

Handicaps and Competitions Manual

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Pre-amble:

This document will be the subject of a continuing review and as such will therefore be a living document under the control of the Donnington Grove Golf Club Committee.

The committee will amend the document as a when required though formally advise that as part of the “Handicap Review Process” which takes place in February each year, a review of the document will take place. *(Note: In exceptional circumstances the committee have the authority to undertake Handicap Reviews under the CONGU Regulations at any time)*

A new competition for 2011 “The Presidents Trophy” has not been inserted as the exact format of the day has not been finalised.

The committee would also like to thank everyone who was involved in the origination of this document.

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1 Overview

This manual is written to document the rules and regulations covering handicaps and competitions at Donnington Grove Golf Club (DGGC).

The rules and regulations defined in this manual will be published and made generally available to all members of DGGC.

2 Scope

This document includes all competitions played by Men and Ladies.

There may be differing rules for normal Men and Ladies competitions than those of the Seniors. Please reference the relevant sections of the document for the correct information.

3 Handicaps

3.1 Obtaining a Handicap or reactivating an Inactive Handicap

New members who have a current active handicap with another Golf Club can transfer their handicap from their previous Club by providing a current handicap certificate from their previous Club to the Handicap Secretary.

For those new members without a handicap, the process is as follows:-

- The member should play 3 rounds of 18 holes.
- At least one of the rounds should be with one of the Committee members.
- The new member should contact the Club Captain, Vice-Captain, Lady Captain or Lady Vice-Captain to ask them to arrange for a committee member to play one of their 3 rounds.

The cards for these rounds should be handed in to the Pro Shop and should contain the following details:-

- Marked "For Handicap"
- Name of member
- Date and time of round played
- Which tees were used
- Name of Marker
- Signature of Player
- Signature and printed name of marker
- All gross scores of player in Column A of scorecard

Once 3 completed cards are received by the Handicap Secretary, a handicap will be allocated and appear on the printed list of handicaps on the Club Notice Board and Members' Website.

3.2 Away Players

Members who are members of more than one Club, and whose Home Club **is not** DGGC are obliged to keep the DGGC Handicap Secretary informed of any change in their playing handicap.

It is not necessary to report changes to exact handicap that do not affect their playing handicap.

3.3 Away Scores

Members whose Home Club is DGGC are obliged to report any scores played at other Clubs in qualifying competitions so that their handicap records are kept up-to-date.

3.4 Other Handicap Adjustments

In certain circumstances, it may be necessary for the Handicap Secretary in consultation with the Committee to **INCREASE** a member's handicap. This may be a temporary increase because of a short-term disability for example, or a longer term increase because of long term illness for example.

It may also be appropriate for the Handicap Secretary to **DECREASE** a member's handicap if they are seen to be playing much better in competitions than their current handicap suggests.

3.5 Handicap Review

Periodically (usually in February or in exceptional circumstances), the Handicap Secretary along with the Committee will undertake a review of members handicaps.

This may result in adjustments to member's handicaps.

4 General Competition Rules (Men and Ladies)

The “Rules of Golf” apply to all competitions.

In any dispute, the decision of the Committee is final.

If a decision on a competition matter not covered in this document is required, a full Committee meeting can be called to discuss it and make a decision. The necessary decision may be taken by a minimum of three Committee members, one of which must be the Club Captain or Vice-Captain.

4.1 Competition Entry

Entry to competitions will normally be available via the PSI terminal located in the Pro Shop. Alternatively, entry forms will be available in the Pro Shop 4 weeks before the competition date. Members may put their names down on the start sheet, or the PSI, as the case may be. Or they can call the Pro Shop and ask one of the staff to enter their name. It is the responsibility of the member entering the names to inform his or her playing partners accordingly. The members will be held jointly responsible if anyone in the group fails to play in the competition at the required time.

All entrants must possess an “active” handicap. Those ineligible to play will have an “i” shown against their name on the latest handicap list. *(Note: Following the Easter Fire in the Club Shop – the Pro Staff are collating all of the entry forms on our behalf. This process will obviously change when the PSI Terminal is back in full operation)*

4.2 Early/Late Tee Times

It is understood that for various reasons (work commitments, etc) some players may need to be in the early or late part of the draw. If this is required, the player should indicate this clearly on the entry sheet or telephone the competition secretary in advance of the draw to request this. Every effort will be made to accommodate these requirements.

4.3 Competition Draw

After the published closing date of the competition, which is normally 3 days prior to the competition, the draw will be made and placed on the club notice board. The draw will normally be also available on the Club Notice Board and Website. The draw sheet will contain the following information:-

- Competition Name
- Competition Date
- Tee Times

- Competitor Names
- Format for the competition
- Tees for the competition
- Handicap Stroke Allowances

Entry to the competition after the draw is made cannot be guaranteed.

4.4 Reserve List

If no suitable tee-time is available, members may place their names on a reserve list, together with a contact number and an indication of the range of start times that they require. If there is a withdrawal, names will be promoted by the Pro Shop from the reserve list in the order they were entered - subject to the Pro Shop being able to make contact in a reasonable time. Members may not promote reserves themselves or promote themselves ahead of the reserve list.

4.5 Withdrawal from Competition

A member may withdraw his or her name from the start sheet up to 7:00 pm on the second day before the competition; for example, up to 7:00 pm on Thursday for a Saturday competition. Members cancelling within this deadline will be required to pay the entry fee even though they do not participate. This should be paid along with the entry fee for the next competition entered. Members will not be considered to have participated in another competition until the entry fee is paid.

4.6 Refunds

As a general rule, no refunds will be given to members who enter a competition and then do not turn up to play. The Competition Secretary and Treasurer will make a decision on whether a refund is appropriate based on the circumstances at the time.

A refund may also be appropriate if the start of the competition is delayed or rescheduled for a future date.

4.7 No-Shows

Any player whose name appears on the Start Sheet and who fails to play, having not given notice of withdrawal before the day of the competition will be required to pay the entry fee and will be barred from entering the next like-for-like competition; that is, if it is a weekend competition the member will not be able to enter the next weekend competition (excluding match play knock-out competitions). He or she may not participate in another competition until the entry fees are paid. If a member does not turn up for a second time within a

three month period without good reason, he or she will be referred to the Competitions Sub Committee and could be subject to a suspension of handicap for three months from the date of the offence. Further repetition will result in the member being referred to the Club Disciplinary Committee.

4.8 Tee times

Players must start at the time stipulated on the draw sheet, or in the case of match-play knock-out competitions, as agreed with their opponents.

If a player arrives on the tee, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in match play or two strokes in stroke play.

Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

NB. In four-ball competitions – Rules of Golf 30-3a or 31-2 apply.

4.9 Delayed Start / Abandoned Competition

In the event of adverse weather or course conditions (flooding, ice, lightening, fog, etc.), it may be necessary to delay the start or even abandon a competition.

This is a Health & Safety issue and the decision and responsibility as to whether play can start or not rests solely with the Pro Shop manager.

In general, if the start of the competition is delayed for more than one hour, then it will be abandoned for that day. The competition will then either be cancelled for that year or re-scheduled by the Committee for a later date.

4.10 Green Fees

If a green fee is appropriate for a competitor playing in a competition, i.e. 5-day Member playing a Weekend Competition, this must be paid in the Pro Shop before starting their competition round. Penalty for failure to do this is disqualification.

4.11 Scorecards

Pre-printed cards will normally be in the Pro Shop.

Following the completion of a competition round, completed scorecards must be entered into the PSI and then placed in the box provided next to the PSI in the Pro Shop.

If a player is in the draw and no card is handed in at the time of competition close, then the score will count as a **NIL RETURN**.

As a reminder, it is each player's responsibility to ensure the card contains the correct information before handing it in.

The competition name, date, time, handicap, tees played and correct gross score for each hole in the appropriate place on the scorecard must be completed. The card must also be signed by the Marker and the Competitor.

In Four-ball, Foursomes and Greensomes competitions, the card need only be signed by one of the playing partners and the Marker.

In Four-ball competitions, the gross scores to count must be individually identifiable; otherwise the side is disqualified (Rule 31-3).

In Texas Scramble competitions, the card should be signed by two members of the team.

4.12 Qualifying for Four-ball, Foursomes & Greensomes

In order for members to enter any Four-ball, Foursomes or Greensomes competition, both players in a team must have an active handicap.

An updated list of those who have **NOT** played in the relevant number of qualifiers and, as a result, do not possess an active handicap, will have an "I" entered beside their name on the master handicap list.

4.13 Stroke Allowances

The following table contains competition stroke allowances as used by DGGC in the various Men and Ladies competitions.

There may be variations for Seniors and Juniors – please see relevant sections of this document.

Type of Competition	Handicap Allowance
Match Play	
Singles	Full difference
Foursomes	1/2 of the full difference of combined handicaps
Four-Ball	3/4 difference between handicaps taken from lowest

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	handicap
Bogey or Par	
Singles	Full handicap
Stroke Play	
Singles	Full handicap
Foursomes	1/2 of aggregate handicap of the partners
Four-Ball	Each partner receives 3/4 of full handicap
Stableford	
Singles	Full Handicap
Foursomes	1/2 of aggregate handicap of the partners
Four-Ball	Each partner receives 3/4 of full handicap
Greensomes	Lower handicap x 0.6 plus higher handicap x 0.4. If the handicaps of the partners are equal, the Greensomes handicap is half the combined handicap

4.14 Mixed Competitions

Ladies should always play from the Red Tees.

Men play from either Yellow or White tees depending on the competition being played. All tees have a rated SSS, so singles competitions from any of these tees may be considered as qualifying competitions.

The EGU recommendations for additional shots for mixed (Men and Ladies) competitions are complicated to both calculate and administer, with varying adjustments for differences in both SSS and Par for various types of competitions.

With this in mind, the following recommendations are adopted for competitions at DGGC.

Competition	Men	Ladies Shots	Men	Ladies Shots
Match play				
Singles	White	0	Yellow	2
Foursomes	White	0	Yellow	2
Four-Ball	White	0	Yellow	2
Greensomes	White	0	Yellow	2
Bogey or Par				
Singles	White	0	Yellow	2
Foursomes	White	0	Yellow	2

Four-Ball	White	0	Yellow	2
Stroke Play				
Singles	White	0	Yellow	2
Foursomes	White	0	Yellow	2
Four-Ball	White	0	Yellow	2
Greensomes	White	0	Yellow	2
Stableford				
Singles	White	0	Yellow	2
Foursomes	White	0	Yellow	2
Four-Ball	White	0	Yellow	2
Greensomes	White	0	Yellow	2
Texas Scramble				
	White	0	Yellow	2

NB. Ladies shots are added prior to any handicap calculations.

4.15 Four-Ball, Foursomes & Greensomes Rules Reminders

4.15.1 Foursomes

Rule 29-1. General - In a foursome, during any stipulated round the partners must play alternately from the teeing grounds and alternately during the play of each hole. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play.

Rule 29-2. Match play - If a player plays when his partner should have played, his side loses the hole.

Rule 29-3. Stroke play - If the partners make a stroke or strokes in incorrect order, such stroke or strokes are cancelled and the side incurs a penalty of two strokes.

The side must correct the error by playing a ball in correct order as near as possible at the spot from which it first played in incorrect order (see Rule 20-5).

If the side makes a stroke on the next teeing ground without first correcting the error or, in the case of the last hole of the round, leaves the putting green without declaring its intention to correct the error, the side is disqualified.

(The disqualification rule is not applied to foursomes Stableford competitions. The team will score no points for the particular hole where the infringement occurred).

4.15.2 Greensomes

Greensomes is not a “recognised” form of play by the R&A, and thus is not covered specifically in the Rules of Golf.

However, Greensomes is a competition format that is a variation of foursomes (two-person teams, each playing one ball). In Greensomes, both players on a team tee off, the better of the two tee balls is selected and that ball is then played alternate-shot until holed.

The same penalties apply as for foursomes (match play and stroke play).

4.15.3 Four-Ball

4.15.3.1 Stroke Play

Rule 31-1. General - In four-ball stroke play two competitors play as partners, each playing his own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole. If one partner fails to complete the play of a hole, there is no penalty.

Rule 31-2. Representation of Side - A side may be represented by either partner for all or any part of a stipulated round; both partners need not be present. An absent competitor may join his partner between holes, but not during play of a hole.

Rule 31-3. Scoring - The marker is required to record for each hole only the gross score of whichever partner's score is to count. The gross scores to count must be individually identifiable; otherwise the side is disqualified.

(For Four-ball Stableford competitions, if the gross score is not individually identifiable, a score of zero points will count for that hole).

Rule 31-4. Order of Play - Balls belonging to the same side may be played in the order the side considers best.

4.15.3.2 Match play

Rule 30-3a. Representation of Side - A side may be represented by one partner for all or any part of a match; all partners need not be present. An absent partner may join a match between holes, but not during play of a hole.

Rule 30-3b. Order of Play - Balls belonging to the same side may be played in the order the side considers best.

Rule 30-3c. Wrong ball – If a player incurs the loss of hole under rule 15-3a for making a stroke at a wrong ball, he is disqualified for that hole, but his partner incurs no penalty even if the wrong ball belongs to him. If the wrong ball belongs to another player, its' owner must place a ball on the spot from which the wrong ball was first played.

4.16 Stableford Scoring

The scoring in Stableford competitions is made by points awarded in relation to par at each hole. The player or team's net score is used to calculate the points. The Stroke Index at each hole is used to determine how many shots a player/team deducts from their gross score depending on their handicap allowance for the competition.

E.g. A player or team receiving a handicap allowance of 12 receives one shot on holes with Stroke Index 1 to 12.

A player or team receiving a handicap allowance of 20 receives 2 shots on holes with stroke indexes 1 and 2, and one shot on each of the other holes.

Points are awarded as follows:

More than one over par or no score returned	0 points
One over par	1 point
Par	2 points
One under par	3 points
Two under par	4 points
Three under par	5 points
Four under par	6 points

The winner is the competitor who scores the highest number of points. The marker is responsible for marking only the gross number of strokes at each hole where the competitor's net score earns one or more points.

5 Competition Details (Ladies and Men)

5.1 Medals

5.1.1 Two's Pool

In the monthly medal competitions, the Pro Shop runs a separate 2's competition.

To enter, pay £2 to the Pro Shop when collecting your scorecard before your competition round.

The pool of money is divided between all players scoring a 2 (or better) during their round. The prize is paid out on to membership cards a few days after the competition.

5.1.2 Medal Divisions

The monthly medals results are calculated in separate divisions.

Div 1: up to 10 handicaps

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Div 2: 11 to 18 handicaps

Div 3: 19 to 36 handicaps

5.1.3 Medals - October to March

During the months of October to March, the monthly medals are played as mixed (men and ladies) Stableford competitions. Generally these are played on the first Saturday of the month.

Entry Fee	£3 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	08:00 – 08:30
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stableford
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full
Qualifier	Yes
Ladies Adjustment Shots	2
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

All prizes will be in the form of vouchers for the Pro-Shop.

The value of the vouchers is dependent on the number of players who have entered the competition.

<u>No of entrants</u>	<u>Prize fund (Pro Shop vouchers)</u>
Less than 6	No prize fund – money returned
6-10	£5
11-15	£10, £5
16-28	£10, £8, £5
29+	£25, £15, £10 (per division)

In addition to the above voucher prizes (awarded within 8 weeks of the competition being closed) the winner will be entitled to an award at the Annual Presentation, or a Pro Shop voucher to the equivalent value, subject to a minimum of 12 entrants.

Medals and prizes will be ordered as soon as possible after the event, and presented at an appropriate time to the individuals by the Club Captain.

5.1.4 Medals - April to September

During the months of April to September, the monthly medals are played as **mixed (Men and Ladies)** stroke play competitions.

Entry Fee	£3 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:00 – 07:30
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stroke play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full
Qualifier	Yes
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Fractional count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

All prizes will be in the form of vouchers for the Pro-Shop.

The value of the vouchers is dependent on the number of players who have entered the competition.

<u>No of entrants</u>	<u>Prize fund (Pro Shop vouchers)</u>
Less than 6	No prize fund – money returned
6-10	£5
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Medals and prizes will be ordered as soon as possible after the event, and presented at an appropriate time to the individuals by the Club Captain.

5.2 Midweek Competitions

5.2.1 Mid-Week and Winter Stablefords

This competition is played as a mixed (Men and Ladies) Stableford.

No tee times are pre-booked for this competition.

Competitors must play on the day or days stipulated for the competition. Before playing the competition round, players must enter his/her name on the PSI in the Pro Shop.

Players must play with at least one other member, and have their card marked and signed by one of their playing partners.

Entry Fee	£3 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	N/A
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stableford
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full
Qualifier	Yes
Ladies Adjustment	Two shots
Tie Resolution	Fractional count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

All prizes will be in the form of vouchers for the Pro-Shop.

The value of the vouchers is dependent on the number of players who have entered the competition.

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Less than 6	No prize fund – money returned
6-10	£5
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29+	£25, £15, £10 (per division)

In addition to the above voucher prizes (awarded within 8 weeks of the competition being closed) the winner will be entitled to an award at the Annual Presentation, or a Pro Shop voucher to the equivalent value, subject to a minimum of 12 entrants.

Medals and prizes will be ordered as soon as possible after the event, and presented at an appropriate time to the individuals by the Club Captain.

5.2.2 Mid-Week Medals – April to October

This competition is played as a mixed (Men and Ladies) stroke play.

No tee times are pre-booked for this competition.

Competitors must play on the day or days stipulated for the competition. Before playing the competition round, players must enter his/her name on the PSI in the Pro Shop.

Players must play with at least one other member, and have their card marked and signed by one of their playing partners.

Entry Fee	£3 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	N/A
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stroke play
Men's' Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full
Qualifier	Yes
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Fractional count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

All prizes will be in the form of vouchers for the Pro-Shop.

The value of the vouchers is dependent on the number of players who have entered the competition.

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Medals and prizes will be ordered as soon as possible after the event, and presented at an appropriate time to the individuals by the Club Captain.

5.3 Singles Stroke Play/Stableford Competitions

5.3.1 Club Championship

This is a Men only competition.

The competition is played over 36 holes over 2 consecutive days.

This competition runs in conjunction with the Ladies Club Championship.

In round one, players will tee off in handicap order, lowest first.

In round two, players will tee off in reverse order depending on their gross score from the first round – i.e. leaders will go out last.

Entry Fee	£6 per comp (Gross and Net)
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	From 07:00 onwards.
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stroke play
Men Tees	White
Handicap Allowance	Full
Qualifier	Yes
Tie Resolution	Gross: 2-hole aggregate stroke play play-off (13 th & 18 th) – then sudden death using 13 th & 18 th Net(s): Fractional count back B18, B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Gross

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

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Voucher to value £30

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £25

Net

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Voucher to value £30

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Voucher to value £25

A player may NOT win more than one of the above prizes.

5.3.2 Ladies Club Championship

This is a Ladies only competition.

The competition is played over 36 holes over 2 consecutive days.

This competition runs in conjunction with the Men's Club Championship.

In round one, players will tee off in handicap order, lowest first.

In round two, players will tee off in reverse order depending on their gross score from the first round – i.e. leaders will go out last.

Entry Fee	£6 per person (for both days)
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	From 07:00 onwards
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stroke play
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full

Qualifier	Yes
Tie Resolution	Gross: 2-hole aggregate stroke play play-off (13 th & 18 th) – then sudden death using 13 th & 18 th Net: Fractional count back B18, B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Gross

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Voucher to value £30

Net

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Voucher to value £30

No Runner-Up prize.

N.B. Should the numbers of ladies entering this competition significantly increase then the Competitions Sub-committee will review whether to introduce a runner-up prize.

A player may NOT win more than one of the above prizes.

5.3.3 Parasampia Cup

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

Entry Fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:00
Format	Singles
Scoring	Medal
Men Tees	White

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Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full
Qualifier	Yes
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Voucher to value £30 (Men) £20 (Ladies)

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £25 (Men)
N.B. No Ladies Runner-Up prize (To be reviewed should numbers significantly increase)

3rd Place Voucher to value £20 (Men)

5.3.4 Japan Cup

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

Entry Fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:00
Format	Singles
Scoring	Stableford
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Max, Men 24, Ladies 36
Qualifier	Yes
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £30 (Men) £20 (Ladies)

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £25 (Men)

N.B. No Ladies Runner-Up prize (To be reviewed should numbers significantly increase)

3rd Place Voucher to value £20 (Men)

5.4 Four-ball Stroke Play/Stableford Competitions

5.4.1 Shotuku Cup

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

Entry fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	08:30
Format	Four-ball
Scoring	Stableford
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	3/4, Max, Men 24, Ladies 36
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Winners: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £30 (1st Pair)

Runners-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £25 (2nd Pair)

3rd Place Voucher to value £20 (3rd Pair)

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6.1 Foursomes Stroke Play/Stableford Competitions

6.1.1 Grove Foursomes

This is also a qualifier for the Ladies Daily Mail Foursomes.

Age limits: For the Daily Mail Foursomes Tournament, players must be 18 or over on the 1st January.

Maximum handicap allowance: Men - 18, Ladies - 30. Players with higher handicaps can play but must adhere to these maximum allowances.

Entry Fee	£10 per pair
Starting Tee	08:00
First Tee Time	First
Format	Foursomes
Scoring	Medal
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	1/2 combined
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Winners: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Vouchers to value £30 each (Men 1st Pair)
Vouchers to value £20 each (Ladies 1st Pair)

6.1.2 Anniversary Foursomes

This is a separate Men and Ladies competition so no mixed pairs.

Entry Fee	£10 per pair
Starting Tee	From 07:00
First Tee Time	First
Format	Foursomes
Scoring	Medal
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	1/2 combined
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Winners: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
 Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
 Vouchers to value £25 each (Men 1st Pair) / £15 (Men 2nd Pair)
 Vouchers to value £20 each (Ladies 1st Pair)

6.2 Greensomes Stroke Play/Stableford Competitions

6.2.1 Mixed Greensomes

This is a mixed competition.

Entry Fee	£10 per couple
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	From 8am

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Format	Greensomes
Scoring	Medal
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	1/2 combined
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	none
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Winners: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Voucher to value £25 (1st Pair)

Runners-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £15 (2nd Pair)

3rd Place: Voucher to value £10 (3rd Pair)

This competition is the Qualifier for the Bader Cup Regional finals.

Entry fee for the Bader Cup qualifier £8 (optional) per couple.

Bader Cup – Stableford

Bader Cup qualifier: This has a handicap limit of 20 for men, 30 for ladies then half combined. Players with higher handicaps can enter, but must play to these maximum allowances.

Please enter your gross scores on the card - we will then run off two sets of results for the different competition formats and handicap limits - one for the Mixed Greensomes Cup and one for the Bader Cup qualifier.

6.2.2 Greensomes Cup

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

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Entry Fee	£10 per couple
Starting Tee	07:00
First Tee Time	First
Format	Greensomes
Scoring	Medal
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Lower handicap x 0.6 plus higher handicap x 0.4. If the handicaps of the partners are equal, the Greensomes handicap is half the combined handicap. See handicap chart
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	none
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Winners: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Voucher to value £25 (1st Pair)

Runners-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £15 (2nd Pair)

3rd Place: Voucher to value £10 (3rd Pair)

6.3 Texas Scrambles

6.3.1 Winter Texas Scramble

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

Entry Fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	08:00
Format	Team of 3
Scoring	Captain's choice
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	1/5 combined (Max 18 per team)
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	Two
Tie Resolution	Gross count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Normally - minimum of 4 tee shots per person.

The Club Captain has the right to add or adjust some of the rules for this competition.

Prizes:

Winners: Club Captain's choice depending on number playing.

Runners-Up: As above.

6.4 Miscellaneous Competitions

Competitions played to format at the Club Captain's Discretion

6.4.1 Captain's Rosebowl

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

Entry Fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:00
Format	Singles
Scoring	Captain's choice
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full
Qualifier	Yes
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Voucher to value £30 (Men) £20 (Ladies)

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £25 (Men)

N.B. No Ladies Runner-Up prize (To be reviewed should numbers significantly increase)

3rd Place Voucher to value £20 (Men)

6.4.2 Parasampia Bogey

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

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Entry Fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	07:00
Format	Singles
Scoring	Bogey
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full
Qualifier	Yes
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Voucher to value £30 (Men) £20 (Ladies)

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £25 (Men)
N.B. No Ladies Runner-Up prize (To be reviewed should numbers significantly increase)

3rd Place Voucher to value £20 (Men)

Captain's Drive in: Team based competition.
Prizes are Captain's choice depending on number of entrants.

Captain's Charity Day: Team based competition.
Prizes are Captain's choice depending on number of entrants

Team Winter Warmer: Team based competition.
Prizes are Captain's choice depending on number of entrants

6.5 Match Play Knock-Outs

6.5.1 General

All matches must be played by the “play-by” date specified on the draw.

Both sides are equally responsible for arranging the match at a mutually convenient date prior to the “play-by” date.

If a result is not reached by the “play-by” date stipulated in the draw, both sides will be disqualified.

If there is a dispute on this matter, it should be brought to the immediate attention of the Committee who will make a decision on the match.

The Committee’s decision is final.

The draw/result sheet on the board should be updated by the winning individual or team as soon as the result is decided.

Knock out matches should always start at the first hole, unless explicit permission has been obtained from the Committee to the contrary.

A match which ends “all square” should be played off until one side wins a hole and consequently the match. The play-off should start on the first hole and continue from there until the match is decided.

Handicap strokes are given on the extra holes, as at the start of the match.

Four-Ball, Foursomes and Greensomes matches:

As a general rule, there are no substitute players allowed.

If a player from a team is identified as “unable to play” in the competition, and their first round match has not been played, a replacement may be allowed, but only with the express permission and previous agreement of the Competitions Committee. Once a first round match is played by a team, no substitutes will be allowed.

In a case where the match or play-off is abandoned because of bad light, dangerous weather, etc, the match should be re-started from the point at which the match was stopped. If a hole is incomplete, the players should mark and take careful note of where each ball is positioned. The balls should be placed as near as possible to these positions when play is re-started.

Players should also note and agree the number of shots already played and the score in the match prior to leaving the course so that there is no dispute once the match is re-started.

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8 Winter Four ball Knock-Outs

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

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Entry Fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	As arranged
Format	Four ball better ball
Scoring	Match play
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	3/4 difference taken from lowest handicap of the four players who will play off scratch.
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	Two
Tie Resolution	Match continues from first hole until a hole is won.

Prizes:

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
 Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
 Voucher to value £50 each (1st pair)

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £25 each (2nd pair)

Beaten Semi-finalists: Voucher to value £15 each player.

8.1.1 Winter Single Knock-Outs

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

Entry Fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	As arranged
Format	Singles
Scoring	Match play

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Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full difference off lowest handicap
Qualifier	N
Ladies Adjustment	Two
Tie Resolution	Match continues from first hole until a hole is won.

Prizes:

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
 Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
 Voucher to value £50

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
 Voucher to value £25

3rd Place Voucher to value £15

8.1.2 Summer Singles Knock-Outs

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

Entry Fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	As arranged
Format	Singles
Scoring	Match play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	Full difference off lowest handicap
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	None

Tie Resolution	Match continues from first hole until a hole is won.
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Prizes:

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
 Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
 Voucher to value £50

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
 Voucher to value £25

3rd Place Voucher to value £15

8.1.3 Summer Four-Ball Knock-Outs

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

Entry Fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	As arranged
Format	Four-ball
Scoring	Match play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	3/4 difference taken from lowest handicap of the four players who will play off scratch.
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	none
Tie Resolution	Match continues from first hole until a hole is won.

Prizes:

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
 Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

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Voucher to value £50 each (1st pair)

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £25 each (2nd pair)

Beaten Semi-finalists: Voucher to value £15 each player.

8.1.4 Summer Foursomes Knock-Outs

This is a mixed (Men and Ladies) competition.

Entry Fee	£5 per person
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	As arranged
Format	Foursomes
Scoring	Match play
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	Red
Handicap Allowance	1/2 combined difference
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	One
Tie Resolution	Match continues from first hole until a hole is won.

Prizes:

Winner: Club Trophy presented at Presentation Evening.
Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.
Voucher to value £50 each (1st pair)

Runner-Up: Individual prize presented at Presentation Evening or voucher to equivalent value.

Voucher to value £25 each (2nd pair)

Beaten Semi-finalists: Voucher to value £15 each player.

8.2 Club Matches

8.2.1 General

Players who are selected are expected to wear DGGC blue polo shirts.

The current appointed team Captain has responsibility for all matches involving respective league Clubs.

For Ladies and Mixed matches, the current team Captain takes responsibility.

For Seniors matches the Seniors Captain takes responsibility for the arrangements of their matches.

8.2.2 Hillman Trophy

A seven-man team is required to play this competition.

The team will be picked by the appointed Team Captain.

The team consists of three players with handicaps between 6 and 9, and four players with handicaps between 10 and 20.

8.2.3 Inter-Club Challenge Shield

This is an annual event played between Golf Clubs in the surrounding area. The members to play in this competition are picked by the appointed Team Captain.

The appropriate entry fees are paid by the committee.

8.2.4 Club Matches (Men and Men/Ladies)

The Team Captain's are responsible for:

- Arranging dates of matches with other Clubs
- Publishing the entry sheets on the notice board
- Picking the team
- Booking food for home matches
- Publishing the team on the Club Notice Board
- Ensuring team members are available for the match
- Collecting entry money from players (both home and away matches)
- Deciding on pairings and order of play of the team
- Liaising with the team captain of our opponents
- Ensuring proper dress code is adhered to by team members
- Confirming final numbers with catering manager before play

- Making a speech at the after match dinner if necessary

8.3 Open Competitions

All Open Competitions are owned and organised by **Sandtrend**. It is the wish of the DGGC Committee that all members support all of the “Opens” organised by **Sandtrend**.

8.3.1 Mixed Open

This competition is open to members of DGGC and members of other Golf Clubs who have an “active” handicap.

One man and one lady form a pairing to play in this competition.

A two-course meal after the competition is included in the entry fee.

Entry Fee	Reviewed annually
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	
Format	As detailed by Sandtrend
Scoring	
Men Tees	
Ladies Tees	
Handicap Allowance	
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Prizes are presented on the day and normally consist of goods purchased from the Pro Shop.

1st, 2nd for visitors

1st, 2nd for DG members.

Longest Drive (separate Men & Ladies)

Nearest Pin (combined Men & Ladies)

8.3.2 Ladies Open

This competition is open to Lady members of DGGC and Lady members of other Golf Clubs who have an “active” handicap.

A two-course meal after the competition is included in the entry fee.

Entry Fee	Reviewed annually
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	
Format	As detailed by Sandtrend
Scoring	
Men Tees	N/A
Ladies Tees	
Handicap Allowance	
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes are presented on the day and normally consist of goods purchased from the Pro Shop.

Prizes:

1st, 2nd for visitors.

1st, 2nd, for members.

Longest Drive

Nearest Pin

8.3.3 Men’s Open

This competition is open to Men members of DGGC and en members of other Golf Clubs who have an “active” handicap.

A two-course meal after the competition is included in the entry fee.

Entry Fee	Reviewed annually
Starting Tee	First

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First Tee Time	
Format	As detailed by Sandtrend
Scoring	
Men Tees	White
Ladies Tees	N/A
Handicap Allowance	
Qualifier	No
Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes are presented on the day and normally consist of goods purchased from the Pro Shop.

Prizes:

1st, 2nd for visitors.

1st, 2nd, for members.

Longest Drive

Nearest Pin

8.3.4 Senior Men's Open

This competition is open to Men members of DGGC and Senior Men members (minimum age 55 years) of other Golf Clubs who have an "active" handicap.

A two-course meal after the competition is included in the entry fee.

Entry Fee	Reviewed annually
Starting Tee	First
First Tee Time	
Format	As detailed by Sandtrend
Scoring	
Men Tees	Yellow
Ladies Tees	N/A
Handicap Allowance	
Qualifier	No

Ladies Adjustment	None
Tie Resolution	Net count back. B9, B6, B3, B1, F9, F6, F3, F1

Prizes:

Prizes are presented on the day and normally consist of goods purchased from the Pro Shop.

1st, 2nd 3rd for visitors.

1st, for members.

Longest Drive

Nearest Pin

9 Etiquette – Members are to adhere to the guidelines set out within the members website

9.1 The Spirit of the Game

The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

9.2 Safety

Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like when they make a stroke or practice swing.

Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.

Players should always alert green-staff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.

If a player plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, he should immediately shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such situations is “fore”.

9.3 Consideration for Other Players

9.3.1 No Disturbance or Distraction

Players should always show consideration for other players on the course and should not disturb their play by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise.

Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players.

On the teeing ground, a player should not tee his ball until it is his turn to play. Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to play.

9.3.2 On the Putting Green

On the putting green, players should not stand on another player's line of putt or, when he is making a stroke, cast a shadow over his line of putt. Players should remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out.

9.3.3 Scoring

In stroke play, a player who is acting as a marker should, if necessary, on the way to the next tee, check the score with the player concerned and record it.

9.4 Pace of Play

9.4.1 Play at Good Pace and Keep Up

Players should play at a good pace. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front.

If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group.

9.4.2 Be Ready to Play

Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play. When playing on or near the putting green, they should leave their bags or carts in such a position as will enable quick movement off the green and towards the next tee. When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

9.4.3 Lost Ball

If a player believes his ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, to save time, he should play a provisional ball.

Players searching for a ball should signal the players in the group behind them to play through as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not search for five minutes before doing so. Having allowed the group behind to play through, they should not continue play until that group has passed and is out of range.

9.5 Care of the Course

9.5.1 Bunkers

Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others. If a rake

is within reasonable proximity of the bunker, the rake should be used for this purpose.

9.5.2 Repair of Divots, Ball-Marks and Damage by Shoes

Players should carefully repair any divot holes made by them and any damage to the putting green made by the impact of a ball (whether or not made by the player himself). On completion of the hole by all players in the group, damage to the putting green caused by golf shoes should be repaired.

9.5.3 Preventing Unnecessary Damage

Players should avoid causing damage to the course by removing divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the head of a club into the ground, whether in anger or for any other reason.

Players should ensure that no damage is done to the putting green when putting down bags or the flagstick.

In order to avoid damaging the hole, players and caddies should not stand too close to the hole and should take care during the handling of the flagstick and the removal of a ball from the hole. The head of a club should not be used to remove a ball from the hole.

Players should not lean on their clubs when on the putting green, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.

The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green.

Local notices regulating the movement of golf carts should be strictly observed.

9.6 Conclusion / Penalties for Breach of Etiquette

If players follow the guidelines in this section, it will make the game more enjoyable for everyone.

If a player consistently disregards these guidelines during a round or over a period of time to the detriment of others, the Committee may consider taking appropriate disciplinary action against the offending player.

Such action may, for example, include prohibiting play for a limited time on the course or in a certain number of competitions. This is considered to be justifiable in terms of protecting the interest of the majority of golfers who wish to play in accordance with these guidelines.

In the case of a serious breach of etiquette, the Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 33-7.

10 Dress Code

The following code applies to all players:

General

1. The Clubhouse has every facility required for changing into and from golfing apparel. Changing in the Car Park is not permitted.
2. Golf and sports bags are only allowed in the Changing Rooms.

Dress Code - Golf Course & Practice Ground

1. Shirts, in general, must be collared but collarless shirts marketed as golf wear are acceptable.
2. Shirts for men must have long or short sleeves and must be worn inside waistband at all times.
3. Men's shorts must be tailored to maximum of knee length.
4. Short sports socks for men are permitted but they must be predominantly white and a minimum of ankle length.
5. Ladies however may wear tops outside their trousers, cropped trousers, shorts or skirts when they are designed to do so.
6. No jeans, denims or track-suit bottoms.
7. Recognised golf shoes with soft spikes must be worn. Training shoes are not allowed.
8. Peaked hats or caps must not be worn other than with the peak to the front and must be removed before entering the Clubhouse.

Dress Code – Clubhouse

1. Smart casual wear before and after play.
2. Golf shoes are only allowed in the Spike Bar.
3. Collarless and/or sleeveless shirts or T-shirts are not considered acceptable.
4. No shell suits or track-suits.
5. Wet or muddy apparel is not allowed.
6. Jacket and tie may be required for formal functions and Club matches.