



Innerleithen Golf Club

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Competition Procedures and Formats

1.0 Purpose	The purpose of this document is to define the procedures and formats for competitions played at Innerleithen Golf Club (IGC)
2.0 General Rules	All competitions will be played according to the rules of golf as defined by the R&A's official rules of golf. In addition any Local rules adopted by IGC will supplement these rules.
2.1 Tees	Summer Competitions are generally played off the White Tees (men) and Red tees (Ladies). Winter Competitions are generally played off the Yellow Tees (men) and Red tees (Ladies). Integrated competitions are where all players play off the same tees – see below section 2.2 for the respective course ratings.
2.2 Course Rating	<p>Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Tees: Par 70, Course Rating 68.5, Slope 121 • Yellow Tees: Par 70, Course Rating 67.2, Slope 118 • Red Tees: Par 70, Course Rating 65.6, Slope 116 <p>Ladies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Tees: Par 72, Course Rating 74.2, Slope 123 • Yellow Tees: Par 72, Course Rating 72.8, Slope 119 • Red Tees: Par 72, Course Rating 70.6, Slope 115
2.3 Handicapping (Hcp)	<p>Entry to all competitions requires a player to have an official WHS handicap index. The number of strokes received by a player when playing in a competition is dependent on the tees used and the format of the competition being played.</p> <p>A player's Course Hcp is calculated by using the player's Hcp Index multiplied by the slope and divided by 113.</p> <p>In addition a player's Course Hcp is also adjusted dependent on the format of the competition being played to produce a Playing Hcp. In stroke competitions players receive 95% of their Course handicap allowance.</p> <p>From April 2024 a further adjustment to the playing Hcp is to be made where the Par and Course Rating (CR) are taken into consideration in calculating the Playing Hcp. See below</p> <p>Playing Hcp = Hcp Index x Slope/113 + (CR- Par) x 95%</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>For a player with an Hcp index of 10.4 and playing off the white tees in a stroke competition: They will receive the following Playing Hcp stroke allowance:-</p> <p>Playing Hcp = 10.4 x (121/113) + (68.5 - 70) x 0.95 = 9.15.</p> <p>The player would be allocated a Playing Hcp allowance of 9 for the competition.</p>

2.4	Competition Entry	<p>Entry to competitions is facilitated by the use of the tee booking program BRS. Competitions are open for entry approximately one month before their play date.</p> <p>A small fee is charged for competition entry this will be deducted from the player's BRS purse.</p> <p>Entry to a competition will be barred if the player's purse has a zero balance. Entry to competitions is also subject other conditions such as gender where a competition maybe defined as a Gents or Ladies or a having a maximum Playing Hcp limit.</p>
2.5	Entry Fees	<p>Competitions have an entry fee of £3.50.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2.00 goes to the prize pot. • £0.50 to the two's sweep. • £0.50 to a series pot • £0.50 is taken as an expenses fee by the club.
2.6	Prizes	<p>A competition prize is paid into a player's BRS purse and is paid to the first three placed players in an individual competition.</p> <p>The prize pot is shared;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% going to first placed player, • 30% to the second placed player • 20 % going to the third placed player. <p>In a team competition the prize pot maybe shared by the first and second placed teams.</p> <p>In sponsored medal competitions there are fixed prizes of £50, £30 and £20 for the first three placed players.</p> <p>In addition to the above a nominated hole(s) is designated as a two's hole any player gaining a two at the hole will share in the two's pot. A player achieving a hole in one scoops the two's pot.</p> <p>In an Open competition where there are visitors without a BRS purse and with prizes greater than £50 a Scottish Golf voucher should be the preferred method of payment.</p>
3.0	Penalties	<p>A player should be ready to play at his allocated tee time. He should have a score card and he should annotate his name and handicap index to it.</p> <p>On completion of his round a player must enter his score into the clubhouse computer (Handicapmaster) and sign his card which must also be counter signed by a playing partner. A failure to sign his card will result in the player being disqualified from the competition (Rule 3.3b)</p> <p>A player must start at (and not before) their starting time. A player who starts his round less than 5 minutes before/after it is supposed to begin will receive a two stroke penalty applied to their first hole. A player will be disqualified if they start their round out with these times. (Rule 5.3a)</p> <p>If the starting time is delayed for any reason such as weather or slow play by other groups there is no breach of the rule providing the player is present and ready to play.</p> <p>Adverse weather may cause a round to be cancelled (a decision made by the green keeper or committee) all scores and all penalties during that round are cancelled.</p>

4.0	Formats	Golf is played in various formats at Innerleithen see below for a description for their play.
4.1	Strokeplay	Stroke play competitions have a 95% course Hcp allowance for a player's Playing handicap. All strokes taken will be recorded. A player may record a pickup and a non-returnable score at a hole if he cannot continue for any reason. A non-returnable score will mean the player cannot win the competition but he should continue playing as his score can still be used for Hcp purposes.
4.2	Stableford	Stablefords are form of stroke play with a 95% course Hcp allowance for a player's Playing handicap. Points rather than scores are allocated for each hole by comparing the player's score to the fixed target score of net par for the hole. With a score of more than one over the fixed target or a no score returned score 0 points. One over fixed target score 1 point, Score 2 points for achieving the fixed target of net par. Score 3 points for one under the fixed target. Score 4 points for two under the fixed target. Score 5 points for three under the fixed target.
4.3	Bogey	Bogey competitions are form of stroke play with a 95% course Hcp allowance for a player's Playing handicap. A player plays against the course with objected to beat the score of bogie at each hole. A player who records a net birdie or better wins and is 1 up. A player who records a net par has halved the hole. A player who records a net bogie has lost the hole and records 1 down. The winner of the competition is the player who has the most wins.
4.4	Texas Scramble	Stroke play format with a 3-man team (one scorecard). The Hcp allowances are 25%/20%/15% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest ranked Hcp player receiving 25% of his course Hcp. • Second ranked receiving 20%. • Third ranked 15%. Each team member must complete four drives. A hole is completed when a ball is holed with the number of strokes recorded. The winning team is the team with the lowest net score.
4.5	Eclectic	Eclectic competitions are form of stroke play with a 95% course Hcp allowance for a player's Playing handicap. See section 4.1 above for the general conditions. Eclectics are played over several rounds (series). The lowest score for each hole over the played rounds is recorded. The winner is the player with the lowest combined course score.
4.6	Greensomes	Greensomes competitions are a two-player team form of stroke play. Their Hcp allowance is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lowest Hcp player has a 60% allowance. • The other has a 40% allowance. In Greensomes, both players on a team drive off, the best drive is selected and they play alternate shots from there until the ball is holed.
4.7	Foursomes	Foursomes competitions are a two-player team form of stroke play were player's play alternate shots (playing only one ball) until the ball is holed. Each player taking turns to drive off. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In stroke play the Hcp allowance of each foursome team is 50% of each player's combined Hcp.
4.8	Pairs	Pairs competitions are a two-player team form of stroke play. Each player receives a 90% allowance for their Playing handicap. In Pairs, the format is Better Ball. Each player plays his own ball and the player who records the lowest net score record this as their team score for the played hole.

4.9 **Waltz**
 The Waltz is a 3-man team competition playing to a Stableford format. Each player plays his own ball receiving a 95% allowance of their playing Hcp.
 The Waltz follows the best ball format. On the first hole the only the best net score is recorded. On the second hole the two best net scores are recorded. On the third hole all three scores are recorded. This process is then repeated over the course of the remaining holes played.
 I.e. Holes 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16 are one score holes. Holes 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17 are two score holes. Holes 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 are three score holes.

4.10 **Match Play**
 Match Play is a form of golf where a player, or team, plays directly against an opponent in a head-to-head match. The match maybe played in a Stroke play, Singles or Pairs or in a Greensome format.
 Each player receives 100% allowance of their Course HCp for their Playing Hcp. There is a further consideration for their allowance if an opponent is playing off a different tee i.e. a Gent playing against a lady.
 See the example below:

Foursomes, Match Play, including mixed matches										
Team	Player	Course	Hcp Index	Course Hcp	Course Rating	50% combined CHs	Course Rating Adjustment	50% of combined CR Adjs	Team Playing Hcp	Strokes Rec'd in Match
Team A	Jack	White	12.6	13	68.5	13.0	-	-	13	-
	Jim	White	12.4	13	68.5		-			
Team B	June	Red	17.2	18	70.6	18.0	2.1	2.1	20	7
	Jane	Red	18.0	18	70.6		2.1			

From the table above it can be seen that the Ladies team playing off the Red Tees will receive an additional 2 shots to their playing Hcp allowance.

4.11 **Open Competitions**
 These competitions are open to members and visitors. The entry fee is set by Open competition committee. Members may pay using their BRS purse but visitors are required to pay using a debit card via the club website – Visitor Open Booking.
 These competitions can be for Men, Ladies or mixed gender. Their formats can also be stroke, stableford or Pairs.

5.0	Competition	The club publishes a fixture list for all competitions with their date, competition name and format of play for each playing season.
5.1	Captain v Vice Captain	The first competition of the new season it's a Pairs competition between the two teams with a 4BBB format – see section 4.8 for the general conditions. Shotgun start at 9.00am. Be at the clubhouse at 08:30am for team and partner allocation. This competition is open to both genders.
5.2	Medals	Club and Senior Medals are stroke play competitions – see section 4.1 above for the general conditions. Medals are open to both genders but with a Hcp limit of 27 for men and 36 for Ladies.
5.3	Henry Ballantyne	A stroke play competition – see section 4.1 above for the general conditions. This competition is played over three rounds with a player's best two rounds counting. The top sixteen players continue the competition in a series of match play knock matches. This competition is for men only.
5.4	Ford Trophy	A stroke play competition – see section 4.1 above for the general conditions. This competition is for men only.
5.5	Jock Hailstones	A Texas scramble competition – see section 4.3 above for the general conditions. Members pick their own playing partners. This competition is open to both genders.
5.6	Andrew Roberstson	A Bogie competition - see section 4.4 above for the general conditions. This competition is for men only.
5.7	Presidents Trophy	A stroke play competition – see section 4.1 above for the general conditions. This competition is open to both genders.
5.8	Help for Heroes	A stroke play competition – see section 4.1 above for the general conditions. This competition is open to both genders
5.9	Ronnie Eckford	A stroke play competition – see section 4.1 above for the general conditions The Ronnie Eckford is a two-round competition played over two consecutive days. The winner has the lowest total of the combined scores from the two rounds. This competition is for men only.
5.10	Carders Cup	A stroke play competition – see section 4.1 above for the general conditions. This competition is for men only.
5.11	Bill Forsyth	A Greensome competition – see section 4.6 above for the general conditions. Pick your own partner. This competition is for men only.
5.12	Autumn Trophy	A Pairs competition – see section 4.8 above for the general conditions. Players are requested to be at the clubhouse for 8:30am for Partners draw with names drawn from a hat. The competition has a 9.00am shotgun start. The field is limited to 36 players. This competition is for men only.
5.13	Green Keepers Day	A stableford competition – see section 4.2 for the general conditions. This competition is open to both genders.

5.14	J & B Final	<p>The J & B final is a stableford competition see section 4.2 for the general conditions.</p> <p>Entry to the final requires a player to have accumulated a total of 10 points from qualifying competitions. The first 10 placed players in a qualifying competition receive points, with 1st receiving 10 points and so on.</p> <p>This competition is for men only</p> <p>The prize for the winners of the J&B final is presented at prize giving day.</p>
5.15	Super Medals	<p>Super Medals (both club and senior) are played in a stroke play format – see section 4.1.</p> <p>To qualify for entry to these competitions a player must be a winner or runner-up in a monthly medal.</p> <p>The main Super Medal prize for the winners is presented at prize giving day. A sweep pot prize can be won by the first three placed players on the day.</p>
5.16	Colonel Rough	<p>The Colonel Rough is an annual Pairs Match Play (Foursomes, alternate shot) knockout competition. Partners are allocated by a blind draw with a competition draw sheet posted on the club notice board, with a must play by date for each round. The top pair of the draw is responsible for arranging their match. Three dates should be offered to the opposing pair. Failure to play the match by the posted date can lead to disqualification. The committee being the final arbiter for any decision on disqualification.</p> <p>A small entrance fee is charged and the competition is open to men only.</p>
5.17	Glendinning Trophy	<p>The Glendinning Trophy is an annual Pairs Match Play (4BBB) knockout competition. Players may pick their own partners. A competition draw sheet is posted on the club notice board, with a must play by date for each round. The top pair of the draw is responsible for arranging their match. Three dates should be offered to the opposing pair. Failure to play the match by the posted date can lead to disqualification. The committee being the final arbiter for any decision on disqualification.</p> <p>A small entrance fee is charged and the competition is open to men only.</p>
5.18	Xmas waltz	<p>A sponsored team competition with a cash prize for the winning team and a nearest the pin cash prize. See section 4.9 for the general conditions.</p> <p>Members pick their own playing partners. This competition is open to both genders.</p>
5.19	New Year Greensome	<p>A Greensome competition – see section 4.6 above for the general conditions.</p> <p>Shotgun start at 9.00am. Be at the clubhouse at 08:30am for team and partner allocation</p> <p>This competition is open to both genders.</p>
5.20	Club Champ'	<p>The club championship is divided into three categories A, B & C. In each category matches are played in a scratch Match Play knockout format. The qualifying conditions for entry for each section are set by the committee. Preliminary rounds are 18 hole competitions.</p> <p>Finals are 36-hole competitions played by the remaining two players in each category.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A class Hcp < 10 • B class Hcp (10 - 15) • C class Hcp (16 – 54) <p>A small entrance fee is charged and the competition is open to men only.</p>
5.21	Gents Open	<p>An 18-hole Stroke Play competition. See sections 4.1 and 4.11 above for the general conditions.</p> <p>This competition is for men only.</p>
5.22	Senior Open	<p>An 18-hole Stableford Play competition. See sections 4.2 and 4.11 above for the general conditions. This competition is open to both genders.</p>
5.23	Geordie Bell Open	<p>A Mixed Pairs Stroke Play competition. See sections 4.1 and 4.11 above for the general conditions.</p> <p>Men play off the White tees Ladies off the Red tees. See section 4.10 for Hcp allowances.</p>

6.0	Ladies Competition	Ladies only competitions are played off the Red tees. Mixed Competition Men play off the White tees Ladies off the Red tees.
6.1	SLAG Trophy	18-hole stroke play competition. See section 4.1 above for the general conditions Ladies only
6.2	Jubilee Trophy	18-hole Mixed Pairs Greensome competition. See section 4.6 above for the general conditions
6.3	Veitch Trophy	18-hole Stroke play competition. See section 4.1 above for the general conditions Ladies only
6.4	Rosie Bowl	18-hole Greensome competition. See section 4.6 above for the general conditions. Ladies only
6.5	Coronation Foursome	18-hole Pairs Foursome competition. See section 4.7 above for the general conditions. Ladies only
6.6	Games Trophy	18-hole Stroke play competition. See section 4.1 above for the general conditions Ladies only
6.7	Nan Howden	18-hole Stroke play competition. See section 4.1 above for the general conditions Ladies only
6.8	Hill Trophy	18 hole Stableford play competition. See section 4.2 above for the general conditions Ladies only
6.9	Trades Trophy	36-hole Stroke play competition, played over two rounds. See section 4.1 above for the general conditions. The winner is the player with lowest cumulative two round score. Ladies only
6.10	Marie Todd	18-hole Stroke play competition. See section 4.1 above for the general conditions Ladies only
6.11	Coronation Foursome	18-hole Stroke play competition. See section 4.7 above for the general conditions Ladies only
6.12	Ladies Championship	The Ladies championship is a scratch Match Play knockout format. The qualifying conditions for entry are set by the committee with a small fee charged for entry. Preliminary rounds are 18-hole matchplay knockout competitions. The Final is an 18-hole competition played by the remaining two players on championship final's day.

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