**WENVOE CASTLE GOLF CLUB (WCGC)**

**Terms of Competitions - 2021**

General

1 The Rules of Golf together with any Local Rules in force will apply in all competitions and must be strictly observed.

2 It is the responsibility of the player to obtain and understand the Rules. Local Rules are published on the scorecard and additional Local Rules posted on the notice board in the clubhouse and / or on the Website.

Eligibility to Enter Competitions

3. Competitors in all closed Club Competitions must be: -

3.1      Full playing Members, including Honorary Life Members and Honorary Members of Wenvoe Castle Golf Club (WCGC).

3.2     Young Players aged 18 -35 who are members of WCGC

3.3     Junior Members of Wenvoe Castle Golf Club

3.4      For entry into the Men’s Club Championship the player, must agree to the specific rules of that competition and commit to represent WCGC at the Welsh Tournament of Champions should he win the Club Championship.

3.5.   To win a prize in any WCGC “Open” competition the “competitor” must hold a valid handicap index with their home club, or a valid WCGC handicap index.

4. Not more than one Junior Member may play in any group in a singles event. In Better ball or Foursomes Competitions a Junior Member cannot be partnered by another Junior Member. Junior members may not enter or benefit from any related Sweepstakes.

5. At the discretion of the Club Management Committee Junior Members may be precluded from entering specified competitions.

6. No member shall enter or be declared the winner of a club competition or win a competition prize unless they have a valid handicap index.

7. Juniors may enter Adult competitions but not seniors’ competitions which are Age restricted to those 55 years old and above

Entries into Competitions

8 For stroke play competitions the competitor’s name must be entered on the competition sheet or app and the appropriate entry fee paid via the competition account before the competitor commences play. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

9 For match play competitions competitors must ensure their names are entered in the competition book and pay the appropriate entry fee before the draw takes place.  Competitors failing to comply will not be included in the draw. Once the draw has taken place no substitute in a pairing will be allowed.

Organisation of Competitions

10 Whenever possible, all competitions should commence at the first tee (from the markers designated for the competition) unless there are extenuating circumstances.

11 Stroke play competitions will be played in groups of three or four players except in extenuating circumstances.

12 All Scores must be returned and verified by both player and marker. The scores must be entered electronically or returned to the Professional Shop as soon as possible at the end of play (latest 7pm).  However, the scorecard is the sole responsibility of the player.

13 Failure to return a score may result in disqualification.  If a player fails to complete a round without good reason and submit his/her score card the player may be suspended from entering a subsequent competition. Similarly repeat offences will be considered for suspension for 3 competitions.

14 In the event of a tie occurring in a stroke play competition the winner will be determined by matching score cards. The winner will be decided by countback over the back 9 holes initially, the player with the best score on the last 9 holes shall be declared the winner and if this does not produce a result the scores of the last 6 holes, then last 3 holes, then last 2 holes and finally the last hole will be taken in to account. If this fails to determine a winner, the procedure will be repeated with the scores over the front nine holes. In all calculations the appropriate proportions of handicaps will be applied.

Match Play Competitions

15 In match play competitions a draw will be made, and a date stipulated by when each round must be completed. No extension of the stipulated period will be allowed and competitors failing to play a match by the stipulated date will be disqualified.

16 Competitors will make their own arrangements as to the date and time of play and competitors are equally responsible for contacting their opponents.

17 In circumstances where competitors are unable to agree a date and time of play, the match will be deemed to be played at 17.00hrs on the last day of the stipulated period. If only one competitor or pair is present at that time on the final day, then they will be declared the winner. They must then have their attendance verified by the Club Secretary or the Club Professional (or in their absence a Club member) and confirm that they are putting their names through as the winners on the draw sheet.

18 If having mutually agreed a date and time to play a match an opponent(s) withdraws or is not present for play at the mutually agreed date and time the competitor(s) will have the right to claim the match. Alternatively, competitors may agree to play the match on some other date and time providing it is within the stipulated period.

19 Failure by the winners of a match to ensure their names have been put forward on the draw sheet will result in disqualification from the competition.

20 All finalists must be available to play on the nominated Finals Day and failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the match. In this regard competitors should not enter the competition if it is known that they will not be present on Finals Day. In the event of a player reaching more than one final then arrangements will be made to play one of the matches on the Sunday following Finals Day.

21 Up to and including the finals of all men’s competitions, except for the Men’s’ Club Championship and the Ladies Club Championship, the Ladies Silver Salver and the Ladies Bronze Championship where the rules are set out below, if a match finishes all square the result will be decided by ‘sudden death’ commencing at the 1st hole.

22 Up to and including the finals of the Dr & A. M. Jones Trophy, the Mary Fellows Bowl, the Blod Lewis Cup and the White Cup Foursomes, if a match finishes all square after 18 holes, the result will be decided over a minimum of 3 extra holes commencing at the 1st hole, after which sudden death rules will apply.

Men’s and Ladies Club Championships

23 The qualifying competition for the Men’s Club Championship is a 36-hole stroke play event and for the Ladies Club Championship an 18-hole stroke play event restricted to members whose home handicap index is with WCGC. Both the Men’s Championship and the Ladies Championship are not restricted and are open to players of all handicaps.

24 Players must not ride on any form of transportation during the stipulated round unless authorised by Committee, such authorisation would normally require a Medical certificate or a letter from a doctor. (see Rule 4.3local rule) penalty for breach of rule is as shown in Rules of Golf Committee Procedures paragraph 8 G6.

25 The 8 qualifiers for the match play stages of the Men’s Championship will comprise of those players recording the best eight aggregate gross scores.  In the event of a tie for the 8th qualifying place the result will be determined by the order of the scores. In the event of the same score over 36 holes the order will be resolved by matching a count back of scores over the last 18 holes played. If this still produces a tie then count back will be taken on the last 9 holes, then 6 holes, then 3 holes, then 2 holes and finally the last hole. If this still fails to produce a result the count back procedure will be repeated using the scores on the first 18 holes to determine the winner.

26 The 8 qualifiers for the match play stages of for the Ladies Championship will comprise the current Ladies Club Champion (Seeded No 1) together with the players recording the best 7 gross scores over 18 holes on the day of the qualifying competition. In the event of a tie for the 8th qualifying place the result will be determined by matching scores over on the last 9 holes, then 6 holes, then 3 holes, then 2 holes and finally the last hole. If this still fails to produce a result the count back procedure will be repeated using the scores on the front nine holes to determine the winner.

27 The draw for the match play stage will be seeded as follows: -

Quarter final

1st Qualifier v 8th Qualifier – (Match 1)

4th Qualifier v 5th Qualifier – (Match 2)

3rd Qualifier v 6th Qualifier – (Match 3)

2nd Qualifier v 7th Qualifier – (Match 4)

Semi Final

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2 – (Match 5)

Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4 - (Match 6)

Final

Winner Match 5 v Winner Match 6

28 The finals of both the Men’s and Ladies Championships will be played over 36 holes on Finals Day. If the match finishes all square the result will be decided by ‘sudden death’ commencing at the 1st hole.

The Dragon Trophy and Ladies Bronze Championship

29 The Dragon Trophy qualifying competition is an 18 - hole stroke play event for Men with no handicap index restriction. Full handicap allowance will be used during the stroke play qualifying and match play stages.  The qualifiers for the match play stages will comprise those eligible players recording the best eight net scores. The draw will then be determined by the order of the scores. In the event of the same net qualifying scores count back will be on the last 9 holes, then 6 holes, then 3 holes, then 2 holes and finally the last hole. If this still fails to produce a result the count back procedure will be repeated using the scores on the front nine holes to determine the winner.

          The draw for the match play stage of the Dragon Trophy will be seeded as follows: -

First Round

1st Qualifier v 8th Qualifier – (Match 1)

4th Qualifier v 5th Qualifier – (Match 2)

3rd Qualifier v 6th Qualifier – (Match 3)

2nd Qualifier v 7th Qualifier – (Match 4)

Semi Final

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2 – (Match 5)

Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4 - (Match 6)

Final

Winner Match 5 v Winner Match 6

30 The Ladies Bronze Championship is an 18 holes stroke play event for Ladies with handicaps index of 20.5 – 54 inclusive.  The qualifiers for the match play stages will comprise those eligible players recording the best 8 gross scores in the Ladies Championship Qualifying competition.  The draw will then be determined by the order of the scores. In the event of the same qualifying scores count back will be on the last 9 holes, then 6 holes, then 3 holes, then 2 holes and finally the last hole. If this still fails to produce a result the count back procedure will be repeated using the scores on the front nine holes to determine the winner.

The draw for the match play stage of the Ladies Bronze Championship will be seeded as follows: -

Quarter final

1st Qualifier v 8th Qualifier – (Match 1)

4th Qualifier v 5th Qualifier – (Match 2)

3rd Qualifier v 6th Qualifier – (Match 3)

2nd Qualifier v 7th Qualifier – (Match 4)

Semi Final

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2 – (Match 5)

Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4 - (Match 6)

Final

Winner Match 5 v Winner Match 6

32 The final of the Dragon Trophy and the Ladies Bronze Championship will be played over 18 holes on Finals Day. If the match finishes all square the result will be decided by ‘sudden death’ commencing at the 1st hole.

**Ladies Silver Salver**

33. The Ladies Silver Salver is an 18 - hole Singles Match Play Scratch competition played between Ladies with a handicap index of up to 20.4 on the day the entry to the competition closes. An unseeded draw takes place to determine opponents. In the event of halved matches these are decided by “sudden death” commencing on the 1st hole

Winter League

34   The Winter League commences on the first Sunday in October and is a Matchplay Pairs competition played over 16 holes and qualifying rounds within 2 groups. The top 4 from each group go through to the Winter League Finals, the next 4 go through to the Neal Peake Memorial Plate finals. The quarter, semi and Finals are Matchplay pairs over 18 holes

Handicap Allowances

35 Imposing a limit on the handicap index is against the spirit of the game and therefore players will play off full handicap index in all competitions.

36 The following handicap allowances will be used

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| **Format of Play** | **Type of Round** | **Recommended Handicap Allowance** |
| **Stroke Play** | Individual | 95% |
|  | Individual Stableford | 95% |
|  | Individual Par / Bogey | 95% |
|  | Individual Maximum Score | 95% |
|  | Four Ball | 85% |
|  | Four Ball Stableford | 85% |
|  | Four Ball Par / Bogey | 90% |
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| **Match Play** | Individual | 100% |
|  | Four Ball | 90% |
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| **Other** | Foursomes | 50% of combined team handicap |
|  | Greensomes | 60% low handicap + 40% high handicap |
|  | Best 1 of 4 Stroke Play | 75% |
|  | Best 2 of 4 Stroke Play | 85% |
|  | Best 3 of 4 Stroke Play | 100% |
|  | All 4 of 4 Stroke Play | 100% |
|  | Scramble (4 players) | 25%/20%/15%/10%  from lowest to highest handicap |
|  | Scramble (2 players) | 35% low / 15% high |
|  | Best 1 of 4 Par / Bogey | 75% |
|  | Best 2 of 4 Par / Bogey | 80% |
|  | Best 3 of 4 Par / Bogey | 90% |
|  | 4 of 4 Par / Bogey | 100% |

37 In competitions played off different tees where an adjustment to playing handicaps is required, any additions or deductions will be known before play commences.

Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation

38 When play is suspended by the Handicap Committee and / or the Club Professional for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately then they are disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 5.7b.

39 The following signals will be used to notify competitors: -

* Discontinue play immediately: One prolonged note of a siren
* Discontinue play: Three short notes of a siren, repeated
* Resume play: Two short notes of a siren repeated

Practice

40 Practice on the day of a stroke play competition will be limited to practice from within the defined practice areas between the 12th and 18th holes, alongside the 8th hole, the chipping and putting areas adjacent to the main car park and the old 9th green and bunker when this hole is not in play.

Disputes and Decisions

41 The Handicap Committee will be responsible for resolving any disputes arising during a competition except where a referee has been appointed for a match and whose decision will be final.

Management Committee January 2021