



SKERRIES GOLF CLUB - ONE CLUB TERMS OF COMPETITIONS

**THE TERMS SET OUT WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT ARE EFFECTIVE
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Rules of Golf

The Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A and USGA, may be amended from time to time. Any additional Local Rules made and published by Skerries Golf Club shall apply to all competitions held in Skerries Golf Club.

It is the responsibility of all players to ensure they are familiar with and apply these Rules while participating in any competition held in Skerries Golf Club.



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Introduction

The purpose of the One Club Terms of Competition document is to set out the rules governing how competitions are administered by the Golf Committee at Skerries Golf Club. The most up-to-date version of this document is available on the [Club website](#).

The rules should be read in conjunction with the [R&A Rules of Golf](#), the World Handicapping System, and the Skerries Golf Club (the Club) Bye-Laws and Local Rules. In the event of any conflict with this Terms of Competition document, the above-mentioned documents shall take precedence.



A. Rules of Golf

1. The Rules of Golf, as approved by the R&A and USGA, in addition to any local rules as made and published by the Club, shall apply to all competitions held in the Club.

All members and visitors are expected to familiarise themselves with the [Skerries Golf Club Local Rule](#) in effect.

2. It is the responsibility of all players to ensure that they are familiar with, and apply, these rules while participating in any competition held in the Club.



B. Handicapping

1. Handicap Governance

Handicaps are operated and maintained in accordance with the [World Handicapping System \(WHS\)](#).

2. Obtaining a Handicap

To obtain a Handicap Index under the WHS, a member must submit a combination of **9-hole and/or 18-hole scores**, totalling a minimum of **54 holes**, to their Home Club (preferably three 18-hole cards).

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Each card must be **marked and signed by a person holding a WHS Handicap Index**, in accordance with Rule 1.4A.

A member should also provide details of any **previous handicaps or playing history**, as required by the Club.

3. Declaration Form

A **Declaration Form**, outlining any previously held handicap or playing history in any sport, must be **completed, signed and submitted** with the relevant scorecards.

4. Suspension of Handicap

If a player's membership is suspended at their Home Club (e.g. Leave of Absence), the player's **Handicap Index shall be rendered inactive** until such time as membership is reinstated, in line with WHS Rules of Handicapping (Rule 7.1(d)).



5. Submission of Scores

Scores recorded in organised competitions **must be returned for handicap purposes**. This includes competitions organised by affiliated clubs and bodies such as Alliances, Societies and internal club groups (also known as **away scores**).

It is the **player's responsibility** to ensure that all such scores are returned. Where a player fails to do so, the Golf Committee may intervene to enter the score or apply a **Penalty Score**, where appropriate.

All scores returned for handicap purposes must meet the criteria of an **Acceptable Score**, being a score from an authorised format of play that complies with the WHS Rules of Handicapping.

Pre-registered General Play scores (including Alliances, Societies and internal club) must be **registered prior to play** and submitted **as soon as possible following completion of the round**, and in all cases **before midnight (local time)** on the day of play.

Scores from a singles competition should be entered via the designated score entry system or approved application (Golf Ireland app) as soon as possible following completion of the round.

Any scores submitted after midnight will remain valid for handicap purposes; however, they will **not be included in the Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)** for that day. The applicable PCC for the day of play will be **retrospectively applied** when the score is processed.

The **Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)** is a daily adjustment that assesses whether playing conditions differ from normal, based on how players perform relative to expected standards. A Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) will only be applied where sufficient qualifying scores are returned on the day, in accordance with WHS provisions.



For a score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, the minimum number of holes must be completed in accordance with WHS requirements (e.g. all 9 holes for a 9-hole score or at least 10 holes for an 18-hole score, where applicable).

Where a round is not completed, it must be for a valid reason (e.g. adverse weather conditions, fading light, or injury), and will be treated in accordance with WHS requirements.

Where a Pre-registered General Play round is not submitted, an **automatic penalty score may be applied** where appropriate.

Under WHS, there are no 'No Returns' for handicap purposes; where a round is not completed for a valid reason, the score will be treated in accordance with WHS provisions. Where an away score cannot be entered through the host club system, the player must submit a completed scorecard to Skerries Golf Club as soon as possible for processing.

6. Player Responsibilities

Players are expected to familiarise themselves with the **WHS Rules of Handicapping**, in particular **Appendix 1 (Player Responsibilities)**.

Any player who deliberately or repeatedly fails to comply with these responsibilities may have their **Handicap Index withdrawn** by the Golf Committee.

7. Completion of Rounds

It is assumed that any player who enters a **qualifying competition** intends to complete the round and return a score for handicap purposes.



8. Competition Eligibility & Formats of Play

For all **Formats of Play**, reference should be made to the **Golf Ireland Competition Regulations**.

In all Club competitions, including **Semi-Open, Invitational and Open competitions**, as organised by the Golf Committee, only **Handicap Indices from affiliated golf clubs** shall be accepted and recognised for prize eligibility.

9. Further Information

For further information pertaining to the application of the World Handicap System, please refer to the [Golf Ireland FAQ's World Handicap System document](#).



C. Eligibility

1. General Eligibility

To enter a competition, a player must hold a full [World Handicap System \(WHS\) index handicap](#). A '[Fully Developed Handicap](#)' is defined as a player having at least 20 acceptable scores recorded in their scoring record, taken from competition and/or general play, and their Handicap Index is calculated using the lowest 8 Score Differentials from the most recent 20 scores.

All players are responsible for ensuring they meet the eligibility criteria before entering a competition.

2. Competition Entry

Competition entry is by timesheet, except where tee times are allocated by draw.

3. Timesheet Opening

Timesheets are open via **BRS** as follows:

Men

- Seven (7) days in advance of Wednesday competitions
- Nine (9) days in advance of weekend competitions (including Majors and Open competitions)

Ladies

- Eight (8) days in advance of Tuesday competitions
- Nine (9) days in advance of weekend competitions
- Major and Open competitions will open three (3) weeks in advance

Note: These timeframes may be changed at the discretion of the Golf Committee.



4. Tee Time Procedures

When timesheets are in operation:

- Players must have their name on the timesheet prior to playing.
- Fellow competitors should be notified of any alterations as soon as possible before play.
- Players should be at the first tee box **ten (10) minutes** prior to their allocated tee time.
- Tee times must be strictly observed, and competitors must not proceed in advance of their allocated time.
- When competition timesheets are in operation, players with their name on the timesheet are undertaking that they are competing in the respective competition on the day.

When draws are in operation:

- Players must be ready to proceed at their allocated time.

5. Membership Category Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to certain categories of member, as outlined in the Club Constitution:

a) Five Day Members

Five Day Members are **not eligible** to:

- Play in Major Competitions (refer to Appendix 1)
- Play in any Club competitions held on a Saturday or Sunday, other than Semi-Open and Open competitions
- Participate in Club Matchplay Championships



Note: Ladies Five Day, Country and Overseas Members are not eligible to play in Major Competitions. However, they may compete on the Tuesday of Major competitions (e.g. the Lady Captain's/Lady President's Prize) in a special category prize.

b) Overseas and Country Members

Overseas and Country Members are eligible to play in all Club competitions **except:**

- Major Competitions (refer to Appendix 1)
- Club Matchplay competitions

c) Intermediate Members

Intermediate Members are eligible to play in all Club competitions.

d) Junior Members

- Junior Boys with a WHS Handicap Index of **19.9 or lower**, and Junior Girls with a WHS Handicap Index of **39.9 or lower**, may compete in adult competitions during the playing season.
- If a Junior's Handicap Index subsequently exceeds these limits during the season, they shall retain eligibility to compete in adult competitions until the end of that season.

Junior Boys

- May be invited to participate in the Captain's Prize and compete for the Junior Prize only.
- Are not eligible to win First or Second Prize in major competitions with the exception of the Battersby and McDonnell Cups which a Junior Boy is eligible to win (subject to handicap eligibility criteria being met).



Junior Girls

- With a Handicap Index of 39.9 or lower may compete in Major Competitions.
- Are not eligible to win First or Second Prize in major competitions with the exception of the Battersby and McDonnell Cups which a Junior Girl is eligible to win (subject to handicap eligibility criteria being met).
- May compete for all other prizes, including Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive

The Golf Committee may, at their discretion, invite Junior Girls with a Handicap Index of **40.0 or higher** to participate in a major competition, competing for a **separate Junior Prize only**.

Prizes awarded to Juniors are subject to a **maximum monetary value of €75.00**, in accordance with **Appendix 5 – Junior Prize Limits**.

6. Open Qualifying Competitions (Visitors)

Golf Ireland Membership is mandatory for entry as a visitor into all Open Qualifying competitions. Entries shall be by computer, and scores will be uploaded to the WHS following the close of competition.

7. iGolf Members

iGolf Members may enter **only** those Open Competitions designated by the Golf Committee as eligible for iGolf entry, as published by the Club from time to time.

8. Multi-Day Singles Competitions

When the timesheet is open on multiple days for single competitions (e.g. Medals), a player may only enter the competition once.



When a competition is run over two days (i.e. the scores for both days are accumulated, then players should enter both days via ClubV1; however, the player will be charged when entering on the first day.

9. Fourball Competitions (Crossover)

Where only three (3) players are entered on a timesheet line for a Fourball Competition (crossover):

- The player with the lowest Handicap Index may play with both other players
- This player need only enter the competition once
- A single-entry fee applies
- The player may win only one prize
- Both partners may win prizes



D. Method of Entry and Scorecards

1. Competition Entry

When timesheets are in operation, members are responsible for ensuring their name is entered on the competition entry sheet.

2. Removal from Timesheets

Players should not remove their names from the timesheet within 24 hours of their scheduled tee time, except in exceptional circumstances such as illness or an emergency. Where a player removes their name within 24 hours, they should contact their playing partners listed on the timesheet.

In addition, where a player intends to play only 9 holes when an 18-hole competition is scheduled, they must notify their playing partners listed on the timesheet in advance.

3. Changing Tee Times

Changing times on a timesheet on the day of competition is not permitted, including in cases of adverse weather, and may result in disqualification.

However, where the course is closed and subsequently re-opens, a player whose tee time fell during the period of closure may move their time to a later slot.

4. Entry Fees

The entry fee for all competitions must be paid **in advance** before commencing play, either:

- Via the Club's competition management system ("How Did I Do" or "ClubV1"), or
- To designated persons, as agreed by the Golf Committee.

Where the system is unavailable, the entry fee may be paid in the Pro Shop.



A player who fails to enter a qualifying competition in the required manner is deemed **not to have a score** for that competition.

5. Confirmation of Entry

Players are responsible for checking that the competition system has accepted their entry.

6. System Failure

In the event of the computer or label printer not functioning, the player must manually enter the following on the scorecard:

- Name
- Handicap Index
- Competition format
- Date

7. Multiple Competitions on One Day

Where multiple competitions are held on the same day (e.g. Captain's Prize), it is the player's responsibility to ensure they enter the correct competition.

8. Completion and Signing of Scorecards

Upon completion of the competition round:

- The scorecard must have strokes taken clearly recorded for each hole played.
- The card must be signed by both the competitor and the marker.
- The marker must hold a valid WHS Handicap.

Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification (*Rules of Golf, Rule 3.3b*).



9. Handicap Information on Scorecards

Players **must** enter the following on their scorecard to assist the Competitions and Results Teams:

- Handicap Index
- Course Handicap
- Playing Handicap

10. Markers

The competition scorecard **must** be marked, agreed, and signed by a fellow competitor holding a valid WHS Playing Handicap.

Where a player has no opposition, a person holding a valid WHS Handicap may mark and sign the scorecard, subject to prior approval from the Competitions Secretary or a Committee Member.

11. Marker Responsibility

The marker must:

- **Confirm the player's score on each hole.**
- **Check the scores with the player and record them on the scorecard.**
- **Certify the scores by signing the scorecard** after the round.

If there's a disagreement, it should be **raised with the Committee.**

12. Stableford Competitions

In Stableford competitions, players should also record:

- Points scored per hole
- Total points for the Front 9 and Back 9, and overall 18 holes



13. Stroke Play Competitions

In Stroke Play competitions, players must calculate their Net Score using the table provided on the scorecard.

14. Return of Scorecards

All scorecards for qualifying competitions must be returned **as soon as possible** after completion of the round.

- As a courtesy to the volunteers all scores must be entered electronically on the designated computer.
- Scorecards must be placed in the competition box located in the designated score recording areas.

15. Failure to Return Cards

Under Appendix 1 of the WHS Rules of Handicapping, the Golf Committee may apply sanctions to any player who regularly fails to return a scorecard for a qualifying competition. Sanctions may include the suspension of a player's Handicap Index for a predetermined period.

All scorecards must be returned, including those not completed. Where a card is not completed:

- The score must still be entered on the computer
- The card must be marked **"No Return"**
- The reason for non-completion must be written on the card before it is placed in the competition box

Responsibility for the correct entry and return of scores rests entirely with the player.



16. Qualifying Competitions

Qualifying competitions are those designated by the One Club Golf Committee as counting towards a player's Handicap Index calculation.

17. 9-Hole and 18-Hole Qualifying Competitions

During qualifying competitions, players may enter either:

- The 18-hole competition, or
- The 9-hole competition

Players playing in a 9-hole competition must ensure their playing partners are informed **at least 24 hours in advance** of play.

Note: Only one competition (18-hole or 9-hole) may count towards a player's handicap. 18-hole competitions will take precedence over 9-hole competitions.

18. Non-Qualifying Competitions

Players may enter both the 18-hole and 9-hole competition on the same day **only where both competitions are non-qualifying** (i.e. scores do not count towards handicap calculation).

19. Rules of Golf Queries

Any queries regarding the application of the Rules of Golf should be directed to the Club Professional for clarification **before** the card is signed and returned.

20. Returned Cards and Final Results

In accordance with Rule 3.2 of the Rules of Golf, **no alteration of any kind** may be made to a scorecard once it has been returned through the hatch in the Competitions Room.

All competitions are deemed closed once results have been published. No further alteration of results will be permitted, except to correct an error made by the Competitions or Results Teams.



E. How Ties Will Be Decided

1. Application of R&A Countback Rules

For all competition play, including **Stableford and Stroke Play competitions**, the **R&A Countback Rules** shall apply.

These rules are available:

- On the **R&A website** (*Rule 5A.6 of the R&A Committee Procedures*), and
- On the notice board in the Club's Competition Rooms.

2. Countback Procedures

In Stroke Play and Stableford competitions, ties will be decided using the following countback methods.

a) 18-Hole Competitions

1. Last **9 holes** (holes 10–18)
2. Last **6 holes** (holes 13–18)
3. Last **3 holes** (holes 16–18)
4. Last **hole** (18)

If still tied →

6. F9 Last **6 holes** (holes 4-9)
7. F9 Last **3 holes** (holes 7-9)
8. F9 Last **hole** (9)



b) 12-Hole Competitions

1. Last **6 holes** (holes 7–12)
2. Last **3 holes** (holes 10–12)
3. Last **hole** (12)
4. If still tied →
 - Holes **4–9** (or equivalent “previous 6”)
 - Then **last 3 of those**
 - Then final hole of that group

c) 9-Hole Competitions

1. Last **6 holes** (holes 4–9)
2. Last **3 holes** (holes 7–9)
3. Last **hole** (9)
4. If still tied →
 - Holes **1–6**
 - Holes **1–3**
 - Hole **1**

If a tie is not resolved using the above procedures, the result will be decided **by lot**.

Where a competition uses a **multi-tee (shotgun) start**, the last nine holes for countback purposes shall be deemed to be **holes 10 to 18**.



3. Handicap Application for Countback

In **Stroke Play competitions**, the net score for countback purposes shall be calculated using the **proportion of the player's handicap** applicable to the number of holes used in the countback.

Handicap stroke fractions shall be applied in accordance with **WHS guidelines**.

In **Stableford competitions**, the number of points scored on each hole shall be used for countback purposes.

4. Gross Prizes

For **Gross Prizes**, the countback shall be based on the **gross score only**, with no adjustment for handicap.

In Stableford competitions, Gross Prizes shall be determined by removing handicap allowances from holes on which the player received handicap strokes.



F. Prizes and Presentations

1. Eligibility to Win Prizes

A) Major Competitions and Monthly Medals - Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to win the Overall (1st) Prize in a Major Competition (as defined in Appendix 1) **or a Monthly Medal Competition**, a player must:

- Hold a **fully developed WHS Handicap Index**; and
- Have returned a minimum of:
 - **Three (3) qualifying 18-hole competition scores**, or
 - **Six (6) qualifying 9-hole competition scores**,

within Skerries Golf Club during the current calendar year.

A player who does not satisfy the above criteria may compete in a Major Competition but shall not be eligible to win the Overall (1st) Prize.

Players holding an **initial WHS Handicap Index** may compete in Major Competitions but shall not be eligible to win the Overall (1st) Prize. They may, however, win any other prize unless otherwise specified.

Where a player has not had a reasonable opportunity to meet the qualifying score requirements in the current year before the first Major Competition is played, qualifying competition scores returned within Skerries Golf Club during the previous calendar year may be counted towards eligibility.

B) Captain's Prize

To **enter** the Captain's Prize, a player must:

- Hold a **fully developed WHS Handicap Index**; **and**
- Meet the eligibility requirements set out in Section A above.



C) All Other Competitions

For competitions other than those outlined above, a player holding an **initial WHS Handicap Index** shall be eligible to win all prizes unless otherwise specified.

D) Other Prizes

Where a player is not eligible to win the Overall (1st) Prize in a Major Competition, they may remain eligible to win other prizes in that competition, including category prizes, where applicable.

2. Prize Structure

The prize structure for each competition is determined by the number of entrants and the cost of entry, in accordance with the agreed **Competition Prize Fund Matrix**.

3. Handicap Class Divisions

For prize allocation purposes, there are **up to four (4) Handicap Class divisions**, based on Playing Handicap ranges. These are reviewed periodically to ensure they remain appropriate and effective.

Men (18-hole competitions)

- **Class 1:** Playing Handicap of 9 and lower
- **Class 2:** Playing Handicap from 10 to 14
- **Class 3:** Playing Handicap from 15 to 19
- **Class 4:** Playing Handicap of 20 and higher

Ladies (18-hole competitions when 33 to 59 entrants)

- **Class 1:** Playing Handicap 0 to 21
- **Class 2:** Playing Handicap 22 to 33
- **Class 3:** Playing Handicap 34 and higher



Ladies (18-hole competitions when 60+ entrants)

- **Class 1:** Playing Handicap 0 to 19
- **Class 2:** Playing Handicap 20 to 29
- **Class 3:** Playing Handicap 30 to 34
- **Class 4:** Playing Handicap 35 and higher

Note:

- A minimum number of entrants is required in each class for a prize to be awarded. Where numbers are reduced, this may require an adjustment to the number of prizes awarded.
- Playing Handicap ranges by Class vary for 9 hole, 12 hole, Fourball and Foursomes.

4. Multiple Prizes

A player may win **one prize only** in any competition, with the exception of:

- Longest Drive
- Nearest the Pin

5. Prize Presentations

Where a prize-giving event has been organised, prize winners are requested to make every reasonable effort to attend the presentation or make suitable alternative arrangements for prize collection.

6. Minimum Number of Entrants

A minimum of **ten (10) players** is required to constitute a competition.

7. Disruption / Cancellation Policy

As a general rule, Major Competitions will count even if played over only one day, subject to a minimum of ten (10) entrants completing the competition,



including where a competition day has been cancelled due to inclement weather.

- Where **Day 1 is cancelled**, the competition becomes a **Day 2 only** event, subject to the minimum number of entrants.
- Where **Day 1 is completed** and there is no play on Day 2, the competition becomes a **Day 1 only** event, subject to the minimum number of entrants.
- Where the course is closed during a one-day major competition, the following rule of thumb will be applied:
 - where 80% or more of players have returned a completed card, the major competition will stand; and
 - the remaining 20% who were unable to complete their round will receive a refund.



G. Club Championships and GOY Competitions

The competition rules in relation to Club Match Play Championships, Golfer of the Year, and Gross Golfer of the Year competitions will be as posted on noticeboards and on the Club website in advance of these competitions. See **Appendix 3.**



H. General Guidelines

1. Dress Code and Etiquette

All members and visitors are expected to comply with the Club's dress code and standards of etiquette, as outlined in the Club Bye-Laws and Rules.

2. Course Staff Priority

Course staff have priority at all times when preparing the course for play.

3. Surrounding Lands

Players are strictly forbidden from entering any lands bordering the golf course. Any player found to be in breach of this requirement will be disqualified from the competition in question and may be subject to further sanctions at the discretion of the Committee of Management.

4. Misconduct

In accordance with Rule 1.2a of the Rules of Golf, the Golf Sub-Committee may disqualify a player from a competition or competitions for serious misconduct or for acting contrary to the spirit of the game.

5. Disciplinary Procedures

Where the Golf Committee determines that a player is guilty of gross misconduct, the player may also be subject to the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures outlined in the Club's Constitution, and additional sanctions may apply.

6. Use of Buggies

The use of buggies is permitted except where course conditions are deemed unsuitable by course staff and communicated through daily course information.



Note: A valid medical certificate must be produced where a buggy is used in any inter-club competition.

7. Ready Golf and Pace of Play

The Golf Committee has adopted the '**Ready Golf**' principle for all competitions held at the Club, with the exception of Match Play competitions.

Ready Golf is a pace of play principle that encourages players to play **when they are ready**, rather than strictly waiting for it to be their turn, **provided it is safe to do so**.

In practice, this means players should:

- Play their shot when ready, if it will not endanger or distract others
- Walk quickly between shots and be prepared to play
- Play a provisional ball without delay
- Continue putting when they are ready, even if they are not closest to the hole

Ready Golf is designed to **maintain a good pace of play**, reduce unnecessary delays, and improve the overall enjoyment of the game. It does **not** override safety or the Rules of Golf and does not apply in Match Play competitions.



Appendix 1: Major Competitions

The following competitions are classes as ‘Major Competitions’ (**Note:** GOY denotes competitions included in the Golfer of the Year competition):

Men’s Major Competitions:

- Captain’s Prize (GOY)
- St Patrick’s Cup (GOY)
- Holmpatrick Cup (GOY)
- Centenary Trophy (GOY)
- PGA Tankard (GOY)
- Lemass Trophy (GOY)
- Vice Captain’s Prize
- President’s Prize

Ladies Major Competitions:

- Captain’s Prize
- Vice Captain’s Prize
- President’s Prize
- PGA Tankard
- Ladies Centenary Cup

Other Major Competitions:

- Battersby Cup (Mixed)
- McDonald Cup (Mixed)
- Captain’s Cup (Joint Major)

Other Prestigious Competitions:

- Monthly Medals
- Intermediate & Minor Scratch Cups
- Senior & Junior Scratch Cups
- Club Match Play Championships
- Battersby Cup
- Liam Delaney Cup
- Remembrance Cup
- Granard Cup
- Fourball Trophy



Appendix 2: Roll of Honour

Winners of the following competitions will be included on the One Club Roll of Honour:

- Golfer of the Year
- Men's Gross Medal of the Year
- Captain's Prizes
- Vice Captain's Prizes
- President's Prizes
- Men's Singles Matchplay Championship
- Men's Fourball Matchplay Championship
- Men's Foursomes Matchplay Championship
- Men's Senior Fourball Championship
- Men's Senior Foursomes Championship
- Men's St Patrick's Cup
- PGA Tankards
- Centenary Trophy/Centenary Cup
- Men's Holmpatrick Cup
- Men's Lemass Trophy
- Challenge Cup (Junior Boys Only)
- Junior Golfer of the Year (Junior Boys and Girls)
- Paul Grimes Cup Matchplay (Junior Boys Only)
- Intermediate Scratch Cup
- Men's Minor Scratch Cup
- Men's Junior Scratch Cup
- Senior Scratch Cups
- Monthly Medals
- Ladies Winter League
- Challenge Cup
- Golf Ireland Silver Medal (Ladies Only - See Appendix 10 for details)
- Golf Ireland Bronze Medal (Ladies Only - See Appendix 10 for details)
- McDonald Cup (Mixed)
- Battersby Cup (Mixed)
- Liam Delaney Cup Matchplay Championship (Mixed)



Appendix 3: Golfer of the Year

The following competitions comprise the **Golfer of the Year (GOY)** series.

1. Men's Golfer of the Year Competitions

The Men's Golfer of the Year competitions are:

- Monthly Medals (GOY)
- Men's Captain's Prize (GOY)
- St Patrick's Cup (GOY)
- Holmpatrick Cup (GOY)
- Centenary Cup (GOY)
- PGA Tankard (GOY)
- Lemass Trophy (GOY)

2. Ladies' Golfer of the Year Competitions

The Ladies' Golfer of the Year competitions are:

- Monthly Medals (GOY)
- Captain's Prize – Day 1 (GOY)
- Captain's Prize – Day 2 (GOY)

3. Golfer of the Year Rules – Men

The Golfer of the Year (GOY) prize is open to members holding a **fully developed WHS Handicap Index**.



Over the course of the playing season, eligible (full) members may compete in the designated GOY stroke play competitions. Points are awarded based on **nett scores and placings**. The points allocation scheme will be made available to members in advance of the first counting competition of the season.

After all twelve (12) competitions have been completed:

- A player's **best nine (9)** points returns will be used to calculate their cumulative GOY score.
- Where a player has played **fewer than nine (9)** competitions, their cumulative score may still be included in the GOY placings.
- The player with the **highest cumulative points score** will be declared the Golfer of the Year.

Gross Golfer of the Year – Men

For the Gross Golfer of the Year prize:

- A player may compete in all twelve (12) GOY competitions.
- The **gross score** from each competition will be recorded.
- After the completion of all competitions, the player's **best nine (9)** gross scores will be aggregated.
- The player with the **lowest cumulative gross score** will be declared the winner.

To be eligible to win the Gross Golfer of the Year prize, a player must have competed in a **minimum of nine (9)** qualifying competitions.

4. Golfer of the Year Rules – Ladies

Points accumulated in designated GOY competitions determine the Ladies' Golfer of the Year.



- All qualifying GOY competitions must be played in **18-hole stroke play format**.
- Golfer of the Year placings will be based on a player's **best five (5)** returns from all designated qualifying competitions.
- Where more than one event is cancelled, the general guideline applied will be **50% plus one** of the total number of qualifying events played.
- The method used to allocate points for the **Ladies' Golfer of the Year** is as follows:

1. The top 25 players in the competitions will be awarded points.

2. ClubV1 Reports are used to get the correct order 1st to 25th with countback when required. Players with same nett score will be awarded points based on their position in competition following countback.

Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Points	250	240	230	220	210	200	190	180	170	160
Position	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th
Points	150	140	130	120	110	100	90	80	70	60
Position	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th					
Points	50	40	30	20	10					



Appendix 4: Club Matchplay Championships

Skerries Golf Club Singles Matchplay

Qualification and Competition Completion Dates

Number to Qualify: There will be a preliminary qualifying round if more than 32 members enter.

	To be completed by
Final Entry Date for Competition	Date TBC
Competition Qualifying (if necessary)	Date TBC
Round 1	Date TBC
Round 2	Date TBC
Quarter Finals	Date TBC
Semi-Finals	Date TBC
Final	Date TBC

Competition Rules

1. Competition

- The competition is Singles Match-play.
- Tied matches are to be decided by sudden-death from the 1st.
- The competition is open to all men's club full member.
- Cost of entry is **€5.00** which will be deducted from accounts on entry to the competition.



- A random draw will take place to select the initial matches for the first round. Subsequent round matches will be pre-determined by the winning players position in the first-round draw sheet.
- [Note: Simultaneous playing of stroke-play and match-play is not permitted and will result in disqualification from both competitions].
- Members must have a fully developed WHS handicap prior to closing date of entry for the competition to be eligible to play in the competition. As per WHS and Golf Ireland guidance, a '[Fully Developed Handicap Index](#)' is defined as when a player has 20 Acceptable Scores returned from Competition and General Play scores on their record.

2. Tees

- All matches to be played from the **WHITE** tees (or from opposite White discs on the tee-box if White tees are not in use).

3. Handicaps

- For all rounds of this competition players must play with a Playing Handicap of 90% of their Handicap based off their Handicap Index on the day.

4. Strokes Conceded

- The player with the lowest playing handicap will concede strokes to the other player equal to the difference between his and their playing handicaps with the player with the lowest handicap playing off scratch.
- Skerries Golf Club match-play indices apply as indicated on the scorecard.

5. Contact and Completion of Matches

- The **TOP** person on the match-play draw-sheet must make **initial** contact with the opposition.
- Matches **must be** completed by the date indicated on the draw sheet.



- Any match not played prior to completion date for that round must be played no later than 4pm on the completion date. [Consequently, for outstanding matches any team not turning up to play the match at the above time will be disqualified from the competition].

6. Match & Round Extension

- **NO COMPETITION DATE EXTENSIONS** will be allowed for any individual match however The Committee reserve the right to grant an exception to a match not being completed by the completion date under extenuating circumstances. The committee expect that given the gap in time between rounds that players should be able to arrange and play matches around planned holidays and will not grant extensions if players can't complete their matches for that reason.
- If the course has been closed for any extended period during the competition the committee may decide to extend the overall completion date for any individual match-play round. In addition, any match started on or before completion date but not finished may be completed the following day.
- Matches started but not completed (e.g. fading light) maybe picked up where it left off.

7. Results

- The **defeated player** should enter the name of the winner via the **Knockouts** Option on the ClubV1 Application. It is the responsibility of the winner to ensure this has been done prior to completion date of that particular round.
- If no result (excluding the final) is entered by the morning following the completion date for a particular round **BOTH PLAYERS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED** (unless the match is still in progress as per 6. above).



Skerries Golf Club **Fourball Matchplay**

Qualification and Competition Completion Dates

Number to Qualify: There will be a preliminary qualifying round if more than 32 Pairs enter.

	To be completed by
Final Entry Date for Competition	Date TBC
Competition Qualifying (if necessary)	Date TBC
Round 1	Date TBC
Round 2	Date TBC
Quarter Finals	Date TBC
Semi-Finals	Date TBC
Final	Date TBC

Competition Rules

1. Competition

- The competition is Fourball Match-play.
- Tied matches are to be decided by sudden-death from the 1st.
- The competition is open to all men's club full members and Junior Category 1 boys with handicaps 19.9 or lower.
- Cost of entry is **€5.00** which will be deducted from accounts on entry to the competition.
- A random draw will take place to select the initial matches for the first round. Subsequent round matches will be pre-determined by the winning team's position in the first-round draw sheet.
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- [Note: Simultaneous playing of stroke-play and match-play is not permitted and will result in disqualification from both competitions].
- Members must have a fully developed WHS handicap prior to closing date of entry for the competition to be eligible to play in the competition. As per WHS and Golf Ireland guidance, a '[Fully Developed Handicap Index](#)' is defined as when a player has 20 Acceptable Scores returned from Competition and General Play scores on their record.

2. Tees

- All matches to be played from the **WHITE** tees (or from opposite the White discs on the tee-box if White tees are not in use).

3. Handicaps

- Under WHS, all players in the match will individually play off a playing handicap of 85% of the calculated course handicap which must be based off the player's most current Handicap Index on the day.

4. Strokes Conceded

- The player with the lowest playing handicap will concede strokes to each of the other three players equal to the difference between his and their Playing Handicaps with the player with the lowest handicap playing off scratch.
- Skerries Golf Club match-play indices apply as indicated on the scorecard.

5. Contact and Completion of Matches

- The **TOP** pair on the match-play draw-sheet must make **initial** contact with the opposition.



- Matches **must be** completed by the date indicated on the draw sheet.

Any match not played prior to completion date for that round must be played no later than **4pm on the completion date**. [Consequently, for outstanding matches any team not turning up to play the match at the above time will be **disqualified** from the competition].

6. Match & Round Extension

- **NO COMPETITION DATE EXTENSIONS** will be allowed for any individual match. The Committee reserve the right to grant an exception to a match not being completed by the completion date under **extenuating circumstances**. The committee expect that given the gap in time between rounds that players should be able to arrange and play matches around planned holidays and will not grant extensions if players can't complete their matches for that reason.
- If the course has been closed for any extended period during the competition the committee may decide to extend the overall completion date for any individual round. In addition, any match started on or before completion date but not finished may be completed the following day.
- Matches started but not completed (e.g. fading light) maybe picked up where it left off.

7. Results

- The **defeated pair** should enter the names of the winners via the **Knockouts** Option on the ClubV1 Application. It is the responsibility of the winners to ensure this has been done prior to completion date of that particular round.
- If no result (excluding the final) is entered by the morning following the completion date for a particular round **BOTH TEAMS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED** (unless the match is still in progress as per 6. above).



Skerries Golf Club

Foursomes Matchplay

Qualification and Competition Completion Dates

	To be completed by
Final Entry Date for Competition	Date TBC
Competition Qualifying (if necessary)	Date TBC
Round 1	Date TBC
Round 2	Date TBC
Quarter Finals	Date TBC
Semi-Finals	Date TBC
Final	Date TBC

Competition Rules

1. Competition

- The competition is Foursomes Match-play.
- Tied matches are to be decided by sudden-death from the 1st.
- The competition is open to all men's club full members 1st.
- The competition is open to all men's club full member and Junior Category 1 boys with handicaps 19.9 or lower.
- Cost of entry is **€5.00** which will be deducted from accounts on entry to the competition on ClubV1 or HowDidiDo Apps.
- A random draw will take place to select the initial matches for the first round. Subsequent round matches will be pre-determined by the winning team's position in the first-round draw sheet.



- [Note: Simultaneous playing of stroke-play and match-play is not permitted and will result in disqualification from both competitions].
- Members must have a fully developed WHS handicap prior to closing date of entry for the competition to be eligible to play in the competition. As per WHS and Golf Ireland guidance, a '[Fully Developed Handicap Index](#)' is defined as when a player has 20 Acceptable Scores returned from Competition and General Play scores on their record.

2. Tees

- All matches to be played from the **WHITE** tees (or from opposite White discs on the tee-box if White tees are not in use).

3. Handicaps

- Under WHS, both pairs will calculate their pairs playing handicap which is 50% of the combined total of the course handicaps of both players which is based off their Handicap Index on the day.

4. Strokes Conceded

- The full difference between the playing handicaps of each pair will determine the number of shots given or received with the pair giving shots playing of scratch.
- Skerries Golf Club match-play indices apply as indicated on the scorecard.

5. Contact and Completion of Matches

- The **TOP** pair on the match-play draw-sheet must make **initial** contact with the opposition.
- Matches **must be** completed by the date indicated on the draw sheet.

Any match not played prior to completion date for that round must be played no later than **4pm on the completion date**. [Consequently, for outstanding matches any team not turning up to play the match at the above time will be **disqualified** from the competition].



6. Match Extension

- **NO COMPETITION DATE EXTENSIONS** will be allowed for any individual match however The Committee reserve the right to grant an exception to a match not being completed by the completion date under extenuating circumstances. The committee expect that given the gap in time between rounds that players should be able to arrange and play matches around planned holidays and will not grant extensions if players can't complete their matches for that reason.
- If the course has been closed for any extended period during the competition the committee may decide to extend the overall completion date for any individual match-play round. In addition, any match started on or before completion date but not finished may be completed the following day.
- Matches started but not completed (e.g. fading light) maybe picked up where it left off.

7. Results

- The **defeated pair** should enter the names of the winners via the **Knockouts** Option on the ClubV1 Application. It is the responsibility of the winners to ensure this has been done prior to completion date of that particular round.
- If no result (excluding the final) is entered by the morning following the completion date for a particular round **BOTH TEAMS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED** (unless the match is still in progress as per 6. above).



Skerries Golf Club
Seniors Fourball
Matchplay

Qualification and Competition Completion Dates

Number to Qualify: All Pairs on Entrant List

	To be completed by
Final Entry Date for Competition	Date TBC
Competition Qualifying (if necessary)	Date TBC
Round 1	Date TBC
Round 2	Date TBC
Quarter Finals	Date TBC
Semi-Finals	Date TBC
Final	Date TBC

Competition Rules

1. Competition

- The competition is Fourball Match-play.
- Tied matches are to be decided by sudden-death from the 1st.
- The competition is open to all men's club full members **aged 60 or over** on or before the Final Entry Date.
- Cost of entry is €5.00 which will be deducted from accounts on entry to the competition on the ClubV1 or HowDidiDo Apps.
- A random draw will take place to select the initial matches for the first round. Subsequent round matches will be pre-determined by the winning team's position in the first-round draw sheet.



- [Note: Simultaneous playing of stroke-play and match-play is not permitted and will result in disqualification from both competitions].
- Members must have a fully developed WHS handicap prior to closing date of entry for the competition to be eligible to play in the competition. As per WHS and Golf Ireland guidance, a '[Fully Developed Handicap Index](#)' is defined as when a player has 20 Acceptable Scores returned from Competition and General Play scores on their record.

2. Tees

- All matches to be played from the **YELLOW** tees (or from opposite the Yellow discs on the tee-box if Yellow tees are not in use).

3. Handicaps

- Under WHS, all players in the match will individually play off a playing handicap of 85% of the calculated course handicap which must be based off the player's Handicap Index on the day.

4. Strokes Conceded

- The player with the lowest playing handicap will concede strokes to each of the other three players equal to the difference between his and their Playing Handicaps with the player with the lowest handicap playing off scratch.
- Skerries Golf Club match-play indices apply as indicated on the scorecard.

5. Contact and Completion of Matches

- The **TOP** pair on the match-play draw-sheet must make **initial** contact with the opposition.
- Matches **must be** completed by the date indicated on the draw sheet.



Any match not played prior to completion date for that round must be played no later than **4pm on the completion date**. [Consequently, for outstanding matches any team not turning up to play the match at the above time will be **disqualified** from the competition].

6. Match & Round Extension

- **NO COMPETITION DATE EXTENSIONS** will be allowed for any individual match. The Committee reserve the right to grant an exception to a match not being completed by the completion date under extenuating circumstances. The committee expect that given the gap in time between rounds that players should be able to arrange and play matches around planned holidays and will not grant extensions if players can't complete their matches for that reason.
- If the course has been closed for any extended period during the competition the committee may decide to extend the overall completion date for any individual match-play round. In addition, any match started on or before completion date but not finished may be completed the following day.
- Matches started but not completed (e.g. fading light) maybe picked up where it left off.

7. Results

- The **defeated pair** should enter the names of the winners via the **Knockouts** Option on the ClubV1 Application. It is the responsibility of the winners to ensure this has been done prior to completion date of that particular round.
- If no result (excluding the final) is entered by the morning following the completion date for a particular round **BOTH TEAMS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED** (unless the match is still in progress as per 6. above).



Skerries Golf Club
Seniors Foursomes
Matchplay

Qualification and Competition Completion Dates

Number to Qualify: All Pairs on Entrant List

	To be completed by
Final Entry Date for Competition	Date TBC
Competition Qualifying (if necessary)	Date TBC
Round 1	Date TBC
Round 2	Date TBC
Quarter Finals	Date TBC
Semi-Finals	Date TBC
Final	Date TBC

Competition Rules

1. Competition

- The competition is Foursomes Match-play.
- Tied matches are to be decided by sudden-death from the 1st.
- The competition is open to all men's club full members **aged 60 or over** on or before the Final Entry Date.
- Cost of entry is €5.00 which will be deducted from accounts on entry to the competition on the ClubV1 or HowDidiDo Apps.
- A random draw will take place to select the initial matches for the first round. Subsequent round matches will be pre-determined by the winning team's position in the first-round draw sheet.



- [Note: Simultaneous playing of stroke-play and match-play is not permitted and will result in disqualification from both competitions].
- Members must have a fully developed WHS handicap prior to closing date of entry for the competition to be eligible to play in the competition. As per WHS and Golf Ireland guidance, a '[Fully Developed Handicap Index](#)' is defined as when a player has 20 Acceptable Scores returned from Competition and General Play scores on their record.

2. Tees

- All matches to be played from the **YELLOW** tees (or from opposite the Yellow discs on the tee-box if Yellow tees are not in use).

3. Handicaps

- Under WHS, both pairs will calculate their pairs playing handicap which is 50% of the combined total of the course handicaps of both players which is based off their Handicap Index on the day.

4. Strokes Conceded

- The full difference between the playing handicaps of each pair will determine the number of shots given or received with the pair giving shots playing of scratch.
- Skerries Golf Club match-play indices apply as indicated on the scorecard.

5. Contact and Completion of Matches

- The **TOP** pair on the match-play draw-sheet must make **initial** contact with the opposition.
- Matches **must be** completed by the date indicated on the draw sheet.

Any match not played prior to completion date for that round must be played no later than **4pm on the completion date**. [Consequently, for outstanding matches any team not turning up to play the match at the above time will be **disqualified** from the competition].



6. Match & Round Extension

- **NO COMPETITION DATE EXTENSIONS** will be allowed for any individual match. The Committee reserve the right to grant an exception to a match not being completed by the completion date under extenuating circumstances. The committee expect that given the gap in time between rounds that players should be able to arrange and play matches around planned holidays and will not grant extensions if players can't complete their matches for that reason.
- If the course has been closed for any extended period during the competition the committee may decide to extend the overall completion date for any individual match-play round. In addition, any match started on or before completion date but not finished may be completed the following day.
- Matches started but not completed (e.g. fading light) maybe picked up where it left off.

7. Results

- The **defeated pair** should enter the names of the winners via the **Knockouts** Option on the ClubV1 Application. It is the responsibility of the winners to ensure this has been done prior to completion date of that particular round.
- If no result (excluding the final) is entered by the morning following the completion date for a particular round **BOTH TEAMS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED** (unless the match is still in progress as per 6. above).



Skerries Golf Club
Mixed Foursomes Matchplay
Liam Delaney Cup

Qualification and Competition Completion Dates

	To be completed by
Final Entry Date for Competition	Date TBC
Competition Qualifying (if necessary)	Date TBC
Round 1	Date TBC
Round 2	Date TBC
Quarter Finals	Date TBC
Semi-Finals	Date TBC
Final	Date TBC

Competition Rules

1. Competition

- The competition is Mixed Foursomes Matchplay.
- Tied matches are to be decided by sudden-death from the 1st.
- The competition is open to all men's and ladies club full members and Junior Category 1 boys with handicaps 19.9 or lower and Junior Category 1 girls with handicap of 39.9 or lower and Lady Associate Members.
- Cost of entry is €5.00 which will be deducted from accounts on entry to the competition on ClubV1 or HowDidiDo Apps.
- A random draw will take place to select the initial matches for the first round. Subsequent round matches will be pre-determined by the winning team's position in the first-round draw sheet.



- Members must have a fully developed WHS handicap prior to closing date of entry for the competition to be eligible to play in the competition. As per WHS and Golf Ireland guidance, a '[Fully Developed Handicap Index](#)' is defined as when a player has 20 Acceptable Scores returned from Competition and General Play scores on their record.

2. Tees

- All matches to be played from the **WHITE and RED** tees (or from opposite the **WHITE and RED** discs on the tee-box if tees are not in use).

3. Handicaps

- Under WHS, the team will calculate the pair's playing handicap as follows:
 1. Take both Course Handicaps (CH), based upon the Handicap Index on the day.
 2. Limit the CHs if required (Rule is Men CH limit is 28, Ladies CH limit is 36).
 3. Add the resultant CHs and divide by two. Round up if the result ends in ".5". This is the pair's playing Handicap on the day.

4. Strokes Conceded

- The full difference between the playing handicaps of each pair will determine the number of shots given or received with the pair giving shots playing of scratch.
- Skerries Golf Club match-play indices apply as indicated on the scorecard.



5. Contact and Completion of Matches

- The **TOP** pair on the match-play draw sheet must make **initial** contact with the opposition.
- Matches **must be** completed by the date indicated on the draw sheet.

Any match not played prior to completion date for that round must, be played no later than **4pm on the completion date**. [Consequently, for outstanding matches any team not turning up to play the match at the above time will be **disqualified** from the competition].

6. Match & Round Extension

- Generally, **NO COMPETITION DATE EXTENSIONS** will be allowed for any individual match however The Committee reserve the right to grant an exception to a match not being completed by the completion date under extenuating circumstances. The committee expect that given the gap in time between rounds that players should be able to arrange and play matches around planned holidays and will not grant extensions if players can't complete their matches for that reason.
- If the course has been closed for any extended period during the competition the committee may decide to extend the overall completion date for any individual round. In addition, any match started on or before completion date but not finished may be completed the following day.
- Matches started but not completed (e.g. fading light) maybe picked up where it left off.

7. Results

- The **defeated pair** should enter the names of the winners via the **Knockouts** Option on the ClubV1 Application. It is the responsibility of the winners to ensure this has been done prior to completion date of that particular round. If no result (excluding the final) is entered by the morning following the completion date for a particular round **BOTH TEAMS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED** (unless the match is still in progress as per 6. above).



Appendix 5: Junior Prize Limits

There shall be a limit of €75 on the monetary value of any individual prize that may be awarded to a Junior Member or Junior Visitor in any single competition.

For the purposes of this Rule, the following interpretations apply:

- A Junior Member or Junior Visitor may not receive any prize with a monetary value exceeding €75, whether in individual, team, or fourball competitions.
- Where prizes exceed €75 in value (e.g., golf bags or similar items), the Junior Member or Junior Visitor may not accept the prize and may instead be offered a voucher or alternative prize not exceeding €75 in value.
- Where a competition awards a trophy (e.g., the Intermediate Scratch Cup), the Junior Member or Junior Visitor may be declared the winner and may accept the trophy. Any additional prize associated with the competition shall be subject to the €75 limit.
- Engraved trophies or commemorative items presented solely as awards and engraved prior to presentation shall be deemed to have no monetary value for the purposes of this Rule. However, engraved items that retain intrinsic commercial value (e.g., watches, electronic devices, or similar items) are subject to the €75 limit.



Appendix 6: Two's Competitions

The **Two's Competition** is a separate competition run in conjunction with the competitions scheduled for that day.

To be eligible:

- A player must enter either the **9-hole, 12 hole or 18-hole competition** of the day, and
- Must enter the **Two's Competition separately**.

Entry Requirements

- Entry to the Two's Competition must be completed **prior to commencing the round of golf**.
- A player may only win a prize in the Two's Competition if they have entered the competition in which the **Two** was scored.

Prize Fund

- The Two's Competition operates as a **single combined fund** for players entering both the 9-hole and 18-hole competitions.
- Winning entrants will share the combined fund.
- Where there is no winner on the day, the fund will **roll over to the next Two's Competition**.

Competition Validity

- The Two's Competition will proceed even where the competitions of the day are cancelled due to insufficient entries.
- The Two's Competition is **not restricted** to a minimum or maximum number of entrants.



Score Entry

- All Two's must be **entered electronically**.
- Failure to enter a Two electronically will result in **disqualification from the Two's Competition**.



Appendix 7: Winter League & Hamper Days

1. Winter League Overview

The Winter League will be played on **Saturdays and Sundays** during the winter period, inclusive (typically, the start of November to the end of February).

2. Entry and Eligibility

When a player enters and plays the **9-Hole Competition of the day**, their score is automatically included in the Winter League.

- A once-off **Winter League entry fee of €5** applies and is automatically deducted on sign-up.
- There is **no additional charge** to participate in the Winter League once this fee has been paid.

There is no requirement to:

- Submit a separate scorecard for the Winter League, or
- Reference the Winter League on the scorecard for the 9-hole competition.

3. Eligible Competition Formats

Where the competition of the day is **not a singles competition** (for example, a fourball), **no Winter League competition** will take place on that day.

4. Insufficient Entries

Where there are insufficient entries to constitute the competition of the day, a player's score will still be included in the Winter League provided that:

- The player has entered the competition, and
- Their score has been entered electronically via the competition computer or **HowDidIDo**.



Only **electronic returns** will be accepted for Winter League purposes, except in the case of a technical issue on the day.

5. Scoring and Tie-Breaks

A player's **best eight (8)** scores will be used to calculate their final Winter League score.

Where there is a tie for the Overall Winner or a Class Prize:

- The **best six (6)** scores will be compared
- If still tied, the **best five (5)** scores will be compared, and so on, until a winner is determined
- If a tie still remains, **countback on the best single card** will be used to decide the winner

6. Hamper Days

During the winter season:

- There will be **three (3) 18-hole Hamper Days**, and
- **One (1) 9-hole Hamper Day**

Each player is limited to **one Hamper prize only**.



Appendix 8: Winter Handicap Reductions (Winter Cuts)

1. Purpose of Winter Cuts

Winter Cuts are **local and temporary reductions** applied to **Singles Stableford Competition points** during the winter period.

They are intended to promote a **broad distribution of prize winners** during the non-qualifying winter season, when members' WHS Handicaps are not adjusted based on performance.

2. Application of Winter Cuts

Winter Cuts:

- Are **accumulated** over the winter period
- Remain in place throughout the **non-qualifying winter season**
- Do **not** affect a player's WHS Handicap Index

Winter Cuts apply **only** to:

- Singles Stableford Competitions of the day

They do **not** apply to:

- Scores returned for Winter League purposes
- Any other competition formats

Accumulated Winter Cuts are deducted from a player's Stableford score **before** the order of merit and prize winners for the competition are determined.

3. Criteria for Winter Cuts

Recording a "Win"

A member records a *Win* by finishing first (1st), second (2nd) or third (3rd) in the overall completion.



Winter Cut Deductions

- Members recording **three (3), four (4), or five (5)** Wins will receive a **two (2)-point deduction** from their Stableford score.
- Members recording **six (6) or more** Wins will receive a **four (4)-point deduction** from their Stableford score.

4. Winter Season Period

The winter season typically:

- Commences in **November**, and
- Concludes once **qualifying golf resumes**.



Appendix 9: Winter Fairway Mat Policy

Fairway mats preserve the quality of our fairways over the Winter months. Under R&A Rules, Clubs can adopt **Model Local Rule E-12**, which provides for the **compulsory use of fairway mats**. The rules on the use of fairway mats are as follows:

1. The use of fairway mats will be required for all members of Skerries Golf Club for a period during the winter months determined by the Golf Committee. All members will be notified of the start and end date of this period.
2. When a player's ball lies in the fairway and a putter is not being used for the stroke, the player must take free relief by lifting the original ball and placing it (or a provisional ball) on a fairway mat and play it from there. The mat must be placed on top of the spot where the ball came to rest.
3. If a ball when placed rolls off the mat, the player must try to place it a second time. If the ball again does not stay on the mat, the mat must be moved to the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where the ball will come to rest on the mat when placed.
4. If the ball on the mat is accidentally moved before a stroke is made, there is no penalty, and the ball must be placed again on the mat.
5. If a tee is used to secure the mat into the ground, the ball must not be placed on the tee.
6. A player without a fairway mat must take free relief by lifting their ball from the fairway and dropping it in the rough at least TWO CLUB LENGTHS from the edge of the rough at the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. If the competition format on the day provides for placing, the ball may then be placed in the rough.
7. For this purposes of this policy, the First Cut is regarded as being fairway.



8. Any player that plays their ball from the fairway without a fairway mat incurs a General Penalty (two strokes or loss of hole in match play, R&A Rule 14.7a).

9. Only balls that come to rest in the fairway must be placed on a fairway mat. Balls lying in the rough are to be played in line with the competition format on the day. However, players may choose to use a fairway mat in the rough if they wish, provided the ball is placed on the spot where it came to rest and the mat does not improve line of play beyond what relief would normally allow.



Appendix 10: Ladies Medal Competitions & Golf Ireland Silver/Bronze Medals (Ladies Only)

1. Eligibility to Win Medal Competitions

To be eligible to win a Medal in Lady Members' Medal competitions, a player must hold a **fully developed WHS Handicap Index**, defined as a Handicap Index calculated from the best eight (8) scores from a total of twenty (20) acceptable scores submitted.

2. Golf Ireland Silver and Bronze Medals

The following competitions will be used to determine recipients of the **Golf Ireland Silver and Bronze Medals**:

- Monthly Medal competitions from **April to July inclusive**

A player's **best three (3) nett scores** from a possible six (6) eligible competitions will be used to calculate the result.

The handicap categories for Golf Ireland medals are:

- **Silver Medal:** Handicap Index up to **20.0**
- **Bronze Medal:** Handicap Index of **20.1 and above**

3. Club Medal Competitions

A **Club Medal Competition** will be run in conjunction with each Golf Ireland Medal competition, using the **same handicap categories**.

- A Club Medal shall be awarded to the competitor returning the **lowest nett score** in each Monthly Medal competition.
- Monthly Club Medals will be awarded from **April to September inclusive**.
- The entry fee for Club Medal competitions shall be set by the **Ladies' Golf Committee**.



Appendix 11: Ladies Ringer (Ladies Only)

1. Overview

The **Ringer Competition** is a Ladies-only competition played annually, commencing in **March**.

2. Entry and Scoring

- Participants have **two opportunities** during the competition period to record a **stroke play score** for each hole.
- Where a score is being submitted for a particular hole, that score must be **clearly circled** on the relevant scorecard.

3. Eligible Competitions

The following formats are **not eligible** for inclusion in the Ringer Competition:

- 9-hole competitions
- Fourball competitions
- Open competitions

4. Calculation of Scores

At the conclusion of the competition:

- Each player's recorded hole scores are totalled, and
- The player's **Handicap Index (HI)** is deducted to determine the final score.

5. Prizes

- Prizes will be awarded in **classes**, based on the number of entries received in that year.
- A prize will also be awarded to the **overall winner**.



Appendix 12: Disqualification

1. Multiple-Day Singles Competitions

Unless expressly stated otherwise, in singles competitions played over more than one day, a player may **enter the competition on one day only**.

2. Failure to Enter Competition Electronically

Failure to swipe or enter the competition using the designated system (competition computer or ClubV1) may result in disqualification from that competition.

3. Handicap Omitted from Scorecard

Where a Handicap Index, Course Handicap or Playing Handicap is omitted from a scorecard:

- The player shall be **disqualified from the handicap competition**, but
- Shall remain **eligible for any gross prizes**, and
- The score shall **still be returned for handicap purposes**.

4. Incorrect (Higher) Handicap on Scorecard

Where a handicap higher than the correct handicap is recorded on the scorecard, the score shall **still be returned for handicap purposes**. Should a player's handicap be recorded incorrectly on their scorecard, they will not be disqualified from the competition.

5. Unsigned Scorecards

A scorecard that is not signed by both the player and an eligible marker shall result in **disqualification**.

6. Three-Ball Competitions

In three-ball competitions, where two three-balls are at the back of the field or at the end of a draw:

- They **must not join together to form a four-ball** at any stage, as this would breach the Conditions of Competition for the stipulated round.



- Players may only join to form a four-ball where **prior permission has been granted** by the Competition Convenor or a Committee Member **before play commences**.

7. Non-Compliance with Rules

Failure to comply with:

- The Rules of Golf, or
- Local Rules as published on the scorecard, may result in penalties or disqualification, as applicable.

8. Multiple Entries in Medal Competitions

A player may not play in or submit scores for more than **one day** of a Medal competition.