



## **CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS (RULE 33-1)**

### **BALLYNEETY GOLF CLUB (MEN'S CLUB)**

**2025**

The following Men's Club Conditions of Competition shall be deemed to have been made subject to and in accordance with the rules of Golf CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS (RULE 33-1)

The following conditions under which club competitions are to be played have been drawn up by the Competition Committee and approved by the Men's Committee.

Members are advised to know and comply with them.

#### **1. THE RULES OF GOLF**

1.1. The Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Rules Limited and the U.S.G.A. in addition to Local Rules as made and published by the Men's Committee shall apply to all competitions. (Players should familiarize themselves with these rules, particularly Rule 6: Player's Responsibilities, which can be found in the Men's Locker Room)

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY**

2.1. Only players who meet the eligibility rules for certain competitions, as laid down by the Committee, may enter those competitions.

**2.2. Members in their first year** as a member of Ballyneety G.C are ineligible to win the Captain's Prize or the President's Prize.

**2.3. New Members availing of 15 Month Membership** Offers to be considered members on a calendar basis, (Jan-Dec), for eligibility to win Captain's Prize, President's Prize.

**2.4.** To be eligible to **win** the Captain's Prize or President's Prize, qualifying members (See 2.6 below) must have completed a minimum of 3 club qualifying competitions within the current golfing year.

**2.5. Country Members / Distance Members** are ineligible to win prizes in Medals and GOY Competitions but may play to return a score for handicap purposes.

**2.6** Members must have completed a minimum of 6 club qualifying competitions to be eligible to win any Men's Club qualifying competition.

**2.7** To be eligible to enter the **Men's Singles Matchplay & The Championship of the Course Matchplay** players must have returned 4 scores in a qualifying singles competition in Ballyneety GC the previous year. Exemption on medical grounds will require a medical certificate.

**2.8 Junior Members** may play in all singles competitions provided they are accompanied by at least one adult member and the adult member signs and verifies their scorecard. Junior Members may play in all four-balls provided they are partnered by an adult Member, and in all team, events provided there is at least one adult member on a team. The following limitations apply to Junior Members playing in Adult Club Competitions:

- Male Junior Members must have a Handicap Index of 19.9 or less to play in adult competitions.
- Junior members are not eligible to play in the Captains Prize or Presidents Prize.
- Junior members are not eligible to play in the Men's Singles Matchplay or the Championship of the Course Matchplay.
- Junior members may play in GOY competitions but cannot win 1<sup>st</sup> prize & cannot be awarded GOY points.

**2.9** Male Junior Members of affiliated golf clubs (i.e. Under 18 on the 1st of November in the year of the competition) may play in all Adult Open Singles competitions provided they are accompanied by at least one adult Member of an affiliated golf club and their

card is signed and validated by the adult member or any adult with a Golf Ireland membership.

The following limitation applies to Junior Members playing in Adult Open Singles Competitions:

- Male Junior Members of affiliated golf clubs must have a Handicap Index of 19.9 or less to play in adult open singles competitions.

**2.9 Student Members** are from the ages 19 to 25. Student Members may play in all men's Club competitions with the following limitations:

- Student Members may play in the Captain's Prize and Captain's Prize Playoff but cannot win the Captains Prize (i.e. students cannot win overall 1st place)
- Student Members may play in the President's Prize but cannot win the President's Prize. (i.e. students cannot win overall 1st place)

### **3. MOTORISED BUGGIES**

3.1. Motorised golf buggies may only be used with the permission of the Men's Committee.

3.2. The buggy may only be used by the person who sought permission and may carry only his equipment. Penalty for breach – Disqualification of the offending player.

### **4. ENTRY**

4.1. To enter a competition, a player must ensure that before starting to play, his name has been inserted in the official Competition Entry Book for reference.

4.2. Failure to enter player details in the Competition Entry Book will result in the player being disqualified from the said competition where

(a) the competition is not set up for sign in on the PSI terminal in the locker room and the mobile app.

(b) the competition is set up for sign in on the PSI terminal in the locker room and the mobile app but for any reason the player has not signed in on either.

4.3. For competitions where the club computer system is operational, the member should sign in via the PSI system in the locker room or via “Today's Golf” on the ClubV1 Members Hub / HowDidIDo app before commencing play.

4.4. Players are responsible to inform themselves of any local rules that might be in play for any competition.

4.5. Persons in arrears (Annual Subscription) after first Friday in April of that Calendar year will not be eligible to win prizes in any Club competition or play on any club teams. Direct debits are not deemed to be in arrears.

4.6. If the club computer or ticket printer is not working a player must PRINT his name handicap and date of play on the scorecard.

## **5. TIMES OF STARTING AND GROUPS (RULE 33-3)**

The player shall start:

5.1. At the time laid down by the Committee.

5.2. At the time reserved on the advance time sheet.

5.3. Players shall not compete in a competition prior to the official start time, unless with advance permission from the Competition Secretary.

5.4. Players shall not compete in a competition after the last tee-time indicated on the time sheet, unless with advance permission from the Committee.

5.5. Competitors shall remain throughout the round in the group arranged by the Committee unless that Committee authorizes or ratifies a change.

## **6. MATCH PLAY**

6.1. The conditions under which Club Match Play Competitions are to be played shall be laid down by the Committee and displayed on the advance time sheets and draw sheets.

6.2. It is the responsibility of both players and teams to arrange their match within the allotted date set out by the committee. Players may decide by lot (toss of a coin) or they may concede their match to their opponents within the allotted date set out by the committee.

6.3. Players failing to play their match within the allotted time will be eliminated from the competition.

6.4. Local Rules will be available at reception and in the men's locker room.

## **7. TIME SHEETS**

When time sheets are in operation, players:

7.1. May reserve only one line, i.e. a maximum of four name slots (names only to be used).

7.2. Shall not play unless they have an allocated time slot (i.e. may not cut in between groups).

7.3. Should be present at the 1st tee, and ready to play, five minutes before their starting time.

7.4. Players must notify their opposition and partner in the time as laid down by the time sheet if they are withdrawing from the time sheet, especially if the withdrawal leaves fellow competitors without opposition, or in the case of a team event leaves a member without a partner. (Reserving a time is a commitment to play with or mark for the other players at that time slot). The committee may take disciplinary action for breach of this rule.

7.5. Course ranger has the right to alter groups in Club Competitions and must be shown courtesy and respect in all decisions he/ she might make in keeping with the smooth running of play.

## **8. HANDICAPPING RULES AND ALLOWANCES**

8.1. The rules and allowances that shall apply for handicapping are those prescribed by Golf Ireland and set out by the World Handicap System (WHS). Players should familiarize themselves fully with the World Handicap System.

A summary of the various handicap allowances for different competition formats can be found in the Men's Locker Room.

8.2. In all Club Competitions, including Open Competitions, as organized by the Committee, the only handicaps acceptable and recognized for prize eligibility shall be as laid down by the World Handicap System (WHS).

## **9. TEEING GROUNDS**

9.1. The competition tees are those as indicated in the official competition entry book.

9.2. The stipulated round commences from the first tee and consists of playing the holes of the course in the sequence prescribed by the Competition Committee, unless otherwise authorized by them.

9.3. In mixed foursomes competitions, the man shall tee off at the 1st hole unless otherwise indicated by the organizing Committee.

## **10. ETIQUETTE**

The rules regarding etiquette, as contained in SECTION 1 of the Rules of Golf, should always be complied with. In addition:

10.1. Competitors playing in an Inter-Club or Club Championship Match should, if practical, be extended the courtesy of being called through a slower group.

10.2. Players in a Club competition shall have priority over players who are not competing.

10.3. The maximum grouping allowed is four players, unless otherwise authorized by the Committee.

10.4. Players representing the Club in Golf Ireland competitions should wear the appropriate Club Green Jersey, white T Shirt and black or navy pants. Failure to adhere to these club regulations may result in a player being withdrawn from the event.

## **11. PACE OF PLAY**

11.1. The Committee promotes Ready Golf. ("Ready Golf" is a commonly used term which indicates that players should play when they are ready to do so, rather than adhering strictly to the "farthest from the hole plays first" stipulation in the Rules of Golf.) Except during a Matchplay round.

Ready Golf Etiquette:

- Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options.
- Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait.
- Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play.
- Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball.
- Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else's line.
- Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker.

- When a player's ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is having to walk to their ball and assess their shot.
- Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off.
- Groups shall play without delay in accordance with the pace of play guidelines as laid down by the Committee.

11.2. Players are expected to keep their place on the course by avoiding slow play - (Your place on the course is immediately behind the group ahead and not immediately in front of the following group).

11.3. If a group fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should invite the group following to pass.

11.4. Slow play will be penalised under Rule 6-7.

## **12. SCORE CARDS (RULE 33-5)**

12.1. In the absence of the Committee issuing score cards containing the date and competitor's name, all competitors are requested, by the Competitions Committee, to put their Name, Competition Title, Date, Handicap Index (HI), Course Handicap (CH) and Playing Handicap (PH) on their own scorecards.

12.2 Having entered a Competition via the PSI system in the locker room, the Club System will generate a label showing the Member's relevant details. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that the details contained therein are correct and that the label is attached to his scorecard in the correct position.

12.3. In the absence of the Committee specifically appointing a 'marker' to check and record a competitor's score, a fellow-competitor or another player may act as marker. For club competitions, the player acting as marker must be a member of Ballyneety Golf Club.



12.4. A competitor should not mark or alter his own score card. (The appointed marker is responsible for checking and recording the competitor's score and for any alterations to the recorded scores).

12.5. Score cards must be marked and signed before entering the locker room.

12.6. For competitions where the club computer system is operational, all singles scores must be entered into the club system, either by PSI system entry in the locker room or MSI entry in the "Today's Golf" section of the ClubV1 Members Hub / HowDidIDo app, and the card returned as soon as possible after the round, whether the round is completed or not.

12.7. All scorecards must be deposited in the Scorecard Box in the Men's Locker Room, at which point the scorecard is considered to have been returned.

### **13. CLOSE OF COMPETITIONS**

13.1. Scorecards for all competitions must be returned by competitors within 30 minutes after they have completed the final hole.

13.2. Scorecards once returned, will not be permitted to be altered.

13.3. Penalty for returns posted after Close of Competition is Disqualification.

13.4. Penalty for a Player or Marker not signing a scorecard is Disqualification.

### **14. NON-RETURNS IN QUALIFYING SINGLES COMPETITIONS**

The automatic .1 addition for a score above competition handicap is now discontinued as, per WHS rules, handicap indices are assessed from an average of the best 8 of last 20 scores submitted.

Golf Ireland / WHS recommendations regarding non-returns for qualifying singles competitions will be enforced. The Committee has discretion to apply sanctions to players who repeatedly fail to comply with their responsibilities regarding the return of scorecards.

14.1. When playing a “strokeplay” competition and where a hole has not been completed, the player should mark an N/R on this hole only but continue scoring the rest of his round. The round will not be eligible for competition prize but may still be used to update the handicap record.

14.2. If there is no valid reason determined by the committee and an acceptable score is discoverable, that score will be posted.

14.3. If there is no valid reason determined by the committee and a score is not discoverable, a penalty score will be posted to the player’s record and a club sanction may be applied to the offending player.

## **15. DISPUTES AND RULES OF GOLF**

15.1. Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to the Committee, as soon as possible, whose decision shall be final (Rule 34-3).

## **16. DECISION OF TIES (RULE 33-6)**

16.1. The manner in which ties are to be decided will be by matching the tied score cards to determine the winner based on count-back, as approved by R & A Rules.

16.2. For 18 hole competitions, decide on last 9 holes--6--3--2--1 and if still tied, decide on last 6 & last 3 holes of first 9.

16.3. If this procedure does not produce a result, the winner will then be determined by lot.

16.4. In the event of a tie in Matchplay after 18 holes, Sudden death will begin on the 1st hole and continue until the match has a result. The Committee may permit play to start at the 10th for the purpose of deciding ties.

## 17. PRIZE PRESENTATIONS

17.1. Prize winners are expected to attend Prize Presentations as a courtesy to our Officers, Sponsors and Members. Prizes will not be given out beforehand. If due to exceptional circumstances, players are unable to be present to receive their prize they must nominate another person (preferably from outside committee members) to collect their prize on their behalf.

Players who after nominating a person to collect their prize, and said nominated person fails to show for their prize, may collect it within 6 weeks. Failure to show after that will result in the prize being cancelled and put back into the prize fund.

## 18. GOLFER OF THE YEAR

18.1. There are 13 GOY Competitions:

### Majors:

Captain's Prize, President's Prize, Singles Matchplay

### Cups / Trophies:

Flan O'Neill Cup, Stroller Cup, Liberties Cup, TJ Walsh Cup, Four Elms Cup, Creative Gardens Cup, Pro's Prize to Men, Clubhouse Trophy.

### Medals:

June Medal, July Medal

18.2. Points awarded per GOY competition:

GOY	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Cups / Trophies / Medals	15	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Singles Matchplay	15	12	8	8	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	N/A	N/A

18.3 Where Student Members finish in preliminary 1st place but cannot be deemed winners of a GOY competition (i.e. Captain's Prize and President's Prize), Student Members will be awarded full GOY points including bonus points for 1st place in that competition.

18.4 Where a junior member finishes in the top ten in a GOY competition, they will not be awarded GOY points. The points will be re-distributed on a pro rata basis to the remaining entrants.

18.4 The Golfer with the best total in the specified GOY Competitions will be deemed the Golfer of the Year. In the event of a tie the Golfer who featured in the points in the most GOY competitions will be deemed the winner. If still tied the winner will be decided on Countback in the last GOY competition of the Year.

18.5 The Men's Committee reserve the right to:

18.5.1 reduce the number of qualifying competitions to count towards GOY.

18.5.2 alter the competitions that qualify for GOY in the event of inclement weather.

18.5.3 alter the competitions that qualify for GOY for any other reason.

18.5.4 alter the allocation of points for the placings in GOY competitions

## **19. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

The Competitions Committee reserves the right to:

19.1. Alter a published competition or the conditions of same, if it is deemed necessary.

19.2. Cancel a competition due to insufficient entries or to postpone or abandon it at any stage in exceptional circumstances, if the Committee so decides.

19.3. Refuse any entry to a competition without assigning a reason.

## **MEN'S COMMITTEE 2025**