 – 18:04	Home
Tue	14 th	Ravensworth	16:36 – 18:04	Away
Tue	21 st	Roseberry Grange	16:36 – 18:04	Home
Tue	28 th	Washington	16:36 – 18:04	Away

AUGUST

Tue	4 th	No Fixture		
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SENIORS FIXTURES 2026

MARCH

Thu 26th Spring Cup 10:36 – 11:40

APRIL

Thu 2nd South Shields 10:36 – 11:40 Home

Thu 16th Hobson 10:36 – 11:40 Home

Thu 23rd George Bryson Trophy 10:36 – 11:40

MAY

Thu 7th Chester-Le-Street 10:36 – 11:40 Home

Thu 21st Walter Connor Trophy 10:36 – 11:40

Thu 28th South Shields 10:00 Away

JUNE

Thu 4th Strokeplay Competition 10:36 – 11:40

Mon 8th Morpeth 10:00 Away

Thu 11th Seniors OPEN (1) 09:00 – 13:00

Thu 18th Whickham 10:36 – 11:40 Home

JULY

Thu 2nd Boldon 10:00 Away

Fri 3rd J.R.Russell (O'60s) Competition 06:12 – 16:52

Thu 16th Gentleman's Trophy 10:36 – 11:40

Tue 21st Houghton-Le-Spring 10:00 Away

Thu 23rd Pairs 4BBB 10:36 – 11:40

Tue 28th Hobson 10:00 Away

Thu 30th Charlie Peterson Competition 10:36 – 11:40

AUGUST

Mon 3rd Chester-Le-Street 10:00 Away

Thu 6th Wearside 10:00 Away

Thu 13th Wearside 10:36 – 11:40 Home

Thu 20th Morpeth 10:36 – 11:40 Home

Thu 27th Seniors OPEN (2) 08:30 – 13:30

SEPTEMBER

Thu 3rd Boldon 10:36 – 11:40 Home

Thu 10th Whickham 10:00 Away

Thu 17th Houghton-Le-Spring 11:00 – 12:04 Home

Thu 24th Lena Routledge Trophy 07:24 – 15:00

LADIES FIXTURES 2026

Eclectic competition, Milburn Bowl and Summer Shield – See rules on Notice Board
Dodd's Trophies – Mixed Foursomes Match Play Competition
Entries for Match Play Competitions at Professional's Shop

MARCH

Tue/Sat	17 th / 21 st	9 Hole Qualifier Competition	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	24 th / 28 th	9 Hole Qualifier Competition	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	31 st / 4 th	18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08

APRIL

Tue	7 th	Ladies Captain/Vice Captain Match	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	14 th / 18 th	18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08
Tue	21 st	Ladies Secretary's Cup	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	28 th / 2 nd	Lizard Cup (QR)	10:36 – 11:08

MAY

Tue/Sat	5 th / 9 th	Elizabeth Porter Trophy (Stableford)	10:36 – 11:08
Tue	12 th	Susan Hughes – Russell Memorial Trophy (Random Draw)	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	19 th / 23 rd	Whitburn Vase (Par)	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	26 th / 30 th	18 Hole Strokeplay	10:36 – 11:08

JUNE

Tue	2 nd	18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08
Sat	6th	LADIES OPEN (Waltz)	10:04 - 13:00
Tue/Sat	9 th / 13 th	Susan Hughes-Russell Singles Trophy	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	16 th / 20 th	Jessie Pollock Trophy	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	23 rd / 27 th	President's Bowl	10:36 – 11:08
Tue	30 th	Ann Maw Greensomes (Random Draw)	10:36 – 11:08

JULY

Tue	7 th	18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08
Sat	11 th	DOBSON TROPHIES (Mixed)	10:04 – 10:28
Tue/Sat	14 th / 18 th	Exley Trophy	10:36 – 11:08
Tue	21 st	Ladies Club Championship Gross/Nett Round 1	10:36 – 11:08
Tue	28 th	Ladies Club Championship Gross/Nett Round 2	10:36 – 11:08

AUGUST

Tue/Sat	4 th / 8 th	Silver Salver (Par)	10:36 – 11:08
Tue	11 th	Outing to Sharpley	
Tue/Sat	18 th / 22 nd	Monica Sinclair	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	25 th / 29 th	18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08

SEPTEMBER

Tue/Sat	1 st / 5 th	Ladies Captain's Cup	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	15 th / 19 th	Charity Competition	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	22 nd / 26 th	18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08
Tue/Sat	29 th / 3 rd	18 Hole Stableford	10:36 – 11:08

OCTOBER

Sun	4 th	Triangle Inter Club Comp Whitburn/Boldon/S. Shields	11:00 - 11:16
Tue	6 th	Charity Competition	10:36 – 11:08
Sat	10 th	LADIES PARTY / TROPHY PRESENTATION (PM)	

NOVEMBER

Sat	7 th	Ladies Section AGM (pm)	
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DECEMBER

Sat	5 th	Ladies Section/Past Captains Christmas Luncheon	
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The 10:36 to 11:08 tee reservations are on Tuesdays only. Those wishing to play in the competitions on a Saturday must reserve a general play tee time.

Every SUNDAY a Lady's Stableford competition will run concurrently with the Men's Competitions.

LADIES CLUB COMPETITIONS (Formats)

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GROSS / NETT

Gross Comp -36 holes on 2 consecutive Tuesdays. Nett Comp to run concurrently.
Round 1 first Tuesday. Round 2 Second Tuesday.
No player can win both competitions.

MILBURN BOWL

Matchplay knockout competition.
Rounds to be completed by given dates.

LIZARD CUP

18 Holes Strokeplay...95%...Red T's...

four Best Nett Scores qualify for playoff: 1 v 4 and 2 v 3

1st Round of playoff to be played within 3 weeks of qualifying and final within 3 weeks of Semi-final.

EXLEY TROPHY

18 Holes Strokeplay...95%...Red T's...

SILVER SALVER

18 Holes PAR...95%...Red T's...

Target set at PAR.

WHITBURN VASE

18 Holes PAR...95%...Red T's...

Target set at PAR

ELIZABETH PORTER TROPHY

18 Holes Stableford...95%...Red T's...

ANN MAW GREENSOME

18 Holes...Strokeplay... Greensome

RANDOM DRAW made for partners. **H/Cap calc: (Lower H/Cap x 0.6) + (Higher H/Cap x 0.4)**
If Handicaps equal then **50% of combined.**

JESSIE POLLOCK TROPHY

18 Holes Strokeplay...95%...Red T's...

MONICA SINCLAIR TROPHY

18 Holes Strokeplay...95%...Red T's...

SUSAN HUGHES RUSSELL SINGLES TROPHY

18 Holes Strokeplay...95%...Red T's

PRESIDENTS BOWL

18 Holes Strokeplay...95%...Red T's...

JUNIORS FIXTURES 2026

APRIL

Sat	4 th	Junior Competition	09:08 – 09:48	
Thu	9 th	Junior Match	16:28 – 17:00	
Thu	16 th	Junior Match	16:28 – 17:00	
Thu	23 rd	Juniors v TBA	16:28 – 17:24	
Thu	30 th	Ramside	17:00	Away

MAY

Thu	7 th	Ravensworth	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Thu	14 th	Washington	17:00	Away
Thu	21 st	Boldon	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Sat	23 rd	Junior Club Championship	15:00 – 15:24	
Thu	28 th	Heworth	17:00	Away

JUNE

Thu	4 th	Chester-Le-Street	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Thu	11 th	Wearside	17:00	Away
Thu	25 th	Houghton-Le-Spring	16:28 – 17:24	Home

JULY

Thu	2 nd	Ramside	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Thu	9 th	Ravensworth	17:00	Away
Sat	11 th	Junior Competition	15:00 – 15:24	
Thu	16 th	Washington	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Mon	20 th	Juniors 72 Hole Challenge	05:00 – 05:24	
			09:00 – 09:24	
			13:00 – 13:24	
			17:00 – 17:24	
Thu	23 rd	Boldon	17:00	Away
Thu	30 th	Heworth	16:28 – 17:24	Home

AUGUST

Thu	6 th	Chester-Le-Street	17:00	Away
Thu	13 th	Wearside	16:28 – 17:24	Home
Sat	15 th	Junior Competition	15:00 – 15:24	
Thu	27 th	Houghton-Le-Spring	17:00	Away

SEPTEMBER

Sat	19 th	Junior Competition	15:00 – 15:24	
Sun	27 th	Junior Patrons Day	07:32 – 14:04	

DURHAM COUNTY GOLF UNION
FIXTURES and VENUES 2026

APRIL

Sat	4 th	Inter County Foursomes Preliminary Rds	TBD
Sat	4 th	County Seniors Matchplay Qualifier	Barnard Castle
Sat	11 th	ICF Rounds 1 & 2	Houghton-le-Spring
Sun	12 th	ICF Rounds 3 & 4	Wearside
Wed	15 th	County Members Spring Pairs	Whitburn
Sat	25 th	Inter County Foursomes Finals	Alnmouth Village
Tue	28 th	Seniors Spring Meeting	Hartlepool

MAY

Sun	3 rd	Captains v Vice Captains Competition	Oakleaf
Wed	6 th	County Members Spring Salver (Singles)	Hobson
Sun	10 th	County v Lancashire (A)	Ormskirk
Mon	11 th	Captains' Spring Meeting	Hartlepool
Sat	16 th	Matchplay Championship Rounds 1 & 2	Tyneside
Sun	17 th	Matchplay Championship Rounds 3 & 4	Tyneside
Mon	18 th	Seniors v Cumbria (A)	Windermere
Tue	19 th	Junior Patrons No 1	Blackwell Grange
Sun	24 th	County Matchplay Championship Semi's and Final	Tyneside
Sat	30 th	Teams Handicap Competition	Heworth

JUNE

Mon	8 th	Seniors Geoff Dunn Trophies	South Shields
Wed	10 th	County Members Summer Pairs 1	Blackwell Grange
Sat	13 th	County v Cumbria (H)	Durham City
Mon	15 th	Seniors v Cheshire (A)	Prestbury
Sat	20 th	Clubs Championship Qualifier	Crook
Wed	24 th	Junior Patrons No 2	Boldon
Sat	27 th	County Boys/Girls Championship	Billingham

JULY

Wed	1 st	Boys County Qualifying (Little 6)	Brancepeth Castle
Wed	1 st	County Seniors Championship R1	Castle Eden
Thu	2 nd	County Seniors Championship R2 (Qualifiers only)	Castle Eden
Sat	4 th	County v Cheshire (H)	Brancepeth Castle
Mon	6 th	Captains Summer Meeting	Beamish Park
Fri	10 th	Strokeplay Champ. Round 1	Seaton Carew
Sat	11 th	Strokeplay Champ. Round 2	Seaton Carew
Sun	12 th	Strokeplay Champ. Round 3 & 4 (Q. Only)	Seaton Carew
Mon	13 th	Seniors v Yorkshire (H)	Castle Eden
Wed	15 th	County Members Summer Pairs 2	South Moor
Sat	18 th	County Clubs Championship	Beamish Park
Mon	20 th	Seniors Summer Meeting	Houghton-le-Spring

Tue	21 st	Northern County Seniors Strokeplay Championships	Rudding Park
Wed	22 nd	Northern County Seniors Strokeplay Championships	Rudding Park
Sat	25 th	County 2 nd Division Championship (6-10 Hcap Index)	Boldon
Mon	27 th	Seniors v Northumberland (A)	Gosforth
Thu	31 st	Junior Patrons No 3 (John & Joyce Quinn Memorial Trophy)	Hobson

AUGUST

Sat	1 st	County 3 rd & 4 th Division Championship (11-28 Hcap Index)	Ravensworth
Wed	5 th	Men's County Qualifying (Big 6)	The Northumberland
Thu	6 th	Junior Patrons No 4	Durham City
Sun	9 th	Clark Cup Semi-Finals	TBD
Tue	11 th	Seniors Texas Scramble	Sharpley Springs
Wed	12 th	County Members Autumn Salver (Singles)	Hartlepool
Sat	15 th	County v Yorkshire (A)	Crosland Heath
Mon	17 th	Seniors v Lancashire (H)	South Shields
Sat	29 th	Clark Cup Final	TBD

SEPTEMBER

Wed	2 nd	Junior Patrons No 5	Bishop Auckland
Sat	5 th	County v Northumberland (H)	Houghton-le-Spring
Mon	7 th	Captain's Autumn Meeting	Boldon
Tue	8 th	Seniors County Qualifying	Carlisle
Mon	14 th	Seniors Autumn Meeting	Consett & District
Wed	16 th	County Members Autumn Pairs	Woodham
Sat	19 th	Mixed Foursomes	Garesfield
Sun	20 th	Mixed Foursomes	Darlington
Mon	21 st	Captains' David Atkinson Trophy	Durham City
Sun	27 th	Mixed Foursomes Semis and Final	Darlington
Tue	29 th	North of England Open Amateur Championship	Seaton Carew
Wed	30 th	North of England Open Amateur Championship	Seaton Carew

OCTOBER

Thu	1 st	North of England Open Amateur Championship	Seaton Carew
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WHITBURN GOLF CLUB COMPETITION
GUIDELINES
2026

The following document has been put together as a result of the new WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM and as an outline and guide for incoming Captains for explanation to members on the rules and format for all future competitions at Whitburn Golf Club.

This is in order to avoid any confusion to members or complaints from members over formats and to standardise year upon year rules for ALL competitions.

DATE	REVISION	CHANGES
2018	R0	Document created.
05 July 2020	R1	Blakey Bowl Draw sequence changed. Ted Nicholson Trophy Added.
27 October 2022	R2	Document re-organised for WHS Compliance. Dobson Trophies added. Order of competitions changed. Comp. details added.
04 November 2024	R3	Changes to prizes for Club Championship and addition of George Hills Trophy and Sunday Stableford's to schedule. Adjustment to order of Sunday Competitions to reflect current schedule. Matchplay competition guidelines added. Change to Charles Smith qualifying categories
13 November 2025	R4	Change to Charles Smith qualifying categories, change to Midweek Stablefords division criteria

Handicap Limits

Following the changes and ongoing guidance from England Golf (EG), the R&A and in the interest of fairness equality and inclusivity across the competitions **Strokeplay and Stableford Singles Competitions going forward should be Max Handicap 28**. Please note that **EG have stipulated a 95% allowance to calculate the Playing Handicaps** of all players which is set on Club V1 and cannot be adjusted.

Sunday Board Competitions will have 2 Divisions (0-13) and (14-28). Prize money to be divided equally between both divisions paying 4 places in each division unless otherwise stated. £3.00 entry unless otherwise stated. In named board Competitions in the Club House a maximum handicap allowance of 18 is the limit to win a Trophy (name on board), except for the Dobson Trophies and the Charles Smith Trophy where the maximum handicap allowance is 28 (subject to the maximum 18 shots allowance in the match play rounds). Tie resolution – Back 9, 6, 3, 1.

Midweek Stablefords will have 1 Division (0-28) paying 4 places, if less than 90 entrants. If there are more than 90 entrants then there will be 2 divisions (0-13, 14-28). It is £3.00 entry fee. Tie resolution – Back 9, 6, 3, 1.

Club Matchplay Competitions Qualifying competitions will be maximum 28 Handicap for prize money purposes but qualifying players who progress to the next rounds proper will be limited to a maximum 18 handicap allowance, except for the Charles Smith Trophy where the maximum handicap allowance is 28 (subject to a maximum 18 shots allowance in the match play rounds). (MATCHPLAY).

Individual Competition Format

All main Sunday Competitions to begin on 12th April in the following order. (Subject to weather conditions, cancellation or postponements).

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SUNDAY COMPETITIONS

() Name on Board Competitions.**

<u>**George Hills Trophy</u>	2 Divs	White Tees	95%	Max 28 Stableford
<u>Sunday Post Putter</u>	2 Divs	White Tees	95%	Max 28 Strokeplay
<u>Daily Mail Foursomes Qualifier (Pairs)</u>	No Divs	White Tees	85%	Max 24 (Foursomes)

Following rounds will be Foursomes Pairs Matchplay. No under 18s allowed in Qualifier. As per Daily Mail Rules.

<u>**Hudson Cup Qualifier</u>	2 Divs	White Tees	95%	Max 28 Strokeplay
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This qualifier to be played Max 28 but Knockout stages are Matchplay with Max 18 handicap allowance. The top 16 Nett Scores qualify for the knockout stages with the Matchplay draw being straight “out of the hat” for order purposes.

<u>**Joseph Landau Trophy</u>	2 Divs	White Tees	95%	Max 28 Strokeplay
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<u>Charles Smith Qualifier</u>	2 Divs	White Tees	95%	Max 28 Strokeplay
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The winner from each category of entry (1,2,3,4) to qualify for semi-final Matchplay Stages where full 28 handicap allowance is given, subject to an 18 shot maximum allowance; i.e. if a 3 handicap player plays a 28 handicap player the difference is 25 shots, but the maximum a player can receive in the match is 18, so only 18 shots will be given, not 25. Semi Final Draw: **CAT 1 winner v Cat 4 winner** and **Cat 2 winner v Cat 3 winner**.

Strokeplay (4 Categories 0-9, 10-13, 14-17, 18-28).

<u>**Captains Cup</u>	2 Divs	White Tees	95%	Max 28 Strokeplay
<u>**Neptune Trophy</u>	2 Divs	White Tees	95%	Max 28 Strokeplay

****TH Douglas Trophy** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay
****Stan Nicholson Trophy (2 Days)** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

Round 1 Played on Saturday, Round 2 played on Sunday. **Competitors must play both days.**
 £5.00 entry fee. Tie resolution – – Back 9, 6, 3, 1, Last Card

Top Stan Nicholson 16 Best Gross scores qualify for Blakey Bowl entry.

Stan Nicholson Stableford (Sunday only) No Div White Tees 95% Max 28 Stableford

This competition is only for those not entered in the Stan Nicholson Trophy. If you are entered in the Stan Nicholson Trophy, then you cannot enter the stableford competition as well.

****Marsden Cup/Gordon Adcock** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

Marsden Cup Competition has Two Categories as normal for prize money purposes. Gordon Adcock trophy awarded to the Lowest Nett score in the 21 to 28 Handicap entrants.

****Alan Waugh Trophy** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

****Fred Clarke Memorial Trophy** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

****Dobson Trophies (Mixed)** 0 Divs 50% Strokeplay

Men White Tees Max H/Cap 28 (Odd holes) Ladies Red Tees Max H/Cap 36 (Even Holes)

****Ernest Maw** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

****Tom Gardner Memorial** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

****Club Championship (2 days)** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

36 Hole Competition GROSS and 36 Hole Competition NETT. Round 1 Play on Saturday, Round 2 play on Sunday. **Competitors must play both days.** No Divisions. Prizes for best 3 gross and nett scores on Saturday and Sunday as well as overall. 2 Prize rule. Tie Resolution – Back 9, 6, 3, 1, Last Card. Entry fee £5.00

Club Championship Stableford (Sunday only) No Div White Tees 95% Max 28 Stableford

This competition is only for those not entered in the Club Championship. If you are entered in the Club Championship, then you cannot enter the stableford competition as well.

****Stern Cup/Spraggon Putter** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

Stern Cup Competition has Two Categories as normal for prize money purposes. Spraggon Putter awarded to the Lowest Nett score in the 19 to 28 Handicap entrants.

****Gordon Storey Trophy** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

****Presidents Putter** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

Mens Invitation Day (G. Robson Shield) 0 Divs White Tees 85% Max 24 4BBB Stableford

**** Enterprise Trophy** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Strokeplay

****Ted Nicholson Trophy** 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 Stableford

Steve Lamb Trophies (Pairs) 0 Divs White Tees 85% Max 24 Combined (4BBB)

Juniors Patrons Day (M,F,J) 0 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 men, 36 ladies stableford

Captain v V/Captain Sunday "Format to be decided by Captain"

Presidents Prizes (M,F,J) 0 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 men, 36 ladies Strokeplay

Junior Patrons Day and Presidents Prizes competitions are open to Men, Ladies and Juniors (subject to Junior's meeting requirements for entry).

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Midweek Stablefords 1 or 2 Divs White Tees 95% Max 28 STABLEFORD

OPENS & INVITATION DAYS

To be played 4BBB STABLEFORD Pairs Max 24.

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MENS CLUB MATCHPLAY KNOCKOUTS / FINALS (Matchplay Finals to be played over 36 Holes).

All club Singles Matchplay Knockouts to remain **MAX 18 Handicap Allowance** apart from Charles Smith Trophy which has always been Max 28 due to 4 Category winners progressing to semi-finals (see Competition details for maximum shot allowance). Pairs (Hector Imrie) has a **MAX 19 Shots Allowance**.

SINGLES (Hepplewhite & Shaw)	Max 18
PAIRS (Hector Imrie)	Max 19 (90% allowance)
HUDSON CUP	Max 18
CHARLES SMITH TROPHY	Max 28 (18 shot Allowance)
BLAKEY BOWL	SCRATCH Knockout (seeded)

Blakey Bowl Scratch Matchplay Qualifiers:

Top 16 GROSS scores from Stan Nicholson Trophy qualify for the knockout stage. Any ties result in the LOWER Handicap player to be put through. Seeded Matchplay Draw order as follows:

TOP HALF	BOTTOM HALF
1 v 16	2 v 15
8 v 9	7 v 10
5 v 12	6 v 11
4 v 13	3 v 14

DODDS TROPHY (Mixed Pairs) Max Men 28 (White Ts) / Women 36 (Red Ts)
50% Combined. White Tees For Stroke Index.

Matchplay Guidelines

1. The entry sheets for the Hector Imrie, Hepplewhite & Shaw and Dodds Trophies will be open for bookings in January 2026 and will be situated in the Professionals shop.
2. Entry into the above competitions will only be confirmed upon payment of the relevant entrance fee: Hepplewhite & Shaw £5, Hector Imrie and Dodds Trophies £10 per couple.
3. The Closing date for entry to the above competitions will be the first Sunday in May and the draw will be made on the following Monday. No entrants will be accepted once the draw has been made.

4. The draw will be posted on the Competition board downstairs soon after.
5. When the draw has been made all entrants contact details will be automatically added to the Draw Sheet. By entering these competitions, you are **consenting to Whitburn Golf Club adding your contact details to the Draw Sheet.**
6. It will be the top player in each match's responsibility to contact his opponent. Failure to do so without good reason and the captain's knowledge may lead to forfeiture of the tie.
7. All matches must be played by the date stated on the Draw Sheet unless prior approval for an extension has been sought and agreed with the captain. Failure to do so may lead to forfeiture of the tie.

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CLUB ORDER OF MERIT COMPETITIONS

Rothmans Cup Played over the course of the season with the best **13 NETT scores** being allocated points in each of the 14 strokeplay competitions played on a Sunday only, apart from the Charles Smith Qualifier.

The Geoff Wilkinson Trophy Played over the course of the season with the best **13 GROSS scores** being allocated points in each of the 14 strokeplay competitions played on a Sunday only, apart from the Charles Smith Qualifier.

Midweek Stableford OOM Played over the course of the season with the best 13 STABLEFORD results being allocated points for each stableford.

2024 CHANGES to WHS

Following the introduction of the World Handicap System in 2020 which had been running for 4 years, a planned review of the Rules of Handicapping has been carried out by R&A with England Golf and the following are the basics of the changes which come into force on 1st April 2024 and are most relevant to Whitburn Golf Club.

1. The addition of Course Rating minus Par in the calculation of Playing Handicaps. Players will now play to Par instead of course rating. If Par is lower than Course rating players will receive additional shots. If Par is higher than course rating, they will lose strokes. This may change according to tee sets played. e.g. A layout with Course Rating of 73.6, but a par of 72 would see 1.6 shots added to your Handicap. A course with a rating of 69.5, but a par of 70 would see half a shot taken from your Course Handicap.
2. Expected scores for holes not played are being introduced where the “expected score” for any hole not played for a “VALID REASON” is calculated and posted for handicap. If the reason is an “INVALID REASON” then a penalty score will be applied, or the card not posted for Handicap. Players are expected to play ALL holes in a competition in line with the rules of golf.
3. Rounding of handicaps. Where club or mobile device software is used, handicaps will be rounded at the last point before a Playing Handicap is given. In competition this will be after the % allowance is made.
4. Four Ball scores are now acceptable for Handicap purposes. The trigger for this to be activated is only when a team come in with at least 42 Stableford points or 6 under Par in Strokeplay and one player of the pair has scored on a minimum of 9 holes.
5. Playing on Par 3 courses away from Whitburn? You could now put a score in for handicap.

There are other changes and members can familiarise themselves with these changes at: <https://www.EnglandGolf.org/2024-whs-update-resources>.

All the above are handled within the club V1 software and new handicap tables came into effect from 1st April 2024.

Whitburn Golf Club and England Golf would encourage members to submit cards for handicap regularly to maintain an accurate handicap as a true reflection of playing ability.

WHITBURN GOLF CLUB COMPETITION RULES 2026

Due to the World Handicap System, England Golf and DCGU requirements the competition rules and handicap management is more essential than ever, and strict penalties (automated and club determined) have been recommended by England Golf. These are required to be followed by all members, guests and visitors to maintain an accurate measure of true playing ability. Whitburn Golf Club will follow all governing body requirements to preserve the highest level of fair play and support to members possible.

Note: Significant changes to handicapping calculation and course playing conditions came into force on 1st April 2024 and it is recommended that all members familiarise themselves with these changes (see previous page).

Information available at: <https://www.EnglandGolf.org/2024-whs-update-resources>

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1 General Competition Rules and Information

Only bona fide members with official active handicaps can enter the Club Open competitions. iGolf Handicaps are acceptable for Open Competitions only.

The rules of golf always apply.

All competitors should be familiar with The Rules of Golf and Club Local Rules and information as printed on the scorecard.

The competition secretary / handicap committee and club captain have the right to impose sanctions or penalties against any player / member who disregards the rules of golf or these competitions rules. In any dispute the committees' decision is final. Final appeal can be made through consultation with DCGU.

Normal competition times:

Men's Sunday club competitions are usually between 06.12 and 13.56 on Sundays (depending on time of year and weather conditions).

Men's Midweek Stableford Competitions are between 06.12 and 17.00 on Wednesdays (depending on time of year and weather conditions).

Ladies Competition Tee times: on Tuesdays between 10.36 and 11.08, and Saturdays and Sundays between 06:12 & 17:00 (dependent on availability on BRS). Full details of Ladies competitions are available from the Lady Captain of the Club.

Senior Men's Competition days and Team Matches are usually on Thursdays between 10.36 and 11.40.

Entry to Competitions including Opens will be by pre-booking on BRS (With the exception of certain competitions e.g. Charity Days, Summer Solstice, where registration will take place in the Clubhouse.)

Competitions may have a delayed start, postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the Head Green Keeper or Captain in some cases. If delayed start the Sunday Competition may be substituted for a different type of competition to enable competitive play.

2.Individual Competitions

Only fully paid subscription club members are allowed to play in Club Trophy/Board competitions. Flexi members cannot play in competitions on weekends.

It is recommended to read the weekly newsletter and check the information board outside the professional shop for competition details prior to start.

A member can remove his name, or add his name if not already booked, up to commencement of the competition. All competition scorecards must be returned and entered in the PSI or smart phone by an individual or group member.

A member may enter a competition on the day of a competition by confirming that a slot is available with at least one playing partner and signing in via one of the PSI touch screens and registering on BRS.

Booking and sign in including score entry activities will be via BRS & PSI touch screens, as well as a smart phone for score entry.

Failure to comply may result in suspension from the next singles competition (e.g. Failure to return a Sunday card results in suspension from next Sunday comp. The same applies to Midweek Stableford competitions).

Any member failing to make his starting time on the tee may receive an automatic suspension from the next singles competition, unless previously removed from BRS.

Except for shotgun competitions, competitors must start at the 1st tee in all competitions.

Singles competition qualification: Competition entrants should have a minimum of 3 cards posted on the clubs or England Golf system as a Golf Club member to play in competitions. All singles competitors should go out in 3 balls max. for Sunday Competitions and 4 balls max. on Midweek Stableford days where possible. Members, visitors and Societies are allowed to book in on Wednesdays even when not in competition. No visitor bookings will be taken on Sundays until the last competition group have teed off. Noncompeting members may not join competition groups except where a marker may be required. Visitors and guests may not join competition groups in any circumstances during Sunday club competition hours. No players should be out on the course prior to the first BRS tee time. Members booking a competition slot but not playing in the competition may be charged a competition fee.

Junior Player qualification: Juniors over the age of 12 are eligible for competition play with a maximum handicap limit of 28 and have a minimum of 3 qualifying cards (54 holes) posted on the clubs' system (not just on England Golf). Two juniors may play with one adult in competition, if both

juniors have a handicap of 13 or less (Division 1). Only one junior is allowed to play in each three ball in competition if they have a handicap of 14 and above (Division 2).

In 4 ball or foursomes/greensomes competitions, a full or senior member must partner juniors if the junior has a handicap of 14 or above (Division 2). If both juniors have a handicap of 13 or less (Division 1), then they can partner each other.

Starting times will not be changed on the day by competitors or delayed due to inclement weather

The competition committee may abandon or suspend a competition if weather conditions deem it necessary as detailed in section 1 and 6.

Adverse and dangerous weather conditions may require the course to be cleared at any time. This will be signalled by one long klaxon blast and when conditions are suitably safe two shorter blast will sound to resume play. Player's ball position should be marked before leaving the course.

All players who enter a 36-hole competition are required to play both rounds and any player who fails to play in both rounds will be suspended from the next singles competition (club championship – see specific rules).

Club Matchplay competition rounds must be played within the specified dates as shown on the draw sheet. Any match (including the final) finishing in a tie after 36 holes, should continue on a sudden death basis, hole by hole basis until a winner is decided.

Whitburn Golf Club Competitions Guidelines holds full Matchplay Scoring/Handicap information.

Resolution of ties in other competitions will be decided by back 9, back 6, back 3, back 1. If a tie still occurs then the count back is taken over the front 9, front 6, front 3, front 1, until a result is established.

All competitions are subject to change as circumstances may warrant.

Any competitor who fails to register a booking on BRS and/or sign in via the PSI Touch Screen (or starting sheet when applicable) before starting play will be disqualified. His card will not be entered into the competition and will be deemed neither a score for the competition or for handicapping purposes, nor will he be eligible for the two's competition. **Should a technical error occur preventing sign in players must advise the Club Professional if they are entering the competition and the two's sweep.**

Any competitor whose entry fee is not paid before starting (or does not advise the club Professional as above), will be disqualified. His card will not be entered into the competition and will be deemed neither a score for the competition or for handicapping purposes, nor will he be eligible for the two's competition. However: early starters i.e. those who Tee off before Pro Shop / Golf Reception is open must notify the pro or Handicap Secretary at least the day before that they are entering the competition and whether they are entering 2s sweep and therefore will be liable for the entry fees involved.

3 Handicaps.

In line with the rules of golf. Entry to a competition confirms that the player will play all 18 Holes of golf and to the best of their ability.

All cards should have, as a minimum, the current competition name, date, handicap index, course handicap, playing handicap appended, all gross scores in player A' column and signed by the competitor and the marker. The markers name should also be printed on the card. Failure of either

player or marker to sign the card will result in disqualification. Printed competition labels contain competition name, players name, Handicap Index (HI), Course handicap (CH) and Playing Handicap (PH) printed on them.

It is the club's responsibility to ensure players are playing off the correct Handicap and if they believe their Handicap is inaccurate the Handicap Secretary should be informed.

Any handicap queries should be notified to the professional prior to commencement of play.

All cards must be returned in competitions (including NRs) and entered into the computer in the pro-shop, clubhouse lounge or Spike Bar. Anyone who has a "no return" on a hole must continue to enter his scores on the following holes making full use of DID NOT START (DNS) and DID NOT FINISH (DNF) functions in compliance with handicapping rules. This will protect the handicaps of the concerned player and avoid penalties. Each competitor is responsible for his own card.

Competition Cards should be completed and signed on the course. Filling out cards in the club house and locker rooms is not allowed.

Any player who fails to return his scorecard in a competition will be subject to a Penalty Score which is automatically applied by England Golf and furthermore fails to enter the score in the computer on more than one occasion, may be asked to appear before the competitions sub-committee when sanctions may be applied. If the non-returned card is found to be for the reason of handicap manipulation, then a score as recommended by England Golf may be applied. Repeat offenders may be subject to a Handicap freeze and/or suspension.

Scores on scorecards must be legible and any cards that are re-written (through loss or damage) should have the original attached. Accurately completed cards remain the top-level priority of competitions entry information and establishing disqualification as well as identification of the member and markers name.

Any player in qualifying competitions away from Whitburn golf club will be responsible for informing the competitions convenor of any score that will affect his handicap. Away scores should be returned within 7 days for chronological handicapping record maintenance. Failure to do so could lead to a suspension of his handicap.

All players are kindly requested to circle twos on their scorecards.

Handicap Limits: All men's competitions have a Handicap Limit of maximum 28. Anyone with a playing handicap may enter Club Board and Trophy competitions but will be limited to a maximum of 18 shots allowance with respect to winning a Name Board or Trophy Competition.

Full 28 allowance will be used to calculate category prize money vouchers. Prize money categories will be 0-13 and 14-28 where 2 category competitions are stated.

4. Sweeps and Prizes.

Players cannot enter the sweep or twos without entering the competition and paying the entry fee.

Entry to the professionals 2s sweep is optional.

No Cash prizes can be paid, Prize Money Vouchers will be paid out as follows:

Sunday Club Competitions: These are split into 2 divisions. Prize money vouchers will be equally divided between the 2 divisions and on Places 1 to 4. There will be a bonus allocated to the overall winner and the player with the lowest gross score (unless lowest nett is already allocated).

Midweek Stablefords will be paid on the places 1 to 4 with only one category, if there are 90 entrants or less. If there are over 90 entrants, then there will be 2 divisions with the prize money vouchers equally divided between the 2 divisions and on places 1 to 4.

Prize money vouchers may be added onto their bar card or onto their account with the professional.

2s Pro's Sweep prize money is added onto a members account with the club professional. The sweep is not managed by the club.

When a competition in progress is cancelled all monies will be refunded. A record of all fee paying players in cancelled competitions will be kept.

5. Penalties and Violations.

All penalties for competitions and handicap violations will be dealt with by the competition secretary in accordance and guidance of Durham County Golf Union and England Golf rules and requirements.

Handicaps of members will be scrutinised on an ongoing basis by the Club, and it is the right of a member to request a review at any time. Appeals may be made to the handicaps committee or competition secretary and if no resolution can be agreed can be referred to the relevant governing body whose decision will be final.

Violations of competition rules and the rules of golf during competition must be reported on the day of the competition where the offence should be noted and the names of the playing group involved. An investigation will then be instigated. Players should be advised of a violation and given the opportunity where possible to correct their actions or accept the penalty for the error.

Regular offenders of the competition rules, in the competition committee's opinion may be subject to further penalties such as handicap freezing or suspension from competition play. Members playing in a competition when serving a ban will incur a further ban of another singles competition suspension and are disqualified from the competition.

6. Miscellaneous

Competition cancellation or start delay is at the discretion of the Green Keeper, the Professional or in some cases the Club Captain and may be decided on the day in weather related circumstances.

In the event of lightning or adverse weather conditions making the course unplayable, a klaxon will be sounded with one prolonged distinct blast. Players must mark their ball and leave the course. Play will be resumed once the danger has passed, or conditions improve, and the klaxon will be sounded with two short distinct blasts to restart play. If a competition delay lasts more than 30 minutes, then the competition will automatically be abandoned. If the competition is abandoned this will be signified with three distinctive blasts.

The use of buggies is allowed in competitions only after production of a valid Doctors note has been approved by the Committee. However, this requirement is waived for all members 80 years old and above. No passengers or other players clubs/bags are to be carried unless also covered by a registered Doctors note.

The Competitions Sub-Committee will make final decisions on all matters related to the Competition Rules as shown in this document. 3 minimum members required to form a meeting.

Club Competitions / Handicap Secretary:

Chairman:

Club Captain:

Club Vice Captain:

Ladies Comp. Secretary:

1 January 2026

JUNIOR SECTION COURSE RULES AND TIMES

1. A Junior Member ceases to be a Junior Member on **1st January** immediately **FOLLOWING** her/his 18th birthday (except when that birthday occurs on 1st January when it occurs forthwith).
2. Junior Members **ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PLAY FROM THE FIRST TEE (EVEN IF PLAYING WITH A SENIOR MEMBER)** at the following times:
WEEKENDS - BEFORE 10:00 am, UNLESS PLAYING IN A CLUB COMPETITION.
3. A Junior can enter a Club competition providing s/he has attained the age of 12 and has a club handicap.

They must play with at least one adult or adults. Further clarification is given in the Competition Rules Section of the Handbook.

4. Junior Members must become familiar with the Rules of Golf, the Course Rules and with golf etiquette.

DRESS CODE

CLUBHOUSE:

Track/shell suits or part thereof, vests, caps or hats, waterproof golf clothing, spiked, pimped or shoes worn on the course are not allowed in the Clubhouse. Vests, collarless and sleeveless tee shirts, football/rugby shirts should not be worn at any time. New style collarless polo shirts are acceptable. The wearing of jeans in the Clubhouse is now allowed, but these jeans must be tidy. Cut/ragged jeans will not be allowed.

NOTE: VAPING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

COURSE:

Players are not permitted to wear track/shell suits or part thereof, jeans, denim clothing or vests on the course.

Vests, collarless and /or sleeveless tee shirts, football/rugby shirts should not be worn at any time.

SHORTS:

During hot weather/summertime, tailored shorts **MAY** be worn on the course and in the Clubhouse.

ANY INDIVIDUAL NOT OBSERVING THE ABOVE CLUBHOUSE DRESS RULES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLUB BY AN AUTHORISED OFFICER.

MOBILE PHONES:

Players should note that the use of mobile phones on the golf course is **NOT** permitted and phones should be switched off or put into silent or vibrate mode. Whilst in the clubhouse lounge/bar area, phones should be switched to silent or vibrate mode and if you need to speak on the phone, please move outside the lounge/bar area to do so. Use of phone for texting and internet access is acceptable.