

# Pitlochry Golf Club - Seniors Section

This document contains details of the various rules we operate to ensure that our competitions are run in a consistent and fair manner giving everyone of all handicaps an equal opportunity to win. The various types of competition and the general rules of those competitions are shown on separate pages and may change slightly from time to time.

Effective from the summer 2025 season, Ladies will be able to participate in competitions, apart from the Matchplay and Winter Championships which will be open to Gents only.

The competition tees for handicap qualifying and non-handicap qualifying competitions will be Red for Ladies and Yellow for Gents.

However, the Committee has the discretion to play non-handicap qualifying competitions from Red Tees for both Ladies and Gents.

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# **Pitlochry Golf Club - Seniors Section**

## **General Rules**

In general, the rules for the Seniors Section very much mirror the rules of the main PGC Gents competitions and of course the Rules of Golf.

However, because our competitions are tailored for the senior golfer and are usually played on Monday mornings with tee times of generally 08.16 to 10.08, then in some areas we operate slightly differently.

With effect from May 2024, entry to all competitions will be made via the Club V1 Members App or Website

### **ENTRY TO TEAM COMPETITIONS**

We have a mix of team competitions over the summer. Some allow entry as a team, others have drawn teams when the draw is made.

For competitions where teams are to be drawn from the list of entered names, they will be selected by the Organiser on a first come first served basis. It may not be possible to place the last entered name into a team, so they might not be able to play on the day in 3 or 4 person competitions although, at the Organiser's discretion, two 2 person teams could be formed allowing everyone to play.

Rules are in place for team competitions indicating how scores/play/handicaps should be adjusted if a team is one or two players short.

## **SENIORS SECTION RULES FOR AWARDING SWEEP MONEY**

The following rules will be used by competition Organisers to award sweep money which will normally be paid into individual's Pro Shop accounts.

### **Singles Competitions**

1-10 competitors - 1st prize only

11-20 competitors - 1st prize (67%) and 2nd prize (33%)

21-30 competitors - 1st prize (50%), 2nd prize (30%) and 3rd prize (20%)

31 and over - 1st prize (40%), 2nd prize (30%), 3rd prize (20%) and 4th prize (10%)

### **2 Person Team Competitions**

Up to 15 teams - 1st prize (67%) and 2nd prize (33%)

Over 15 teams - 1st prize (50%), 2nd prize (30%) and 3rd prize (20%)

### **3 and 4 Person Team Competitions**

1st prize only up to 10 teams.

Over 10 teams - 1st prize (67%) and 2nd prize (33%)

When we have 2 or more golfers or teams with the same winning score over 18 holes, then the winner will be decided by the scores over the best back 9, best back 6, best back 3 and finally last hole scores. Second, third and fourth places will be calculated in a similar manner when appropriate.

The "2s" sweep will be paid out equally to individuals who recorded a 2 and who entered the sweep. If no 2s are recorded, the "2s" pot will be rolled over to the next "2s" sweep competition.

## Order of Merit Competitions

This is a season long competition incorporating the results from all 12 of our Strokeplay and Stableford events (which the Committee has deemed to be qualifying competitions for the Order of Merit and for handicap purposes), including the 2 rounds of the Killiecrankie Cup.

Merit points are awarded as follows:

Winner 15 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place 14 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place 13 points ..... etc down to 1 point for 15<sup>th</sup> place

Below 15<sup>th</sup> place no merit points are awarded. If there was a tie say for first place then the countback procedure (best back 9, best back etc) would decide the finishing position and points allocated.

A document will be circulated/posted on the Notice Board showing the updated list of points awarded after each OOM competition has been completed.

The Order of Merit Trophy will be presented to the winner. In the event of a tie, the golfer with the most 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes will be declared the Champion.

Vouchers will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> (£30), 2<sup>nd</sup> (£20) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (£10) places.

## Dr Frank's Stableford

### Competition format/rules

Format is individual Stableford.

If the competition is played on a winter course, the Playing Handicap is 85% of Handicap Index. If played during the summer season from Red and Yellow Tees, the Playing Handicap is 95% of Course Handicap, as determined by WHS.

The **MAXIMUM** Playing Handicap will be 36 for both Ladies and Gents.

This is **not** a handicap qualifying competition.

Competition follows the original Stableford scoring system as devised by Dr Frank Stableford. Points are awarded based on **Gross** scores –

4 points for an eagle, 3 points for a birdie, 2 points for a par and 1 point for a bogey.

Handicap allowance converts to points, which are added to the points scored during the round, based on **Gross** scores as above.

£1.00 entry and optional £1.00 and £1.00 “2s” sweeps.

## **Opening Day Stableford**

### **Competition format/rules**

Format is individual Stableford.

This is a Handicap Qualifying competition played from Red and Yellow Tees, the Playing Handicap is 95% of Course Handicap, as determined by WHS.

Strokes to be taken, as appropriate, from Red and Yellow Tees pars and stroke indexes as shown in the scorecard.

£1.00 entry and optional £1.00 and £1.00 “2s” sweeps.





# Dougal's Crazy Stableford

## Competition format/rules

Format is pairs Stableford played from Red and Yellow Tees, the Playing Handicaps are 95% of Course Handicaps, as determined by WHS.

Competition is not a qualifier for handicap.

Enter in pairs.

There are two important rules:

- 1) After each hole, the 2 points scored by each player are **MULTIPLIED** to give the team score for the hole.
- 2) If one team member fails to score at a hole, the team scores **NIL**

## EXAMPLES

Player A scores a net PAR = 2 points

Player B scores a net BOGEY = 1 point **TEAM 2x1 = 2 points**

Player A scores a net BIRDIE = 3 points

Player B scores a net PAR = 2 points **TEAM 3x2 = 6 points**

Player A scores a net BIRDIE = 3 points

Player B scores a net double/triple BOGEY = 0 points **TEAM 3x0 = 0 points**

Team entry £2.00 and team sweep £2.00. Optional £1.00 individual "2s".

## **The TCL Decanter**

### **Competition format/rules**

- This is a handicap qualifying competition played from Red and Yellow Tees, the Playing Handicap is 95% of Course Handicap, as determined by the World Handicapping System (WHS).
- The format is individual Stableford.
- The winner will be presented with the TCL Decanter.
- The tradition is that the winner fills the Decanter with a drink of their choice at the end of season Prizegiving.
- Vouchers will be awarded for 1st (£20) and 2nd (£10) places.
- £2.00 entry and optional £1.00 and £1.00 “2s” sweeps.

## **Monthly Medals**

### **Competition format/rules**

- We play one medal a month during the season starting in April and ending in October.
- The format of the medals alternates between Strokeplay and Stableford.
- All these medal rounds are qualifiers for the Order of Merit Competition.
- These are handicap qualifying competitions played from Red and Yellow Tees, the Playing Handicap is 95% of Course Handicap, as determined by WHS.
- The winner of each medal will receive a £10 voucher at the end of the season.
- £2.00 entry and optional £1.00 and £1.00 “2s” sweeps.

## Pairs Dyson Salver

### Competition format/rules

This is a 2 person better ball Stableford team competition played from Red and Yellow Tees where both players' Stableford points score at each hole are recorded on the scorecard taking into account the stroke allowances, the individual Playing Handicaps are 85% of Course Handicaps, as determined by WHS, and is a counter for handicap.

Entry can be as a team or alternatively the Organiser will make up teams from single entries.

Both player's **Gross Scores** are entered in Column A or Column B. The best points score should be entered in Column C, taking into account the handicap and stroke index.

Add up Column C for outward and inward 9s and make sure the scorecard is signed by both a player and the marker. The marker's team points score can be recorded and goes in the left-hand Column as a cross check.

The Salver will be presented at the end of season Prizegiving.

Vouchers will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> (£15 each) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (£10 each) places at the end of the season.

£4.00 entry per team, £2.00 sweep per team and optional £1.00 individual "2s" sweep.

## **4 Person Team**

### **Competition format/rules**

- This can be either a Strokeplay or Stableford competition.
- Played in teams of 4 off full Course Handicaps, played from Red and Yellow tees.
- This is a team competition where the best 2 out of 4 scores are recorded on the scorecard.
- Enter the scores in the appropriate Column for each player
- Enter the aggregate score in the Marker's Column
- Enter the total score at the bottom of the scorecard.
- £4.00 team entry, £4.00 team sweep and optional £1.00 individual "2s" sweep.
- In the event of the team only having 3 players then these players will receive a notional handicap increase of 2 shots.

## The Killiecrankie Cup

### Competition format/rules

- This is an individual Stableford competition played over 36 holes. Both individual legs are handicap qualifying competitions played from Red and Yellow Tees or the colour equivalent at Blair Atholl, the Playing Handicap is 95% of Course Handicap, as determined by WHS.
- The first 18 holes will be played at Blair Atholl. Usually this will be played whilst the Ladies Highland week is taking place at Pitlochry.
  - The second 18 holes will be played at Pitlochry.
  - There is no compulsion to play in both rounds, each leg can be played as an 18-hole medal.
  - The trophy winner will be the person with best aggregate stableford score over 36 holes.
  - In the event of tie, the winner will be the person with the best 18 holes score at Pitlochry, followed by best back 9, best back 6 etc.

The trophy will be presented at the end of season Prizegiving.

- Vouchers will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> (£20) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (£10) places at the end of the season.
- £2.00 entry and optional £1.00 and £1.00 “2s” sweeps.

## **Captain's Trophy**

### **Competition format/rules**

- This is a Handicap Qualifying competition played from Red and Yellow Tees, the Playing Handicap is 95% of Course Handicap, as determined by WHS.
- This is an Order of Merit qualifying competition.
- The format is individual Strokeplay.
- The winner will be presented with the trophy at the end of the season Prizegiving.
- Vouchers will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> (£20) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (£10) places at the end of the season.
- £2.00 entry and optional £1.00 and £1.00 “2s” sweeps.

## **The Vrackie Cup**

### **Competition format/rules**

- This competition is an annual match against the Pitlochry Ladies.
- The format may vary from year to year.
- Each of the teams will consist of 8, 10 or 12 players.
- The Vrackie Cup will be presented to the winning team after the match result is known.



## **Matchplay Competition for the Neil Panton Cup**

### **Competition rules**

The draw for this individual Gents only matchplay competition will take place in mid April in order for any preliminary ties to take place.

The rules for this competition follow the PGC Gents rules for knockout competitions. Entrants should be aware that under no circumstances will there be time extensions given for unplayed ties.

The Knockout Rounds Draw Sheet will be displayed in the Club V1 Members App or Website.

Players will play off their Course Handicaps from Yellow Tees and the full difference between the low and the high handicap players will represent the shots to be taken by the higher handicap player at the relevant holes using the Yellow Tees stroke indexes.

The maximum handicap will be 36 i.e. a player with a Course Handicap of say 38 will be required to play off a handicap of 36.

The Final must be played before the start of the winter season

The trophy will be presented at the end of season Prizegiving.

Vouchers will be awarded for 1st (£25) and 2nd (£15) at the end of the season.

Entry fee £2.00 to be paid via the Club V1 Members Hub App or Webpage from Competition Wallets before the draw is made.

## 3 Person Texas Scramble

### Competition format/rules

- The draw for this competition can vary slightly. Teams can sometimes be drawn by the Organiser or, alternatively, members can enter as a team.
- Competition to be played from Red and Yellow Tees, the team's handicap allowance is 30%, 20% and 10% from lowest to highest handicap, as determined by WHS.
- Shots can be played in any person order.
- Each player must use 4 of his drives with a maximum 8.
- Place within 6 inches on the fairway or in a bunker, drop in rough.
- Gross scores should be entered in Column A. Enter the initials of the person whose drive was used in the marker's Column.
- Show the total net score by subtracting the team's handicap (fractional or otherwise) from the total **Gross** score.
- £3 team entry, £3.00 team sweep and no "2s" sweep.
- In the event of only 2 players being available, then a ghost player with a handicap of average of the other 2 will be deemed to be playing for handicap purposes. Additionally, at alternative holes, (Player A odd holes and Player B even holes), will each get an attempt play a 2<sup>nd</sup> ball at each ball position until the ball is holed. The 2 players will each have a minimum of 7 drives and no maximum.

## Captain v Vice-Captain

### Competition format/rules

- This is a 2 man team matchplay competition played from Red and Yellow Tees where the 2 man teams (pairs) are drawn to play for either the Captain or Vice Captain's team. Holes are won, halved or lost after taking into account the handicap allowances and stroke indexes at each hole.
- The handicap allowances, as determined by WHS, are made against the lowest handicap player in the 4 ball group. So, for example: If **Player A is 10, Player B is 17, Player C is 22 and Player D is 28**, then Player A gets zero strokes, Player B gets 7 strokes, Player C gets 12, and player D gets 18 strokes. Players to take their shots at the appropriate holes.
- Mark the scorecard card to show holes won (+), halved (0) or lost (-) for each pair over 18 holes.
- **Unlike normal matchplay where the game ends if say for example, one team is 4 up with 3 to play, in the Captain vs Vice Captain match it is important to complete all 18 holes before recording the final score.**
- Record the final 18-hole score on the card and hand it to the competition Organiser. He will add all the scores from each pair in the competition to decide the overall winning team.
- £1.00 Entry, no sweep, optional £1.00 individual "2s" sweep.
- In the event of a single player, he will receive a notional handicap increase of 5 shots.

## **Stableford 1-2-3 Competition**

### **Competition format/rules**

- Played in drawn teams of 3 off full Course Handicaps from Red and Yellow Tees on a Stableford basis.
- Remember to mark each player's handicap on the card.
- At each of the first 6 holes, record the best points and gross score of one player.
- At holes 7 to 12, record the best points and gross scores of 2 players.
- At holes 13 to 18, record all 3 players' points and gross scores.
- Finally add up the total of points scored. (6 from first 6 holes, 12 from second 6 holes and 18 from last 6 holes).
- £3.00 team entry and £3.00 team sweep and optional £1.00 individual "2s" sweep.
- In the event of the team only having 2 players then, over the last 6 holes, a ghost player will be created scoring 2 points at each hole.

## **4BBB Stableford**

### **Competition format/rules**

- This is a better ball pairs competition played from Red and Yellow Tees on a Stableford basis, the individual Playing Handicaps are 85% of Course Handicaps, as determined by WHS and is a qualifying competition for handicap.
- The format is the same as The Dyson Salver.
- The Organiser will mark the scorecard with each player's stroke allowance.
- The scores at each hole should be entered on the scorecard in Columns A and B. Please mark the card with the gross scores and associated points so that the card can easily be checked.
- The points should be totalled at the bottom of the scorecard.
- £2.00 entry per team, £2.00 sweep per team and optional £1.00 individual "2s" sweep.
- In the event of only 1 player, then the single player will receive a notional handicap increase of 5 shots.

## **3-Person Alliance**

### **Competition format/rules**

- This can be either a Strokeplay or Stableford competition.
- Played in teams of 3 off full Course Handicap, from red and Yellow Tees.
- This is a team competition where the best 2 out of 3 scores are recorded on the scorecard.
- Enter the scores in the appropriate Column
- Enter the aggregate score in the Marker's Column
- Enter the total score at the bottom of the scorecard.
- £3 team entry, £3.00 team sweep and optional £1.00 individual "2s" sweep.
- In the event of the team only having 2 players, then both players will receive a notional handicap increase of 5 shots.

## Yellow Peril

### Competition format/rules

- Played in teams of 3 from Red and Yellow Tees off full Course Handicap on a Stableford basis.
- A yellow ball **MUST** be used by one of the team members on every 3<sup>rd</sup> hole e.g. Player A on holes 1, 4, 7 etc, Player B on holes 2, 5, 8 etc and Player C on holes 3, 6, 9 etc.
- The team may choose which players play 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> but they must keep to that order thereafter.
- If a player loses the yellow ball or hits it out of bounds, he/she must play the shot again under the usual penalty of 2 shots.
- The points score of the yellow ball plus the best points score of one of the other 2 team members will be the counting scores at each hole.
- Record the counting players scores (**GROSS** and points) in Columns A, B or C and the total points for each hole in the Marker's Column.
- Add up the overall total for 18 holes.
- The pleasure – and pain – of this format is the added pressure on the player whose yellow ball score **must** count.
- £3.00 team entry, £3.00 team sweep and optional £1.00 individual “2s” sweep.
- In the event of a team only having 2 players, then both players receive a notional handicap increase of 5 shots. The yellow ball score will of course count at each hole.

## **Medley 1 from 3**

### **Competition format/rules**

- Teams of 3, played from Red and Yellow Tees off full Course Handicap on a Stableford basis.
- All players play and at the end of each hole, select one player's score which is to be recorded on the scorecard.
- This selection must be done after the completion of each hole and not at the end of the round.
- Each player must have their gross and points score recorded for 6 holes only. Use Columns A, B and C.
- The game relies on the team's good judgement when choosing whose score to record at each hole.
- Add up the team's total points score for 18 holes.
- £3.00 team entry, £3.00 team sweep and optional £1.00 individual "2s" sweep.
- In the event of a 2 person team, then a Ghost player will be assigned 2 points at 6 chosen holes, these holes must be decided immediately after playing the particular hole.



## Scotland v England

### **Competition format/rules**

This is basically a 9-hole pairs matchplay competition followed by two 9 hole singles matchplay competitions, played from Yellow Tees.

Holes 1 – 9: In each group, calculate 90% of your Playing Handicap. Take strokes according to the stroke index on the scorecard from the lowest handicap player.

For example, if a player would have got 8 shots from the lowest handicap player over 18 holes, he will get 4 shots over the first 9 holes i.e. at stroke index 6, 2, 4 and 8. The pair with the best net score wins the hole.

The pair with the most wins gets 1 team point or ½ for ties.

Holes 10 – 18: The first named player on the Scotland team scorecard plays against the first named player on the England card and the two second players play each other. Full handicaps with strokes taken from the lower handicapped of the two players.

Again, if the full handicap difference over 18 holes is say 6 shots the higher handicapped player will get 3 shots over the back 9 i.e. holes with stroke index 1, 3 and 5. Each winner gets 1 team point or ½ for a tie.

If each team has 16 players 24 points are at stake so the winning team must score at least 12½ points.

No entry or sweep for this competition but there will be an optional £1 individual “2s”.

In the event of uneven teams where 1 player has to play against 2 opponents, then the single player will receive a notional handicap increase of 5 shots and play all 18 holes against the 2 opponents for 1 match point.

## **2 Person Texas Scramble**

### **Competition format/rules**

- The competition will be played from Red and Yellow Tees and the team handicap will be 35% of lower handicap and 15% of higher handicap, as determined by WHS.
- The competition Organiser will show the team handicap on the scorecard.
- Each team member's tee shot to be used a minimum of 6 times during the 18 holes.
- A team's net score is calculated by subtracting the combined scramble handicap from the gross score.
- £2.00 team entry and £2.00 team sweep and no "2s" sweep.

## **Hidden Pairs**

### **Competition format/rules**

- This is played in 3 ball groups, from Red and Yellow Tees but individual scores are used to provide the result of the competition. Full Course Handicap on a Stableford basis
- The Organiser will draw each player a hidden partner.
- The hidden partners will only be revealed as golfers finish their round.
- Scorecards should be marked in the usual way for a Stableford competition showing gross score and points so that scores can be checked easily.
- The winners will be the 2 golfers (partners) with the best aggregated points score.
- £1.00 entry and £1.00 sweep and optional £1.00 “2s” sweep.

## **The Winter Championship**

### **Competition format/rules**

The full competition rules, including rules for handicap adjustments will be published separately prior to the commencement of the Winter Season.

The Winter Championship Trophy will be presented to the winner at the conclusion of the winter season.

The trophy will either be presented at the conclusion of the Championship or at the end of season Prizegiving.

Vouchers will be awarded for 1st (£30), 2nd (£25), 3rd (£20), 4th (£15) and 5th (£10) places at the end of the winter season.

There is one-off £3.00 entry fee payable before a first round is played via the Club V1 Members Hub or Webpage from Competition Wallets and £1.00 sweep payable on the day.

## **60-Up Cup (presented by Alan Watt)**

### **Competition format/rules**

- This is a Handicap Qualifying competition.
- This is an Order of Merit qualifying competition.
- The format is Strokeplay, played from Red and Yellow Tees, the Playing Handicap is 95% of Course Handicap, as determined by WHS.

The trophy will be presented at the end of season Prizegiving.

- Vouchers will be awarded for 1st (£20) and 2nd (£10) places at the end of the season.
- £2.00 entry and optional £1.00 and £1.00 “2s” sweeps.

## Greensomes (2-person teams)

### **Competition format/rules**

Play from Red and Yellow Tees

- Each team will receive a handicap allowance of 60% of the lower handicap and 40% of the higher handicap, as determined by WHS. Team handicap will be to the decimal point, **NOT** rounded up or down. If the handicaps of the partners are equal, the team handicap is half the combined handicap.
- The competition Organiser will show this calculation on the team scorecard.
- Both team members will drive. They will select which ball to use and will play that ball by alternate strokes (beginning with the player whose drive has not been selected) until the ball is holed out. Each team will record the gross score for each hole. The winning team will be the team with the lowest score off exact handicap.
- £2.00 team entry, £2.00 team sweep and no “2s” sweep.

# **Past Captain's Competition**

## **Competition format/rules**

This is an individual Handicap Qualifying competition

The format is Stableford played from Red or Yellow Tees, the Playing Handicap is 95% of Course Handicap as determined by WHS

£1.00 entry and optional £1.00 and £1.00 "2s" sweeps.

Running alongside this individual Stableford competition will a team competition with teams captained by Past Captains, who will select teams from entries received. The Captain's score plus the best 5 or 7 Stableford points scores in each team will determine the winning team and with this comes bragging rights for the winning Past Captain.

## The Corriegorm Trophy

Awarded to the player with the best 3 out of 4 scores from the April, June, August and October Stableford Medals.

In the event of a tie, the highest place finish or finishes in any of the Medals will determine the Winner

Vouchers will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> (£30), 2<sup>nd</sup> (£20) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (£10) places.

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