

GENERAL RULES

1. **BUGGIES:** The use of buggies are for competitors with medical conditions by producing a Medical certificate signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner. If this is not practical, permission can be provided by the Ladies Captain or Ladies Vice Captain prior to the competition starting (the day before). It is considered polite to advise your opponents or fellow players in advance if you intend to use a buggy.
2. **CADDIES** are not permitted in 36 hole competitions
3. **COMPETITIONS** are subject to the R & A Rules of Golf and to the BBGC Ladies' Section Committee, whose rulings are final. Competitions will be played at Burnham Beeches Golf Club.
4. **COMPETITORS** must be Members of BBGC with current CONGU handicap. When competitions have a handicap limit, higher handicappers must play off these limits.
For all qualifying competitions and events all competitors must have a Competition (c) handicap at the date of the competition to win. (See Handicaps)
5. **CUPS & TROPHIES:** Only ONE Cup/Trophy per Competition is allowed to be played where no handicap limit or restriction is in place. TWO Cups/Trophies can only be played for where there are TWO Handicap Limits (e.g. Morgan Cup and Copper Trophy).
When playing on both the alternate day and Tuesday in a Cup/Trophy Competition, the first card entered will count for the Cup/Trophy.
6. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE:** Players may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. [Note Appendix IV – 5 of the Rules of Golf applies]. As stated in the Club Rules in the Members Diary the use of mobile phones for making or receiving calls on the course is strictly prohibited unless relating to an emergency or the need to contact the Pro Shop.
7. **DISQUALIFYING and NOTIFIABLE OFFENCES**
Transgressions which will result in the competitor being disqualified include but are not limited to:
Card not signed
Card not counter signed
Competition sheet not signed
No handicap recorded on scorecard, or recorded handicap is higher than that to which competitor is entitled and this affects the number of strokes received
A score on any hole is recorded as lower than actually taken. If shown as higher than actual, then the reported score stands. [Note rule 6-6d exception also applies]

Minor transgressions which will result in the competitor being notified of their error, but will not result in disqualification include but are not limited to:
Lower handicap than actual recorded
Incorrect stableford points recorded though actual score correct
Failure to return card as soon as possible. All cards must be returned even in the case of cards marked N.R.
8. **DIVISIONS** where competitions are played in divisions are:
Silver 20 and under
Bronze 21 – 30
Copper 31 and above (this applies in stableford competitions only)
9. **ENTRY FEES** will be requested from late withdrawees of events entered by list or timesheet unless a replacement is found (e.g. Roberts Cup, etc.).
Entry fees will not normally be returned to late withdrawees from knockouts.

The appropriate entry fee must be paid in the Pro Shop prior to play, unless otherwise advised (e.g. for Spring Meeting, Christmas Lunch etc). If the Pro Shop is not open prior to play then competitors will be permitted to pay immediately after their round.

10. **HANDICAPS:** The CONGU Unified Handicapping System (UHS) is based on the following fundamental premises:
- every player will endeavour to make the best score she can at each hole in every qualifying round she plays and will report all such rounds for handicap purposes;
 - every golf club or handicapping authority will, whenever possible run stroke play competitions as qualifying competitions, calculate a Competition Scratch Score and make all handicap adjustments strictly in accordance with the system; and
 - every player will return a sufficient number of qualifying scores to provide reasonable evidence of her current ability.
- A Competition Handicap is a CONGU® Handicap of a player who has returned at least three Qualifying Scores in the current or previous calendar year. Such a handicap is annotated with a 'c' symbol after the numeric value of the handicap. Clubs may use the possession of a 'c' status handicap as a qualification for entry to competitions.
11. **JUNIOR** members of the Ladies' Section may play in ALL competitions run by the Ladies' Section **except knockouts**. They may also play in -
Bank Holiday mixed and Saints Day mixed competitions (with an adult and when their playing partners have been advised) with no handicap restriction.
AGM Foursomes (Roberts Cup), Cliff Day Scramble, Jaggard Trophy, Family Foursomes, Stewards Cup, Brooke Trophy and Trophy competitions run by BBGC if their handicaps are 30 or under.
12. **KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS** are open to Full members only with the exception of the High/Low Greensomes Knockout. Entries are made by signing a book and paying in the Pro Shop at the same time. This must be done **BEFORE** the closing date (displayed on the Ladies' or Mixed Notice Board). The Competitor at the top of the draw should contact her opponent and must offer three dates.
Members who play on a Tuesday must offer 2 weekdays and 1 weekend date. Members who work and play competitions at the weekend must offer 2 weekend and 1 week date. Any dispute that cannot be resolved must be reported to the Committee through the Captain, whose decision is final. If a date cannot be agreed, the Committee will rule that the match must be played at a stated time on the last date for that round (Rules of Golf 33-3).
- Replacements are not allowed in knockout competitions once a pair have played their first round. The pair must notify the competition organiser of the replacement.
- Time limits are set for all rounds in knockouts, including the finals. Time limits will not be published until the number of entries is known. No extensions are allowed other than for Course closure.
- All Finals dates and times should be mutually agreed between the finalists and the Lady Captain informed who will appoint a referee and inform the office for inclusion in the day diary. Finals must be played before the end of September. Prizes are awarded on a ratio of approximately 60:40 split between winner & runner-up.
13. **QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS:** Qualifying competitions are played in twos unless the Ladies' Committee authorises play in threes. The Committee is only prepared to allow a three ball at the end of the field when a ladies' partner pulls out the day before or on the day of the competition. Competitors must play with fellow competitors in the allotted tee times. When a competitor has signed up for a competition and due to exceptional circumstances cannot play in the allotted time, a card may be marked by a non-competitor, i.e. male or female member. The competitor must seek permission from the Lady Captain and then inform the Pro Shop as soon as possible and at least 24 hours in advance in order to obtain approval to compete in the competition. A three ball or a non-competitor marking a card will only be allowed if there is no other lady competitor needing a partner.
- Exceptions for a three ball:** Weekend Ladies & Ladies' Captain's Day

Ladies who have difficulty playing in the designated times are allowed to play at the beginning of the field or later in the day. However, ladies must sign up on the start sheet accordingly and notify the Pro Shop of their intention to play so that the competition remains open (see above). If ladies decide to change from a Tuesday to the preceding weekend, at short notice, they **must** notify the partner co-ordinator so that the reserved Tuesday timeslot can be re-allocated if necessary. E.g. Once start sheet has been posted as closed please contact Partner Co-ordinator.

14. **QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY TO KNOCK-OUTS, CUPS AND TROPHY COMPETITIONS:** Ladies wishing to enter Knock-Outs, Cups or Trophy Competitions must have submitted 3 cards in qualifying competitions during the previous calendar year. However, Ladies will be eligible to play in the above competitions as soon as they have completed 3 qualifying rounds in the current year [CONGU Manual clauses 26.3 and 26.4 apply]. New members can enter regardless of how long they have been a member of the club as long as they have a competition (c) handicap.

Exception: Club Championship, where 54 holes of qualifying golf must be played at BBGC in the current year.

15. **SIGNING IN & ENTERING SCORES:** It is required to sign in on the PSI (Players Score Input) terminal and the competition sheet to register intent to compete in any given qualifying competition before going out to play.

The competition sheet will be held in the Pro Shop and competitors will be required to pay their entry fee and sign in before playing. It should be noted however, that it is not compulsory to pay to enter a medal competition; the entry fee simply entitles a player to be eligible for a prize.

On completion of the game competitors should ensure they input their scores into the PSI terminal and post their signed and countersigned cards into the box by terminal. Any cards marked as 'No Return' must also be signed and put into the box by the terminal.

If a Player deliberately picks up her ball on any hole in a medal round a dash must be marked against the hole as the card will be invalid for that competition – a Maximum of 3 dashes can be put on a card but may still be used for handicap purposes.

16. **STANDARD ENTRY FEE** for competitions is set by the Ladies committee at the start of the handicap year.

17. **SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES:** Supplementary Scores provide players with an alternative format in which to submit scores for handicap purposes and augment the often sparse information derived from competition play. They can provide more evidence of playing ability for a wider range of players so making handicapping more equitable and golf under handicap conditions more meaningful for all concerned. This recognises that the more scores entered on to a player's handicap record, the more accurate their handicap will be. An acceptable score for Supplementary Score purposes are played over an 18-hole measured course in either Stroke Play or Stableford format.

A player intending to return a Supplementary Score is required to signify their intention prior to play by signing in on the PSI terminal in the Pro Shop.

For more information consult CONGU manual Clause 21.

18. **THE 10TH TEE** may be used as a starting point for competitions when approved by the Ladies' Captain and Committee.

19. **TIES** for prizes will be decided according to the relevant pages of the CONGU handbook (i.e. Net Score of the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes).

20. **WEATHER CONDITIONS:** If, due to inclement weather, course conditions during a competition become unplayable either the General Manager, Competition Organiser, Team Captain or member of the Pro Shop staff will advise the competitors that play has been suspended or abandoned. If there is a danger from lightning players should discontinue play immediately and wait for advice as noted above. NOTE: Competitions will be played unless the course is closed because of unplayable conditions.

Revisions Record

Date	Changes	Drafted By	Agreed
1/4/19	Divisions aligned with comp rules: Silver + to 20 Bronze 21 to 30 Copper 31 and above (stablefords only)	L Davis	Ladies Committee