#### PGC SENIORS WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP 2025-2026

#### RULES:

- 1. There will be a ONE-OFF entry fee of £3.00 to compete in the Winter Championship. Payment should be made via the Club V1 Members App or Webpage. Select "Snrs Winter Championship 2025/26 (ENTRY FEE ONLY)" from the list of Bookable Competitions to pay your fee. Entries open 14th October and the fee MUST be paid before playing your first round of the Championship.
- 2. The competition (Stableford) will be played on Mondays and Thursdays tee times from around 09.30 am.
- 3. Entry will be via the Club V1 Members App or Webpage. Select the day you want to play from the list of Bookable Competitions. Entries will close at 6pm on the evening before play.
- 4. Notification of tee time/playing partners will be by email via BRS system.
- 5. On the day, players must sign in to enter the competition. They can sign in remotely using their own device or by using the iPad in the Pro Shop. If the Pro Shop is closed they may use the PSI situated outside the Locker Rooms. The £1.00 Sweep will be deducted from your Competition Wallet on sign-in. No cash will be collected. Scorecards will be available in the Locker Room if the Pro Shop is closed.
- 6. Scorecards (signed) to be returned to Organiser immediately following the round. Full results and handicap changes will be emailed to all competitors after each round and also posted on the PG Website in the Seniors Section.
- 7. Sweep money will be awarded using our usual formula and paid directly into the golfer's account.
- 8. Everyone will start the winter season playing off 85% of their WHS Handicap Index.
- 9. Stroke indices are as per summer card except –

Hole 16 becomes stroke index 17

Hole 17 becomes stroke index 10.

Pars are as per summer card except -

Hole 6 is a par 3 when the flag is on the winter green.

Hole 17 is a par 3 when the flag is on the winter green

- 10. If we have to play on a shortened course with 15 or more holes in play, then record your scores for holes played and ignore the missing holes. If the course is shorter than 15 holes, then the scores on the day will not count towards the Winter Championship.
- 11. Ensure you use your correct handicap to avoid disqualification! Handicap cuts will be applied to ALL golfers playing each round, based on the following:

## Handicap Adjustments -

A Score less than or equal to Buffer - No change.

A Score greater than Buffer - 1 stroke cut (unless fewer than 10 merit points scored).

For the purposes of calculating the Average, the two lowest returned scores will be ignored.

## The winner of 12 merit points will always be cut by 1 stroke.

No one scoring fewer than 10 merit points will receive a handicap cut.

12. Merit points will be awarded as follows: -

Twelve or more competitors: 12 merit points for 1st place, 11 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 10 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place through to 1 point for 12<sup>th</sup> place. (If say 2 golfers share 2<sup>nd</sup> place, they will each get 11 points and the 4th place golfer will get 9 points). No merit points or handicap adjustments will be made when entry numbers total less than 12.

13. The number of competition rounds counting towards the final merit points total is based on the formula below.

19 rounds or fewer: Best 9 merit points scores 20/21 rounds: Best 10 merit points scores 22/23 rounds: Best 11 merit points scores 24/25 rounds: Best 12 merit points scores 26/27 rounds: Best 13 merit points scores 28/29 rounds: Best 14 merit points scores 30 rounds or more: Best 15 merit points scores

14. At the end of the Winter season, the golfer with the best merit points total will be the Seniors Winter Champion. In the event of a tie, the golfer with the most 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places etc. will be the Champion. Vouchers of £30, £25, £20, £15 and £10 will be awarded for the first five places.

# 15. The competition will commence on Monday 20th October 2025 and will continue up until Thursday 19th March 2026.

- 16. No entries can be accepted after 09/02/26. If sufficient tee times are available, other seniors section members may play non-competitively and will be ineligible for sweep.
- 17. The Committee reserve the right to amend the competition rules should unforeseen circumstances arise.