

CSGC COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS AND RULES

Introduction: This document sets out the general arrangements and rules for the running of competitions at **Chipping Sodbury Golf Club (CSGC)** that come under the umbrella of **England Golf**. It therefore covers all men's competitions including those organised by officially recognised sub-sections such as Seniors, Juniors and Stragglers. The Appendix lists all the men's competitions concerned but not those organised by sub-sections. Most aspects of CSGC competition arrangements apply equally to the Ladies Section but detailed arrangements are not covered in the following paragraphs.

Responsibilities: The **Competition Committee** is answerable to the Club's Management Committee for the arrangement and running of all main club competitions and for overseeing those competitions run by sub-sections. Any dispute regarding the running of a competition shall be referred to the Competition Committee whose decision shall be final. **Individual Members** are responsible for familiarising themselves with competition arrangements and rules and for acting in accordance with them.

Eligibility: Only fully paid up members of CSGC who have a recognised handicap of 28 or less administered by the Confederation of National Golf Unions (CONGU) may take part in **Club Competitions**. Juniors with a handicap higher than 28 may enter competitions, but will be required to play off 28 for the purposes of determining prize winners. To be eligible to win prizes, entrants for **Open/Invitation Competitions** run by CSGC must be members of clubs affiliated to England Golf or other national Union and must have an officially recognised CONGU handicap. Players who do not possess a 'Competition Handicap' (denoted by a 'c' after that handicap) or do not have a CONGU handicap, may enter but are not eligible to win prizes (except for 'Twos'). Handicap restrictions apply to some competitions including those for which a Trophy is awarded to the winner. All members can play and win prizes in most Club Competitions but only those with a Competition Handicap may win prizes in Trophy Competitions. The Appendix includes relevant details.

General Arrangements: All single stroke play events (Medal, Stableford, Bogey) will be run as **Qualifying Competitions** for handicap purposes unless the playing conditions for such competitions cannot be provided, or if some other consideration arises or in special circumstances eg Captain's Day. In such instances the event will be deemed as a **Non-Qualifying Competition** and will be declared prior to the start of the competition. All Foursomes, Greensomes, Better Ball, Bowmaker, Scramble and all Match Play (Knock Out) competitions are Non-Qualifying Competitions.

Competition Entry: Before commencing play in any competition, the name of each entrant must be recorded on the **Competition Entry Sheet (CES)** and the relevant entry fee must be paid. For most competitions, the CES is maintained in the Pro Shop. For some competitions, entry must be made by a prescribed deadline by completing a sheet on the changing room noticeboard or by completing a sheet and paying the entry fee in the Pro Shop. Details are shown in the Appendix.

Starting Times: Playing arrangements for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, both in competitions and for general play are governed by the Tee Time sheets on the CSGC website. Full members may book tee times 8 days in advance, other members 7 days in advance on the website or by phone to the Pro Shop. A member may only book his and the names of playing partners for one time slot. When website booking is not in operation playing arrangements are governed by the Starting Times Board located on the Halfway House except when there is an officially recognised Sub Section event the details of which will be publicised on the board outside the Pro Shop.

Playing Arrangements: All competitions are governed by the Rules of Golf as published by the R&A, including those on etiquette, and by any permanent or temporary Local Rules. In addition:

- a) At no time shall playing groups consist of more than 4 members
- b) Play shall only commence from either the 1st or 10th tees except in Shotgun Start competitions
- c) Ride-on golf buggies shall not be used in 36 hole CSGC competitions.

Playing Restrictions: Junior Members with a handicap of 12 or more taking part in a Men's Competition must play in a group which includes at least one adult member. Five Day members may play in weekend competitions after 3pm in the Summer or 1pm in the winter on payment of the appropriate Green Fee.

Scorecards: For Open Competitions and some major CSGC Competitions the Organising Committee shall provide scorecards which include the Competition Name, the date and Start Time and the Competitor's Name. The competitions concerned are identified in the Appendix. For all other stroke play competitions the player is responsible for ensuring that he enters these essential details plus his CES number. For all competitions, it is the responsibility of the player to ensure that his current playing handicap is entered.

Recording of Scores Returned: The player is responsible for ensuring that:

- a) the correct **gross score** has been recorded at each hole and, in the case of pairs and team events, in the correct column
- b) the card is **signed** by both the marker and himself
- c) in Singles and Pairs events, the hole by hole gross score is entered onto the computer system
- d) the scorecard is returned to the Organising Committee without fail and without delay, usually by placing it in the slot in the desk adjacent to the computer near the changing rooms.

Omissions in respect of c) and d) above can affect the calculation of the Competition Scratch Score (CSS) in singles events and thus changes in handicaps. The Competitions Committee may impose a temporary suspension of eligibility to take part in club competitions on those individuals who:

- repeatedly infringe the any of a,b,c,d above
- more than occasionally submit Non Returns (NRs)
- deliberately trying to crash the PSI computer.

Resolution of Ties: Should scores be equal the following comparative procedure shall be followed until a difference is achieved: Back 9, Last 6, Last 3, Last hole, First 6, First 3, First hole. Should there still be no resolution, the scores at each hole in turn in Stroke Index order, 1-18 will be considered.

Notification of Competition Results: As soon as possible after the event, the Organising committee will determine and publicise the result by posting a Competition Result Sheet on the relevant noticeboard(s) and on the CSGC website. **Changes to Handicaps** will also be posted.

Competition Prizes: For most competitions, prizes will be in the form of monies being credited to the player's Pro Shop account, the amount being included on the Competition Result Sheet. The number of prizes and the value depends upon the number of entries and the competition format. Prizes are normally awarded in the ratio 1 per 7 entries. A small proportion of the Entry fee is retained for the repair and engraving of Club Trophies, the purchase and engraving of mementos presented to trophy winners at the Club's Annual Presentation Evening and for the updating of the Honours Boards.

Breaches of Competition Rules: Failure by a member to follow CSGC Competition rules may result in the temporary suspension of eligibility to take part in club competitions.