



## COMPETITION RULES

(Updated January 2026)

Competition entry will be via the "Intelligent Golf" (IG) Online Booking System 3 weeks & 4 hours before competition date. Tee times go 'live' online at 8.00pm. Changes can be made up to 8pm the day before the competition, after which the Professional should be informed directly. Play outside the competition slots is not permitted under any circumstance.

For individual competitions entry on start sheet limited to own name and one other, for pairs competitions, enter own pair and one other pair. All competitors are responsible for their start time whether entered by themselves or others.

Handicaps – all players must have a "World Handicap System" (WHS) handicap index with a minimum of 5 qualifying scores totalling 90 holes, submitted within the previous 12 calendar months to be eligible for a prize in club competitions. For major competitions, as defined at the end of this document, competitors must have a minimum of 10 scores on their handicap playing record, (5 within the previous 12 months), 3 of which must be competition scores, submitted within the previous 12 calendar months.

Handicap indexes can be obtained by submitting scorecards to the Match & Handicap Committee totalling 54 holes (3 x 18, 6 x 9 or a combination). Any "general play/casual" rounds submitted for handicap purposes must be registered prior to playing, either using the clubhouse PSI computer, the mobile "IG" App or the MyEG England Golf App. General play scores may also be submitted over 9 holes. Any general play score submitted on the MyEG App which has not been submitted or verified by the playing partner within 4 days of playing, will automatically receive a penalty score from England Golf.

Competition competitors should sign in and collect their cards from the Pro's shop at least five minutes before their due start time.

If unable to play in competition, competitors should remove their name from the booking list or notify the Professional at the earliest opportunity to allow the tee sheet to be managed efficiently.

All scorecards, including "no-returns" must be submitted immediately after the round and scores entered on the clubhouse PSI computer or "IG" mobile scoring App. A scorecard is considered to be submitted once placed in the competition scorecard box or handed to a member of the M & H team.

In all 18-hole competitions, competitors must start from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. Starting arrangements for 36-hole competitions may vary depending on the number of entrants in the competition. Teeing off prior to the booked tee time is permitted if the first hole is clear to play subject to maintaining the booked order of play.

It is a condition of entry to all competitions that prizes will be received in person at the scheduled presentation. If apologies have been received prizes may be collected at the next scheduled presentation. Failure to meet this condition may result in loss of prize.

Sweepstakes - optional sweepstakes are also run by the Professional.

**Any competition queries** must be referred immediately in writing to the Competitions Committee, placing any communication in the competition box, or email [competitions@mickleovergolfclub.co.uk](mailto:competitions@mickleovergolfclub.co.uk)

All competitions are available to all eligible membership categories. Eligibility is shown using the following key:

**(M)** Men only competition

**(L)** Ladies only competition

**(M/L)** Inclusive competition

All competitors take part in the same competition except on Wednesdays where parallel competitions will run for men and lady participants.

For all competitions included here the tees in use are WHITE (Men) and RED (Ladies). Nett countback to decide ties will use the stroke indexes off the tees in use. In the case of inclement weather, the Adverse Weather Policy on the MGC website will be implemented.

### **CAPTAIN'S PRIZE (M)**

**18-hole Medal; handicap index limit 20.5; played in one division.** In the event of ties, the competition will be decided on nett countback over the last 9, 6, 3, 2 or 1 holes. Junior members are eligible to play in Captain's Day at the Captain's discretion.

### **VICE-PRESIDENTS' SCRATCH CUP (M)**

**36-hole Medal; off scratch.** In the event of ties, the competition shall be decided by a play-off over 3 holes (1,8,18). If still undecided, a **sudden death** play-off will take place over the same 3 holes.

### **MEDAL CUP (M)**

**36 holes Medal; handicap index limit 20.5;** To be played on the same day as Vice-President's Scratch Cup. In the event of ties, winners will be decided on nett count back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 18 holes, (18, 9, 6, 3,1).

### **PRESIDENT'S PUTTER (M)**

**18-hole Medal; off scratch.** In the event of ties, the competition shall be decided by a play-off over 3 holes (1, 8, 18). If still undecided, a **sudden death** play-off will take place over the same 3 holes.

### **BAUM/SYDNEY BRADLEY/CENTENARY & WELLS CUPS (M)**

**18-hole Medal; handicap index limit 20.5.** Played in one division. Ties will be decided on a nett count back basis as for the Captain's Prize. A separate prize will be awarded for handicap index range 19.5 – 54.0.

### **CLOVER FOURSOMES' CUP (M)**

**18-hole Foursomes Medal; handicap index limit 19.5.** Allowance is half (50%) of the combined course handicaps of the partnership, rounded to the nearest whole number. Ties shall be decided on a nett count back basis as for the Captain's Prize.

### **SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP (M/L)**

**18-hole Stableford; handicap index limit 35.6;** Players must be 55+ years of age on the day of the competition. This will be played as 3 individual Stableford competitions during the season, with the best two scores from three counting towards the Seniors' Championship. In the event of ties, winners will be determined on the better card, or nett count back on the better cards.

### **MEDALS AND STABLEFORDS (M/L)**

**18 holes; handicap index limit 54.0;** The winner, runner-up and all ties with the runner-up in Saturday competitions will qualify to play in the final of the respective competition. In the event of any of the above having qualified, no other player will be substituted. The finals will be played in one division, and in the event of ties prizes will be decided on a nett countback as for the Captain's Prize.

### **GREENSOME FOURSOMES (M/L)**

**18-hole Medal; handicap index limit 54.0.** Allowance is (lower course handicap x 0.6) + (higher course handicap x 0.4), rounded to nearest whole number.

### **HARKINS' TROPHY (M)**

The Trophy will be presented to the player or players achieving the lowest score for seven of the twelve Saturday 18-hole medal competitions. The winner shall hold the trophy for the subsequent year. Ties will share the trophy, holding it for equal periods of time. Qualifying competitions are: Six Medals, Final and Consolation Medal, Baum Cup, Sydney Bradley Cup, Centenary Cup, Wells Cup and the Captain's Prize.

### **ECLECTIC COMPETITION (M)**

This competition will be played in four divisions off handicap, run over the twelve medal competitions as in the Harkins Trophy, plus the weekday medals, Vice President's Scratch Cup and Medal Cup. As hole-by-hole scores will be taken from the Club V1 database, no markings are necessary on individual score cards. Nett scores at each hole to count at the handicap on the day played. Ties will be decided on a nett count back as for the Captain's Prize.

### **MEN'S/MIXED KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**

All the knockout competitions below, except for the Senior's 4BBB knockout and Mixed Foursomes knockout, are only eligible to 6 day and 7day members. All matches involving 5-day members up to the final must be played in midweek.

Entry fees must be paid in the Professional's shop before being included in the draw for any knock-out events. All competitors must play off current playing handicaps with at least 5 qualifying scores totalling 90 holes submitted within the previous 12 calendar months of the date of the round being played.

It is a condition of entry to all Knock Out competitions that any member who finds that they cannot play on Finals Day at any stage during the competition, should forfeit their current match. The only exceptions to this are players who are representing their Country, County or Club at golf on Finals Day itself, or players who have reached more than one final. With these possible exceptions, all the finals detailed below will be played on Finals Day on the date published in the fixture list. All matches must be played by the deadline date for the round. **No extensions will be permitted in any circumstance.** It is the responsibility of BOTH players to contact their opponents and arrange the match.

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (M)**

Entries will be limited to 32 players, based on handicap index at the time of the draw. A preliminary medal round to be played to determine seeded players. The President's Putter to be used as qualifying round and the top seven players who have entered Club Championship, plus current champion, will be seeded in order of finishing in the President's Putter. Ties will be decided on a count back as for the Captain's Prize. Current champion will be seeded one.

**18-hole match play knock-out off scratch.** All rounds up to and including the semi-finals will be played over 18 holes. The final will be played over 36 holes. Should any match be all square after 18 holes (36 holes in final) the winner will be determined by a **sudden death** play-off.

### **MICKLEOVER CUP (M)**

**18-hole match play knock-out off handicap.** Handicap index limit 17.7 on entry. Handicaps are to be as at date of playing with maximum index of 16.7. Allowance is full difference between opponent's rounded course handicaps. All rounds up to and including the semi-finals will be played over 18 holes. The final will be played over 36 holes. Should any match be all square after 18 holes (36 holes in final) the winner will be determined by a **sudden death** play-off.

### **MICKLEOVER PLATE (M)**

**18-hole match play knock-out off handicap.** Handicap index limit of minimum 17.8 on entry. Handicaps are to be as at date of playing. Allowance is full difference between opponent's rounded course handicaps. All rounds up to and including the semi-finals will be played over 18 holes. The final will be played over 36 holes. Should any match be all square after 18 holes (36 holes in final) the winner will be determined by a **sudden death** play-off.

### **SENIORS' FOUR BALL BETTER BALL KNOCKOUT TROPHY (M)**

**18-hole Four Ball Better Ball match play off handicap.** Handicap index limit 26.7. Players must be 55 + years of age on the closing date for entries. The playing handicap generated is 100% of the rounded course handicap. Players then take 90% of the difference (rounded) between that of the lowest handicapper and each other player in the group. The player with the lowest playing handicap then plays off zero relative to the other players. All rounds up to and including the final will be played over 18 holes. Should any match be all square after 18 holes the winner will be determined by a **sudden death** play-off.

### **CYRIL IBBOTSON KNOCKOUT FOURSOMES' TROPHY (M)**

**18-hole match play knockout foursomes off handicap.** Handicap index limit 19.5. Allowance is 100% of the combined rounded course handicaps of the partnership. The team with the lowest combined course handicaps then plays off zero relative to the other team, who receive 50% of the difference (rounded) between their own combined course handicaps and the team with the lowest combined course handicaps. All rounds up to and including the semi-finals will be played over 18 holes. The final will be played over 36 holes. Should any match be all square after 18 holes (36 holes in final) the winner will be determined by a **sudden death** play-off.

### **MIXED FOURSOMES' KNOCKOUT TROPHY (M/L)**

**18-hole match play knockout foursomes off handicap.** Teams of 1 man & 1 lady. Handicap index limit men 19.5, ladies 27.0. Allowance is 100% of the combined rounded course handicaps of the partnership. The team with the lowest combined course handicaps then plays off zero relative to the other team, who receive 50% of the difference (rounded) between their own combined course handicaps and the team with the lowest combined course handicaps. Red tees will determine the Pars and SI that are to be used.

All rounds including the final will be played over 18 holes. Should any match be all square after 18 holes the winner will be determined by a **sudden death** play-off.

### **MIXED FOURSOMES (M/L)**

**18 holes medal play off handicap.** Teams of 1 man & 1 lady. Handicap index limit 40.0 Allowance is half (50%) of the combined course handicaps of the partnership, rounded to the nearest whole number. Ties for prizes shall be decided on a nett count back as for Captain's Prize. Red tees will determine the Pars and SI that are to be used.

The winners, runners up and all ties with the runners-up will qualify for the Final Mixed Foursomes. In the event of any of the above having already qualified, substitutes will be allowed to allow a minimum of two couples to qualify from each competition.

**Note:** For this social event the competition will be played under the **R&A Rules of Golf** except for the following:

Playing on the course before the competition and sheltering in bad weather will be allowed.

**Note:** In mixed foursomes a player may play with more than one partner in the qualifying rounds, but his or her first qualifying partnership will be the one to count for the final.

### **FINAL MIXED FOURSOMES (M/L)**

This is not classed as a social event and will be played under the **R&A Rules of Golf**. In the event of ties, these shall be decided as the conditions for medal play competitions.

All major Ladies competitions except the Mavis Wild Trophy are only eligible to 6 or 7-day members.

### **Mavis Wild Trophy (L)**

18-hole Stableford played in 3 divisions. Handicap index limit 54. In the event of ties, it will be decided on nett countback over the last 9, 6, 3, 2 or 1 holes.

### **Mavis Wild Texas Scramble (L)**

9 Hole Medal played in one division. In the event of a tie, it will be decided on nett countback as Mavis Wild Trophy.

### **Lady Captains Day & Lady Vice Captains Day (L)**

18-hole Medal - handicap index limit 34.4 - played in one division. In the event of ties, the competition will be decided on nett/gross countback as per the Mavis Wild Trophy.

### **Wells Cup / Sydney Bradley Cup (L)**

18-hole Medal – handicap index limit 28.5 – played in one division. Ties will be decided on nett countback as per the Mavis Wild Trophy.

### **Green Cup (L)**

18-hole Stableford – handicap index limit 28.5 – played in one division. In the event of ties on Stableford points countback as per the Mavis Wild Trophy.

### **Ellen Slack Trophy (L)**

18-hole Foursomes Medal – handicap index limit 27.0 – allowance is half (50%) of combined course handicaps of partnership, rounded to the nearest whole number. Ties shall be decided on nett countback as per the Mavis Wild Trophy.

## **Knockout Competitions**

### **Mabel Ibbotson Trophy (L)**

18-hole four ball better ball match-play - handicap index limit 27.0. The playing handicap generated is 100% of the rounded course handicap. Players then take 90% of the difference (rounded) between that of the lowest handicapper and each other player in the group. The player with the lowest playing handicap then plays off zero relative to the other players. All rounds up to and including the final will be played over 18 holes. Should any match be all square after 18 holes the winner will be determined by a **sudden death** play-off.

### **Baum Cup & Scratch Salver (L)**

18-hole Medal – handicap index limit 28.5, both trophies played simultaneously.

Baum Cup - the best 8 nett qualify for the Baum Cup knockout. Allowance is full difference between opponent's rounded course handicaps.

Scratch Salver - the best 8 gross qualify for the Scratch Salver knockout playing off level handicap.

All rounds to be played over 18 holes. Ties as per Mabel Ibbotson Trophy.

### **Mickleover Cup (L)**

18-hole match play - handicap index limit 27.0. Allowance is full difference between opponent's rounded course handicaps. All rounds to be played over 18 holes. Ties as per Mabel Ibbotson Trophy.

## **JUNIOR MEMBERS**

The official handicap for Juniors to play in those competitions for which they are eligible is as follows:

Club Junior Competitions - handicap index limit 54.0.

Speed Junior Cup, Mickleover Junior Open, Captain's Prize (Captain's discretion) handicap index limit 28.0 (boys).

Juniors may play in all club competitions including the Final Medal, Stableford and Mixed Foursomes for which they may have qualified. Junior boys may not play in Major Cups (except for Captain's Day at the Captain's discretion). Junior boys are allowed to play in the two scratch competitions - President's Putter and Vice-President's Scratch Cup. Junior girls refer to the Ladies competition rules. Only two Juniors per tee time are allowed to play in club competitions.

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

Members are requested to be aware of the Club Child Protection Policy and to act in an appropriate manner in the presence of minors.

## **MAJOR COMPETITIONS**

Captain's Prize \*

President's Putter \*

Vice-Presidents' Scratch Cup/Medal Cup\*

Baum Cup/Centenary/Clover/Sydney Bradley/Wells Cups \*

Lady Captain's Day \*

Lady Vice Captain's Day \*

Ladies Wells/Green/Sydney Bradley Cups \*

Ladies Ellen Slack Trophy \*

### **Knockout Competitions:**

Club Championship

Mickleover Cup

Mickleover Plate

Foursomes' Knockout

Mixed Foursomes Knockout

Seniors' 4BBB Knockout

Ladies Ellen Slack Trophy

Ladies Baum Cup/Scratch Salver

Ladies Mickleover Cup

\*Membership Lite members are not eligible to enter the asterisked competitions above.

## Competition Entry Fees

Captain's Prize	£3.00
Mickleover Cup/Plate	£3.00
Club Championship	£3.00
Foursomes Knockout	£6.00 per couple
Mixed Foursomes Knockout	£6.00 per couple
Seniors 4BBB Knockout	£6.00 per couple
Vice President's Scratch Cup	£3.00
Medal Cup	£3.00
President's Putter	£3.00
Major Strokeplay Cups **	£3.50 per person
Medals & Stablefords	£3.00
Greensome Foursomes	£6.00 per couple
Better Ball Competitions	£6.00 per couple
Mixed Foursomes	£6.00 per couple
All other Am-Ams and Texas Scrambles	£12.00 per team
Invitation Days	£10.00 per couple

\*\* Men's Sydney Bradley, Baum, Centenary, Wells, Clover Cups.

Ladies Sydney Bradley, Baum, Green, Mavis Wild, Mabel Ibbotson, Mickleover Cups, Scratch Salver, Lady Captain's Day & Lady Vice Captain's Day

## STROKE ALLOWANCES

**As from April 2024 as per England Golf's WHS update:**

**Where there is an ability to use "machine precision" calculation by using Club V1 software or My EG app etc. the Playing Handicap calculation will change to "unrounded". The unrounded value is carried forward to then calculate the Playing Handicap; the Playing Handicap would then be rounded to a whole number.**

**\*Machine Precision – utilising the computer software to ensure the accuracy of the calculations.**

### STROKE PLAY (Medal/Stableford/Par Competitions)

**Qualifying Competitions:** 95% of course handicap.

**Singles:** 95% of course handicap. For medal competitions, and only where men and ladies are playing the same competition, the ladies will receive 1 additional shot to reflect difference in pars.

**Foursomes/Mixed Foursomes:** One half (50%) of the combined course handicaps of the partnership, rounded to the nearest whole number. For Foursomes competitions involving mixed/multi-tee pairings, the red tees will determine the Pars and SI that are to be used.

**Four-Ball Better Ball:** each partner receives 85% of the course handicap.

**Greensome Foursomes:** 60% lower course handicap, 40% higher course handicap, then rounded to the nearest whole number.

**Am-Am team of 4:** (best 2 scores) 85% of course handicaps

**Texas Scramble:** (lowest to highest handicaps) 25%/20%/15%/10% of course handicaps.

### MATCH PLAY

**Singles:** full difference (100%) between the rounded course handicaps of the two players

**Foursomes:** Allowance is 100% of the combined rounded course handicaps of the partnership. The team with the lowest combined course handicap then plays off zero relative to the other team, who receive 50% of the difference (rounded) between their own combined course handicaps and the team with the lowest combined course handicaps.

**Mixed Foursomes:** As above for foursomes. Red tees will determine the Pars and SI that are to be used.

**Four-ball better ball:** The playing handicap generated is 100% of the rounded course handicap. Players then take 90% of the difference (rounded) between that of the lowest handicapper and each other player in the group. The player with the lowest playing handicap then plays off zero relative to the other players.