

Waterford Golf Club

Terms of Competitions (Men's Section)

The Rules of Golf

1. The Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A and U.S.G.A., as may be amended from time to time, in addition to any Local Rules made and published by Waterford Golf Club, shall apply to all competitions held in Waterford Golf Club. 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 Waterford Golf Club.

Handicapping

2. Handicaps will be operated and maintained in accordance with the current World Handicap System (WHS).
3. Players should familiarise themselves with the handicap system particularly Appendix A – Responsibilities of the Player. It should be noted that a player who fails to conduct any of the responsibilities imposed by the WHS is not entitled to a WHS Index.
4. It is expected that every player who enters a Qualifying Competition intends to complete the round and submit a score. In this regard players should familiarise themselves with Rule 7.1 of the WHS which gives a committee the authority to impose sanctions on those players who for no valid reason fail to submit a score, such sanctions may be up to and including a withdrawal of handicap index. (*WGC Bye-Law 7*)
5. In all Club Competitions including Open and Semi Open as organised by the Mens Committee, the only handicaps that are acceptable and recognised for prize eligibility, shall be for players of affiliated golf clubs.

Eligibility

6. From April 1st each year only fully paid-up members, or members who have an agreed payment plan in place, will be eligible to win a prize of any sort in any competition held in Waterford Golf Club. This restriction also applies to any players who wish to represent Waterford Golf Club in any interclub team competition. (*WGC Bye-Law 15*)
7. Only players who meet the eligibility criteria for certain competitions, as laid down by the Mens Committee, may enter those competitions. (The Committee may waive restrictions in certain circumstances). In addition, the following restrictions apply to certain categories of members
Distance/Country Members are eligible to play in all club competitions except for the Captain's Prize and the President's Prize.

Junior/Student Members shall be eligible to play in and win prizes in Men's Competitions in accordance with the Junior Protocols currently in place as set out by the Men's Committee. These shall be displayed on the Juniors noticeboard, all junior members are asked to read and familiarise themselves with same.

8. Members who receive an initial handicap from the Mens Committee, based on 3 or 6 submitted cards, (3 x 18-hole or 6 x 9 hole cards) can only win a category or “9” prize in any club competition prior to completing 3 full 9 or 18 hole qualifying singles competitions.
9. **Captain’s Prize/President’s Prize:** a new member or returning member (after 2 or more year’s absence) is ineligible to win the first prize in president’s/captain’s prize during their first 12 months of membership.

Method of Entry & Score Card

10. Competitors must report to the Pro-Shop 10 minutes before start time, failure to do so may result in loss of time.
11. Entry fee for competition must be paid in Pro-Shop before commencing play in the competition, failure to do so shall result in disqualification (*WGC Bye-Law 14*).
12. As far as it is possible if there are less than three people on a line, people from the next line will be moved up, starting with the first person on the line. This is non-negotiable and refusal to move up a line will result in elimination from the time sheet.
13. Time sheets are monitored for continuous changes and non-attendance. Any player who regularly removes their name at short notice or who fails to turn up will be liable to further sanctions at the discretion of the Men’s Committee.
14. Players entering competitions are obliged to make their entry on the relevant computer, if operating, provided for that purpose.
15. All scorecards for competitions must be returned as soon as possible after completion of the designated round and scores entered on the designated computer, if operating, and placed in the appropriate collection area. Where competition set up allows players may use the Mobile Score Input (MSI) App on their phones to input their score but must still return the card to the appropriate collection area. Consistent failure to do so will render the competitor liable for suspension from competition for a period of time (*WGC Bye-Law 8*) and may also include a withdrawal of handicap index as per paragraph 4 above.
16. A player who fails to follow either paragraphs 14 or 15 above may find their score is deemed by the Mens Committee to be unacceptable for either the competition or for handicap purposes.

17. A player should raise any Rules issues with the Mens Committee before returning his scorecard. The decision of the Mens Committee which shall be made in accordance with the Rules of Golf, will be final.

18. In accordance with the Rules of Golf no alteration (of any kind) may be made on a scorecard after the competitor has returned it to the appropriate collection area.

19. All competitions will be deemed to be closed once results have been officially announced and no further alteration of the final result will be permitted, unless it is to rectify an error made by the Mens Committee.

Adverse Weather

20. If a competition is held over either one or two days on a weekend and adverse weather necessitates the closure of the course, at least 60% of the total entries must have completed their round for the competition to stand. If less than 60% have completed their round, then the competition is deemed to be abandoned. At the discretion of the Mens Committee prizes may be awarded depending on the number of entrants (i.e. holding of a sweep), these rounds will still count for handicap purposes.

21. *Captains Prize/Presidents Prize* – the exception to rule 20 above is in the event of either Captain's or President's prize being affected by adverse weather the committee shall decide what course of action is appropriate.

Prizes and Presentations

22. Prize structure will be at the discretion of the Mens Committee, in a sponsored competition prizes will be at the discretion of the sponsor.

23. Prize-winners are asked to attend presentations or make suitable alternative arrangements for prizes to be collected at the presentation.

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