



# RULES OF COMPETITIONS CARTON HOUSE LADIES CLUB MARCH 2025

## 1. Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide details of the Conditions of Competition related to the Carton House Ladies Golf Club. Conditions of Competition determine the structure of each competition including who may enter, eligibility to win, how to enter, what the schedule and format of the competition will be.

**Note:** Members, in these Conditions of Competition, refer to females only.

The following Conditions, under which Club Competitions are to be played, are further to R&A Rules and have been approved by the Ladies' Committee. Members are advised to know and comply with them. Information is also available on the R&A and Golf Ireland websites.

The Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, in addition to Local Rules as made and published by the Ladies' Committee, shall apply to all competitions. Players should familiarise themselves with these Rules.

## 2. General Information:

- 2.1. Timesheets will go live each Monday at 8pm covering the Weekend (Saturday/Sunday) and the following Wednesday competitions.
- 2.2. Distance devices may be used, for distance measurement only, in all competitions. Measuring elevation changes is not allowed and must be deactivated in advance of starting a competition.
- 2.3. Golf Buggies are allowed in all competitions & subject to Golf Ireland Competition Rules and course condition permitting.
- 2.4. Mobile phones shall be placed on silent while in use on the golf course (except for Health and Safety/Emergencies/Doctors on Call).
- 2.5. Major Competitions comprise of the following:
  - Lady Captain's Prize – Stroke Play Format
  - Lady Vice-Captain's Prize - Stableford Format
  - President's Prize to the Ladies – Stroke Play Format
  - Men's Captain's Prize to the Ladies - Stableford Format
  - Professionals Prize - Stableford Format

### 3. Times of playing Competitions:

- 3.1.1. It is recommended that all members avail of ladies competition times on Saturday and Wednesday which are designated by a PINK background on BRS and any competition line on Sunday.
- 3.1.2. Ladies unused Saturday lines are released back to Men's Club by 8am Tuesday morning.
- 3.1.3. The player must start at the time established by the Committee and/or as reserved on the BRS/time sheet by the player. Players must present themselves at the tee at least 5 minutes before their allotted tee time. Not turning up on time for a competition tee time booked in the members name is deemed a no-show and may attract penalties under the Rules of Golf and/or sanction from the Committee.
- 3.1.4. The Committee reserves the right to alter times of starting and pairings.

### 4. Competition Entry:

- 4.1.1. Bookings for all competitions must be made online through BRS or in the pro shop.
- 4.1.2. All major competitions must be played within ladies competition times.
- 4.1.3. Ladies who wish to play weekly competitions outside of dedicated ladies lines must advise the pro shop in advance in order for them to be entered into competition on Golf Genius.
- 4.1.4. Members must sign into the competition before playing which represents the members official entry into the competition.

### 5. Score Card:

- 5.1.1. When a player signs into the competition, the player must ensure that all details are accurate and if needed, amend. Players are required to ensure the following details are recorded:
  - Date of the competition,
  - Name of the competition and competitor,
  - Player's handicap Index, players course handicap and playing handicap
- 5.1.2. It is the responsibility of the player to play off the correct handicap index on the day.
- 5.1.3. Scores must be entered immediately upon returning to the clubhouse. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

- 5.1.4. It is each player's responsibility to ensure that all competition scores in Qualifying Competitions, whether complete or not complete, are entered into the system. Failure to do this may result in a sanction, including disqualification. Players who do not return scores are impacting the calculation of the PCC (Playing conditions calculation) which in turn impacts the handicap index of all competitors.
- 5.1.5. "No Returns" are not acceptable. Scores for completed holes played must be entered into the system. Due to its impact on PCC calculation, "No Return" will result in warning/penalties being imposed on the player.
- 5.1.6. In the event that the computer/system is not working, each player must abide by the alternative arrangements set out by the Competition Secretary .
- 5.1.7. A scorecard is deemed to be returned by submitting in accordance with Golf Genius (certified?). A score card cannot be changed after it has been returned.

## 6. Conditions of Competition:

### 6.1. Playing Conditions

- 6.1.1. The status of placing/dropping in the rough/bunkers out of play etc. may be stated beside the computer. If it is not written down, it is the player's responsibility to check with the Pro-shop before going out to play.
- 6.1.2. Failure to adhere to the competition format results in disqualification.
- 6.1.3. Most competitions start on Hole 1. During winter competitions please check with the Pro Shop to confirm the starting hole.
- 6.1.4. All ladies competitions are played off the red tees unless otherwise advised by the Club/Pro-shop on the day.
- 6.1.5. In medal Strokeplay competitions, aligned with WHS guidance rules to avoid slow play, a cut off score on each hole shall apply. A Nett Double Bogey system plus Handicap allowance. e.g. par 5 + 2 (nett double bogey) +2 (example of allowance per Handicap)= 9 shots.
- 6.1.6. **Captain's and President's Prizes:** If a player picks up their ball at any point e.g. does not complete a hole, then that player is unable to win the competition but can complete the round for handicap purposes. The player who picks up her ball, must record an X on her digital card for the hole that she picked up on.

- 6.1.7. Nine Hole Qualifying competitions are held on the same days as the 18 Ladies Competition Day - Wednesday. The Carton Ladies Rules of Competition apply to all the 9-hole competitions. On Wednesdays the last few competition slots are normally available for 9-hole players each week.
- 6.1.8. In the later and earlier months of any year, 9 and/or 18-hole competitions may be supplanted by 11, 12 or 13 hole, or other limited number of holes, competitions. All members are eligible to play in, and win these competitions.
- 6.1.9. For competitions played over consecutive days (e.g. Lady Captains over two rounds), a player's handicap index shall be that of the day on which each round is played.
- 6.1.10. If Suspension of Play becomes necessary: Players may discontinue play in a qualifying competition if they believe they are in danger from lightning, or the Committee suspends play. If a competition is declared null and void, a communication as to whether the competition is to be replayed under exactly the same conditions on another day, or if a new competition is to be played, or the competition is to be abandoned shall be shared either via the Noticeboard and/or social media.

## 6.2. Rules for Marker:

- 6.2.1. The Member must have a fellow competitor, and/or any golfer with an Initial handicap index to confirm their Competition score, with the exception that all Major Competitions must be played with a fellow competitor. (Refer to Definitions Section).

## 6.3. Eligibility to Play:

- 6.3.1. Only players who meet the eligibility rules for certain Competitions, as laid down by the Committee, may enter into Competitions. The Committee may waive restrictions in certain circumstances.
- 6.3.2. Only Members who have already paid their yearly Membership fee, Club levy and Golf Ireland fee will be classified as Members and may enter a club competition.
- 6.3.3. All fully paid-up Lady, Intermediate & Junior Members with an Initial handicap index are eligible to play in the weekly competitions, subject to certain restrictions as described in these Conditions of Competition.

## 6.4. Eligibility to Win:

- 6.4.1. Only players who meet the eligibility rules for certain Competitions, as laid down by the Committee, may win prizes in the Competitions – see table 1 below. The Committee may waive restrictions in certain circumstances

6.4.2. A player may only win one prize in a competition – except for Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin.

6.4.3. A fully paid-up member for a minimum of one calendar year, with an established Handicap Index (Refer to Definitions Section) is eligible to win 1st prize in any Major or Medal Competition.

6.4.4. A fully paid-up Member with an initial handicap index (Refer to Definitions Section) is eligible to play and can win the weekly competition but are **exempt from winning 1<sup>st</sup> prize** in any Major or Medal Competition

Competition	Eligibility to Win	Number of Returned Cards
Standard Weekday/Weekend	Initial / or Established handicap index	N/A
Medal/Strokes	Established handicap index / Fully paid-up with a minimum of one calendar year membership.	N/A
Lady Captain's Prize	Established handicap index / Fully paid-up with a minimum of one calendar year membership.	3x 18 holes or 6 x 9hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9-hole singles competition from Carton G.C in the current year
Lady Vice-Captain's Prize	Established handicap index / Fully paid-up with a minimum of one calendar year membership.	2x 18 holes or 4 x 9-hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9-hole singles competition from Carton G.C in the current year
Men's Captain's Prize to the Ladies	Established handicap index / Fully paid-up with a minimum of one calendar year membership.	2x 18 holes or 4 x 9-hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9-hole singles competition from Carton G.C in the current year
President's Prize to the Ladies	Established handicap index / Fully paid-up with a minimum of one calendar year membership.	2x 18 holes or 4 x 9-hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9-hole singles competition from Carton G.C in the current year
Professional Prize	Established handicap index / Fully paid-up with a minimum of one calendar year membership.	2x 18 holes or 4 x 9-hole singles cards or a combination of 18 hole and 9-hole singles competition from Carton G.C in the current year

## Table 1: Eligibility to Win

From time to time there will be exceptional circumstances which shall be at the discretion of the Ladies Committee, for example, a return to golf after injury, absence for a period of time or adverse weather conditions.

6.4.5. Juniors & Intermediates with an initial handicap index are eligible to play and win the weekly competitions and medals.

6.4.6. All Intermediates with a handicap index in excess of **39.9** will default to a handicap index of **39.9** for Majors and Medals. Intermediates are ineligible to win 1st prize in Majors.

6.4.7. Juniors can only compete for a Junior Prize in the Lady Captains and President Prize. For all other Majors, Juniors are exempt from winning 1st or 2nd, but can win all other prizes. All Juniors with a handicap index in excess of **39.9** will default to a handicap index of **39.9** for Majors and Medals.

## 6.5. Breaches of Rules of Golf and Golf Etiquette:

6.5.1. All Members are required to bring to the attention of the Ladies Committee ([ladiesclub@cartonhousemembers.com](mailto:ladiesclub@cartonhousemembers.com)) concerns relating to breaches of the Rules of Golf or Golf Etiquette.

6.5.2. All Members are required to notify their playing partners immediately if she is unable to play, or needs to move line, for any reason whatsoever and should advise her partners of the reason for not being available to play.

6.5.3. All disputes shall be settled by the ladies Committee, whose decision shall be final. The exception may be if a Member refers a dispute to the Governing Body, now known as Golf Ireland.

6.5.4. Penalties to Conditions where applicable: Penalties shall be applied as set down in R&A Rules of Golf.

6.5.5. Local Rules are noted on the backs of course cards, on the Club website and, additionally, on Club Notice Boards. It is the player's responsibility to familiarise herself with Local Rules.

6.5.6. Failure to adhere to the competition format results in disqualification

## 6.6. Prizes Allocation:

6.6.1. Prizes will be awarded depending on the numbers playing:

Weekly Singles & Team Prize Allocation	
1 Player / 1 Team	No prizes,
Between 2 and 11 Players / Teams (inclusive)	1st prize
Between 12 and 16 players / Teams (inclusive)	1st prize, 2nd prize
17 or more players	1st prize, 2nd prize, 3rd prize
>25 players the Committee shall determine the allocation of Class / Category Prizes	

**Table 2:** Prize Allocation

6.6.2. Decision of ties and halved matches shall be aligned with WHS (Last 9,6,3,1 holes).

6.6.3. Golfer of the Year (GOY) shall be determined by points allocated during the year as outlined in Table 3 below. In the event of a tie for GOY, the winner of most points in Majors becomes overall winner. If still a tie, winner of most Medals. If still a tie, a play-off will be arranged.

**Note:** Junior members are ineligible to win GOY or be allocated points towards GOY

### **Competition and points towards GOY:**

Category	Winners in Competition	Points Allocation Towards GOY
Majors	Captains Prize	10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
	Presidents Prize	9, 8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
	Vice Captains Prize	8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
	Men's Captain's Prize to the Ladies	7,6,5,4,3,2,1
	Professional Prize to Ladies	7,6,5,4,3,2,1
Medals	Monthly Medals	6,5,4,3,2,1

**Table 3:** GOY Points Allocation



## 6.7. Practice:

- 6.7.1. Match Play: On any day of a match play competition, a player may practise on the competition course before a round.
- 6.7.2. Stroke Play: Before a round or play-off on any day of a stroke play competition, a competitor must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.
- 6.7.3. When two or more rounds of a stroke play (Medal or Major) competition are to be played over consecutive days (see definition) , a competitor must not practise between those rounds on any competition course remaining to be played, or test the surface of any putting green on such course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.
- 6.7.4. Exception: Practice putting or chipping on or near the first teeing ground or any practice area before starting a round or play-off is permitted.

## 6.8. Local Rule of note:

### 6.8.1. Local Rule 8: Main Day and Alternative Day Competitions

When players have a choice between Main Day or Alternative Day participation for a single stroke competition, any player who elects to play on the second day of the competition is permitted to play on the competition course on the first day of the said competition when and only when playing for Carton House in an Interclub match and with the approval of the Competitions Secretary.

### 6.8.2. Local Rule 9. Government restrictions for competitions

The Ladies committee will adhere to all Government restrictions regarding travel and playing guidelines in the event of extenuating circumstances.

## 6.9. Definitions: (Refer to Golf Ireland and R&A for further details)

6.9.1. **Course Handicap:** The number of handicap strokes a player receives, before handicap allowances, from a specific set of tees.

6.9.2. **Playing Handicap:** The Course Handicap adjusted for any handicap allowances or Terms of the Competition. It represents the actual number of strokes the player gives or receives for the round being played

6.9.3. **Handicap Index:** The measure of a player's demonstrated ability calculated against the Slope Rating of a golf course of standard playing difficulty (that is, a course with a Slope Rating of 113)

- **Initial Handicap Index:** To attain the first Handicap Index (Initial Handicap Index) a player must submit at least three 18-hole or six 9-hole scores.
- **Established Handicap Index:** An Established Handicap Index is calculated from a minimum of 20 Competition or General Play scorecards on the player's WHS record. This allows the WHS system to take an average of the players lowest 8 most recent score differentials.

6.9.4. **Fellow Competitor:** A fellow Competitor is a current female member (including Intermediates and Juniors) playing in the designated time in the same competition.

6.9.5. **Consecutive days:** Competition days in direct sequence e.g. Saturday & Sunday.

## 7. Revision History

Revision #	Details	When Updated	Updated by
Revision 11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Remove ref to USGA in section 1</li><li>2. Ref to the use of Mobile phase on the golf course</li><li>3. Remove reference to contacting the ladies competition secretary if playing out of allocated competition times.</li><li>4. Confirmation of competition format for all five majors in section 2.5. President Prize changed to Stroke play</li><li>5. No Pink slots on Sunday – remove ref to Sunday from section 2.6.2</li><li>6. With the introduction of Golf Genius the following changes were made<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Remove reference to How-di-I-do as Golf Genius is not linked to this platform</li><li>b. Allow for the roll out of digital scorecards</li></ol></li></ol>	March 2025	Updated by B Corcoran A McQuillan S Keane F McEvoy J Finnegan M McGaver

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Remove reference to a time limit to enter scores in section 2.7.2</li> <li>d. Ladies to contact pro-shop if playing outside of competition times added</li> <li>e. Remove reference to printed labels.</li> <li>f. Replace returning card to competition box with 'inputting score' on Golf Genius.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Clarification of nett double bogey rule to be used in medal matchplay, not in presidents or captains prize.</li> <li>8. Align Table 1 Eligibility to Win to remove the column "1 Full Year's Membership of the Club" as this was noted in X<sup>2</sup> below the table</li> <li>9. Discussed possibility of introducing Handicap Entry Limits and a Max Handicap Cap in some Majors. Review of the data in the ClubV1 Winners' Report did not support the introduction of changes to the Major Competitions</li> <li>10. Addition of ladies club email address</li> <li>11. Remove reference to notifying competition secretary if removing name from a line. Retain reference to notifying playing partners.</li> </ul>		
Rev. 10	<p>Section 3.6.2.1 Addition of Hole 12</p> <p>Discussed possibility of introducing Handicap Entry Limits and a Max Handicap Cap in some Majors. Review of the data in the ClubV1 Winners' Report did not support the introduction of changes to the Major Competitions</p>	<p>Feb</p> <p>2024</p>	<p>P. Galvin</p> <p>S. Keane</p> <p>L. Howe</p>
Rev. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Addition of a definition around "Fellow Member"</li> <li>2. Allow Intermediates to win Golfer of the Year (GOY)</li> <li>3. Remove the need to disqualify if a player omits H'cap information on score cards</li> <li>4. Add in a definition on Consecutive days</li> </ul>	<p>March</p> <p>2023</p>	<p>B. Corcoran</p> <p>L. Howe</p> <p>With Input from:</p> <p>GO'L/SK/NW</p>
Rev. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General update to layout and introduction of a definition section</li> <li>2. Section 2: Allow for mobile phones to be on silent</li> <li>3. Section 2: Change in the timing of Timesheet "go live"</li> <li>4. Section 2: The formal addition of Professional Prize to the Majors Completions.</li> </ul>	<p>March</p> <p>2022</p>	<p>B. Corcoran</p> <p>L. Howe</p> <p>With Input from:</p>

	<p>5. Section 2.6: Ref to the return of PINK slots and the pilot exercise running in early 2022.</p> <p>6. Section 2.6: Changes to the unused slots re-allocation</p> <p>7. Section 2: In the case of holes not completed please denote zero on the card</p> <p>8. Section 3: To allow for Class / Category prizes for &gt;25 players based on Committee consideration.</p> <p>9. Section 3: The introduction of an Initial and Established Handicaps.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Fully paid-up Members with an initial handicap index are eligible to play, but are exempt from winning 1st prize in any Major or Medal Competition</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Fully paid-up members must have an established handicap Index to win 1st prize in any Major or Medal Competition</p> <p>10. Section 3: To move the Intermediate and Junior handicap index in excess of 36 to 39.9 in line with GI guidance for Majors and Medals.</p> <p>11. Section 3: Introduce a cut off score on each hole of Nett Double Bogey system plus H'Cap allowance</p> <p>12. Section 3: 9hole Qualifying on Wednesday only</p> <p>13. Section 3 Changed from two pink slots on Wednesday for 9h to the last few competition slots.</p> <p>14. Section 3: Introduced Table 1 to summarise the eligibility to win</p> <p>15. Section 3: Addition of Table 2 for Prize allocation and the inclusion of teams</p> <p>16. Section 3: Added in how to handle Strokes ties countbacks</p> <p>17. Section 3.6: Clarification as to points allocation for GOY.</p> <p>18. Introduce a detail column to the revision history section</p>		LD/SK/CG/MMcG/NW/RAC/GO'L
Rev. 7	As per update March 2020	March 2020	RMcC/SK/LD
Rev. 6	As per update March 2019	March 2019	RMcC/SK/LD

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