



ST BEES GOLF CLUB

# Competition Rules

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# 1. General

All Competitions shall be played under the Rules of Golf. The Committee is empowered to vary Competition Rules except where they conflict with the "Rules of Golf". Local rules can be found on the noticeboard and must always be adhere to.

The Committee reserves the right to amend the terms of competition at any time. The decision of the Competition and Handicap Committee is final in all matters.

## 1.1 Eligibility

All competitions shall be opened to male and female members of St Bee's Golf Club **only** who hold a current Handicap Index at the date of entry. There are no limits on handicap, unless otherwise stated in the individual competition entry conditions.

Junior members who hold a current Handicap Index can play in all club competitions provided they are supervised on the course in accordance with our Safeguarding Children Policy.

## 1.2 Guidance on Handicap Change

All handicaps are updated at midnight on the date of the competition, if you have played within 24 hours of a competition, it is the players responsibility to ensure they play off the correct handicap.

# 2. Entry Requirements

## 2.1 Method of Entry

Entries can be made by signing into the competition either via the PSI (club house computer) or online via Todays Golf on the Howdidido App or by using the ClubV1 App. This must be done on the day of the competition prior to commencement of play. Failure to sign in prior to the start of your round **will result in disqualification.**

## 2.2 Entry Fee

Entry fees are £3 (includes 2's). This must be paid prior to play, and placed in an envelope clearly marked with Date, Competition, Name and Amount and placed in the Scorecard box next to the computer terminal. Alternatively, a bank transfer can be made using the account details posted in the clubhouse please reference your name when sending a bank transfer. Failure to pay the fee prior to the start of your round may result in the disqualification of the individual.

## 2.3 Tee Bookings

Players must have reserved a tee time using the booking system prior to teeing off in a club competition and should not tee off earlier than their allotted tee time. The only exception to this rule is when playing in team competitions when tee time have been blocked out and teams are drawn on the day to tee off during the reserved tee booking times.

To avoid changes in course conditions, during a competition, the Greenkeeper needs time at the start of the day to mow the greens. Therefore, the earliest tee bookings for official club competitions, held Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays will be 07:30am.

### 3. Score Cards

Score Cards must be correctly completed with the following information: - **Comp Name, Date, Mark Tee playing from, add name and playing handicap.**

At the end of the round, check gross scores are correct, **Finally, Sign the card, Enter scores into the Club Computer** and place score card in scorecard box. If players fail to sign their scorecard **they will be disqualified.**

**When Scorecard is acceptable for Handicap after disqualification from a competition.**

<p><b>Rule 2.1b – Examples of when a player has been disqualified from a competition but gained no significant scoring advantage.</b></p> <p>The committee has the discretion to accept a score for handicap purpose if a player is disqualified from a competition, but no significant scoring advantage has been gained. Examples below:-</p>		
<b>Rule of Golf</b>	<b>Nature of Disqualification</b>	<b>Recommended Action for handicap Purposes</b>
3.3b(1)(2)	Scorecard not signed	Accept score
3.3b(2)	Scorecard not returned promptly	Accept score
3.3B(3)	Hole score entered on scorecard is lower than actual score.	Accept adjusted score
<p><b>Rule 2.1b/2 – Examples of when a player has been disqualified from a competition for an action that would provide a significant scoring advantage.</b> Examples below: -</p>		
1.3b	Players deliberately agree to ignore a Rule or penalty they know applies	Score not acceptable
4.1a(1)	Making a stroke with a non-conforming Club	Score not acceptable
4.3a(1)	Using a distance measuring device that measures elevation changes	Score not acceptable

#### 3.1 When a Scorecard is Considered Returned

The scorecard is considered returned when the player has entered their score into the Club V1 system using either the MSI App or the PSI screen in the clubhouse and has placed their signed scorecard in the scorecard box in the clubhouse.

## 4. Handicap Allowances

Handicap allowances are applied to the competition and will be reflected in playing handicap, shown when you sign in.

### 4.1 Mandatory Handicap Allowance Table (WHS Rules of Handicapping Jan20 Appendix C)

Format of Play	Type of Round	Mandatory <i>Handicap Allowance</i>
Stroke play	Individual	95%
Stroke play	Individual Stableford	95%
Stroke play	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
Stroke play	Individual Maximum Score	95%
Stroke play	Four-Ball	85%
Stroke play	Four-Ball Stableford	85%
Stroke play	Four-Ball Par/Bogey	90%
Match play	Individual	100%
Match play	Four-Ball	90%
Other	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
Other	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
Other	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
Other	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
Other	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
Other	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
Other	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
Other	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
Other	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
Other	Total score of 2 match play	100%
Other	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
Other	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
Other	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
Other	4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%

### 4.2 Handicap Competitions

For organized competitions, the Committee should specify the *handicap allowance* within the Terms of the Competition.

In general, after *handicap allowances* have been applied in stroke play formats, a player receives their full *Playing Handicap*.

In general, after *handicap allowances* have been applied in match play formats, the player with the lowest *Playing Handicap* plays off zero strokes relative to the other player(s). The other player(s) receive(s) the difference between their own *Playing Handicap* and that of the player with the lowest *Playing Handicap*.

## 5. Strokeplay Competitions

All 18 Hole Strokeplay competitions shall be decided over one round of 18 holes, played on the specified date of the competition.

All competitions shall be played primarily from White Tees, occasionally yellow tees may be used, and Ladies will use the red tees.

Competition description information on Howdidido will always state which tee to play off. Where possible an announcement will be made when tees change.

During the winter months, winter mats will be used to play off the yellow card. Ladies will play off a mixture of some winter mats and some red grass tees, to be consistent with the Ladies red card.

### 5.1 How Ties Will be Decided

In the event of a tie over 18 holes, the winner will be settled according to the total of scores for the holes as set out in the table below.

Round 1		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
		10 - 18	13 - 18	16 - 18	18	4 - 9	7 - 9	9

### 5.2 When the Result of the Competition is Final

The competition is closed when the results have all been posted on Club V1. Except when amendments need to be made to a player score.

### 5.3 Failure to submit a Score

Signing into a competition is your intent to submit a score, failure to do this will result in an 'unsatisfied score intent' under WHS Rules of Handicapping.

This will result in penalty score of nett par round added to your handicap record, unless you provide a valid reason for not submitting your score. If you don't complete a round, please write the reason on your scorecard and place in score card box. The Competition and Handicap Committee will decide if it is a valid reason. 'Having a bad game' is not a valid reason.

## 6. Specific Competition Formats

### 6.1 Grand Prix

- The format is stroke play alternating between Stableford and Medal formats.
- The competition is split into two divisions which will be sliding divisions to evenly distribute the players.
- Each division is awarded 6 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and 2 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place. Winning players points will accumulate points over the Grand Prix season and will play in their respective Division based on where the sliding divisions placed them. Players may move between Divisions as the sliding divisions change each fixture.
- The 2's prize pot will be based and distributed on the amount taken for each individual competition. If there are no 2's on the day of a competition, then the 2's money is added into the overall prize pot.
- Prizes are allocated at the end of the season and the total money pot is divided up between the overall winning players points in each division minus £25 which is awarded as a bonus for the overall winner in each division.
- For a grand prix to be an eligible competition a minimum of 12 people in total (mix from any division) must have entered the competition. If this is not achieved, then the competition will revert to a singles competition between those players signed in (no grand prix points will be awarded). 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall will be allocated 70% and 30% respectively of the days prize pot.
- In the event of a tie for overall winner, this will be determined by count back of overall nett scores and best nett will be the winner.



## 6.2 Club Championship

- The Club Championship is a stroke play competition which will be played over 36 holes on the same day.
- Tee off times will be set, playing groups will be seeded based on handicaps. The committee reserve the right to rearrange or make changes to groupings, if necessary, due to no shows /players dropping out. This will be done according to handicap where possible.
- Entries will close 2 days before the competition
- All members are eligible to play, with no limit on handicap.
- Players can choose to retire after 18 holes.
- The Club Champion Trophy will be awarded to the best gross over 36 holes which is deemed as first place. A second place will go to the best nett over the first 18 holes. These prizes will be distributed as per Trophy Competitions.
- A player can't win both prizes, in this instance next best nett will be allocated 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.
- In the event of a tie over 36 holes, the winner will be settled according to the total of scores for the holes as set out in the table below, taking the scores for round 2 prior to those of round 1 in the order as numbered.

Round 2	1. 1 to 18	2. 10 - 18	3. 13 - 18	4. 16 - 18	5. 18	6. 4 - 9	7. 7 - 9	8. 9
Round 1		1. 10 - 18	2. 13 - 18	3. 16 - 18	4. 18	5. 4 - 9	6. 7 - 9	7. 9

## 6.3 Wednesday Medal

- The Wednesday Medal is a stroke play competition over 18 holes and is split into two divisions which will be sliding scales to evenly distribute the players.
- Wednesday medal prize pot is divided up on the day to prize winners.
- In each division prizes will be allocated to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places (70% and 30% respectively)
- 8 people in total (mix from any division) is required for the competition to stand. If this is not achieved, then a competition will be held between the number of competitors and the best nett and 2<sup>nd</sup> best nett will be allocated 70% and 30% respectively of the days prize pot.

## 6.4 Eclectic

This competition is a series of medal fixtures and takes your best nett score from these fixtures for each hole. As your handicap fluctuates the strokes you receive on a hole will fluctuate too. A report from HowDidiDo from each fixture will be printed out when the result has been published.

- The 2's prize pot will be based and distributed on the amount taken for each individual competition. If there are no 2's on the day of a competition, then the 2's money is added into the overall prize pot.

- £1 of the competition fee will go towards the winner and runner up in each division on the day (70% and 30% respectively). The divisions will follow the sliding scale format (distributing an even split of players in each division)
- £1 of the competition fee will contribute towards the overall pot. The top five players will be paid out accordingly (1<sup>st</sup> – 35%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 20%, 4<sup>th</sup> – 15% and 5th 5%). Note: there are no divisions for the overall pot. If there are ties a count back of the eclectic score will be used as described in section 5.1

## 6.5 Aggregate

This competition is a series of Stableford fixtures and takes your best rounds and puts them into a leaderboard. The number of fixtures will have been determined for the season i.e. best 7 from 14 rounds. If a fixture has to be cancelled and can't be rearranged, then it will be best 7 from 13. If a further fixture is cancelled it would become best 6 from 12. This pattern will be followed if further fixtures are cancelled.

- The 2's prize pot will be based and distributed on the amount taken for each individual competition. If there are no 2's on the day of a competition, then the 2's money is added into the overall prize pot.
- £1 of the competition fee will go towards the winner and runner up in each division on the day (70% and 30% respectively). The divisions will follow the sliding scale format (distributing an even split of players in each division)
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## 6.6 Trophy Competitions

All trophy competition entries will go into overall prize pots (Div. 1 and 2 sliding scales to evenly distribute players).

The Trophy winner will be the best net of either division, the other prizes will be distributed accordingly: (As an example Div. 2 winner is awarded Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for Div. 2 and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for Div. 1)

- 8 people in total (mix from any division) is required for the competition to stand. If this is not met a competition will be had between the competitors and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall will be allocated 70% and 30% respectively of prize pot. The trophy competition will be re-arranged and put into the fixtures schedule ASAP.
- Part of the trophy pots will fund the engraving of trophies. The remainder of the pots will be allocated evenly to all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in each division of trophy competitions (70% and 30% respectively) Prizes are allocated at the end of the season.