

FORTWILLIAM GOLF CLUB
LADIES' SECTION
CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet is designed to give information about competitions for the season ahead. We hope it will be useful, that it is accurate and gives guidance to all ladies to enable us to enjoy our golf while following the **Rules of Golf** for all competitions.

If you have any comments or queries please contact the Ladies Secretary, the Ladies Handicap Secretary or any member of the Ladies Committee.

It is the duty of the Committee of an affiliated club to organise competitions for all playing members. The Committee must lay down regulations governing their competitions and publish them in advance of the competition (R&A Rule 33-1). **The Committee has no power to waive a rule of golf.** When certain conditions have been agreed by the Committee these should be displayed on a permanent notice so that there can be no misunderstanding.

The Ladies Secretary/Handicap Secretary should see that the competition time sheet is on-line for all and arrangements are in place for accepting entries and fees. **It is the responsibility of the player** to see that she has entered the competition in accordance with the method of entry laid down by the Committee and that she has paid her entry fee.

It is recommended that the Conditions of Competitions should include the following:-

- Method of entry
- Entry fee
- Eligibility to Play / Format of Play
- Starting Places
- Teeing Grounds to be used
- Number of Competitors constituting a competition for prize purposes
- Prize Structure
- Returning Competition Cards

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METHOD OF ENTRY: -

The method of entry to competitions is through **the Club VI App only**. You must be signed into the competition before hitting your first ball. You may not enter the competition after play has commenced. Please note, if a player fails to comply with the conditions of entry she has not entered the competition and has neither a score for the competition or for handicap purposes.

If a player experiences App issues and cannot sign into the competition they **MUST** contact Ladies Handicap Committee before play commences.

ENTRY FEE:-

Entry fees must be paid before play commences. However in exceptional circumstances when a player does not have sufficient funds on their Club VI card, they must make their playing partner aware that it is their intent to play in the competition and will **“top up”** their card after the round and **pay** the appropriate fee.

ELIGIBILITY / FORMAT OF PLAY:-

All Class I/IIA Lady Members and Country Members, with a current Golf Ireland Handicap Index, are eligible to play and win all Club competitions.

365 members, GIG members and any other class of lady membership may enter all competitions and win a club voucher for 1st and 2nd place, however the following restrictions apply to these members: -

- Not eligible to win any silverware / glassware
- Not eligible for matchplay competitions
- Not eligible to win prizes in any of the five major competitions
- Not eligible to represent the Club in any Team Event

It is expected that ladies play with another lady member in all competitions. On the rare occasion when this is not possible members should alert the Ladies Sec or Handicap Secretary if they need to play with another person (who must hold a current Golf Ireland Handicap Index).

STARTING PLACES: -

All competitions MUST start at the First Tee unless in exceptional circumstances when advised by Handicap Committee. Failure to comply with this will result in non-qualification for the competition.

TEEING GROUNDS:-

For all competitions, unless advised differently, Ladies shall play from the **Red** Tee Markers.

NUMBER OF COMPETITORS:-

The number of competitors which shall constitute a competition for prize purposes: -

- 18 Holes - 8 returned cards (if less then competition turns into a sweep)
- 9 Holes - 6 returned cards (if less then competition turns into a sweep)

For the five major competitions during the year 16 returned cards are required.

The Five Major Competitions are:-

- The Professional's Prize
- Maeve McConnell
- Lady Captain's Day
- Club Captain's Qualifier
- President's Prize for Ladies

For Team Event Competitions, e.g. foursomes, greensomes, four-ball etc, 4 returned (Team) cards are required.

PRIZE STRUCTURE:-

For 18 hole Competitions - Club Vouchers 1st £10 / 2nd £6

For 9 hole Competitions - Club Vouchers 1st £5

RETURNING COMPETITION CARDS:-

This is now processed through HowDidIDo.

After your round of golf please enter your score on this App in the company of your marker. Your marker's name **MUST** be on your electronic score card along with your own signature. Your score **MUST** be entered no later than 3 hours after completion of your round, with no scores being accepted after 11.00pm on the day of competition. If you have an issue with entering your score the Ladies Handicap Committee must be advised of this via email at ladies.handicap@fortwilliamgc.co.uk on the same day of competition.

**ALL PLAYERS WHO ENTER A COMPETITION MUST
RETURN THEIR CARD.**

**CARDS RETURNED WITHOUT MARKERS NAME AND
PLAYERS SIGNATURE WILL RESULT IN
DISQUALIFICATION.**

9 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION

Competition Format:

Singles Stableford Competition played over 9 holes

PLAY FRONT 9 ONLY

For a 9 hole score to be accepted 9 holes MUST be played. A hole is considered to have been played if started.

Handicap Allowance: 95% of 'COURSE HANDICAP'

HowDidiDo will calculate player's Handicap allowance & adjust scores accordingly.

9 HOLE STROKE COMPETITION

Competition Format:

Singles Stroke Competition played over 9 holes

PLAY FRONT 9 ONLY

For a 9 hole score to be accepted 9 holes MUST be played. A hole is considered to have been played if started.

Handicap Allowance: 100% of 'COURSE HANDICAP'

HowDidiDo will calculate player's Handicap allowance & adjust scores accordingly.

18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION

Competition Format:

Singles Stableford Competition played over 18 holes

Score to count a minimum of 10 holes MUST be played for score to be accepted for handicap purposes. A hole is considered to have been played if it has been started.

You will need a valid reason to stop after 10 or more holes, such as failing light, injury or illness, or a hole being declared out of play for maintenance or because of damage.

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ORDER OF MERIT GOLFER OF THE YEAR 18 HOLES

The Golfer of the year will be awarded to the lady with the highest score in the following competitions over 18 holes.

PGA TANKARD
MAEVE MCCONNELL QUALIFER
CLUB CAPTAIN'S QUALIFER
JOAN WEIR CLARET JUG
BEN MADIGAN CUP
PROFESSIONALS PRIZE
DOREEN ATKINSON SILVER SALVER
MAUREEN SKINNER CUP
LADY CAPTAIN'S PRIZE
VICTORY CUP
KATHLEEN BANNON ROSE BOWL
THOMAS NICHOLL CUP
RITA CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY
JUBILEE TROPHY
CHRIS MITCHELL CUP

PRESIDENT'S DAY

ORDER OF MERIT GOLFER OF THE YEAR 9 HOLES

The Golfer of the year will be awarded to the lady with the highest score in the following competitions over 9 holes.

02 TROPHY
OLIVE OHARA
VICTORY CUP
SHEILA COBBY MEMORIAL TROPHY
PROFESSIONALS PRIZE
MAEVE MCCONNELL COMPETITION

Points will be awarded for the first 10 places e.g. 1st 10 pts, 2nd 9 pts, 3rd 8 pts etc., in the above competitions.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A DEDUCTION OF 1 SHOT WILL APPLY TO WINNERS OF THE 9 & 18 HOLE GOLFER OF THE YEAR AT THE ANNUAL HANDICAP REVIEW

SUPPLEMENTARY / GENERAL PLAY SCORES

These are 9/18 Hole stroke electronic scores returned at a time other than competition. These scores will count **for handicap purposes only** and will **NOT** count as qualifying scores for Lady Captain's Day.

You will have to return all singles competition scores and will have the choice to submit social / recreational scores, including those from societies, association and alliances. All scores **MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED**

LADIES' SINGLES MATCH PLAY COMPETITIONS

Handicap allowance is Full COURSE Handicap (Maximum 36)

It is the lady at the top of the draw who contacts her opponent as soon as possible (usually within 7 days of the draw being posted on the board).

If this does not happen the opponent should contact the person who is top of the draw and negotiate a time and date for the match.

If a lady has to withdraw from a match play competition and wishes to concede the match to her opponent, it is the responsibility of the lady conceding to ensure that her opponent's name is entered into the next round of the draw. If she is unable to get to the club she may

appoint another person to do this on her behalf (*Ladies Committee 2012*).

If a player, after entering a Match Play Competition, does not wish to proceed to the Match Play stage of the competition then she must mark her original electronic competition card with an “X” beside her signature.

Where a match is halved, players shall resume at the first hole and proceed in sequence until a hole is won. If any shots were involved in the original match then shots shall resume again from the first.

Please note matches are to be played outside competition days. If circumstances dictate otherwise that this is not possible please contact the Ladies Handicap Committee before your match (Committee Procedures 6 C 12 in the R&A Official Guide to the Rules of Golf).

PLEASE NOTE THAT 1 SHOT WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR WINNER AND RUNNER UP OF ALL MATCH PLAY COMPETITIONS AT THE ANNUAL HANDICAP REVIEW

TEAMS OF THREE

Each Team Of 3 Must Sign In at the pro shop.

Failure to do this will mean your team will NOT have entered the competition.

The professional will assist. The first lady enters the competition using her Card/Golfnet

Number - the computer will automatically ask for the 2nd lady's card. It will then ask "Do you have a Third member of your Team?" Answer "Yes" and the 3rd member of the team will enter her card or Golfnet Number. The computer will then show the names of the 3 Team Members + Handicaps and you will be asked to confirm your entry.

Entering your scores after your round.

After completing your round, ensure your handicaps are correctly entered on the card **AND** the card is signed by 2 members of the team.

You **MUST** return your card to the **PROFESSIONAL SHOP**.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY

Where play is suspended, e.g. for lightning, players should mark their ball and return to the clubhouse until play is resumed.

Players must return all society scores where competition conditions exist. Scores will be **reviewed** by the handicap committee for immediate consideration.

USE OF BUGGIES

Golf Ireland Qualifying Competitions and Teams - 'only those with medical exemptions can use buggies during Golf Ireland qualifying competitions'. Please check Golf Ireland's Rules & Regulations for each competition prior to playing.

Fortwilliam Club Competitions: Buggies can be used and shared in all Ladies competitions - see decisions book.