

CAVE CASTLE GOLF CLUB
Mens and Club Competitions
Terms of Competition



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1 General

This document sets out the Terms of Competition for all internal Mens and Club Competitions held at Cave Castle Golf Club. A full list of applicable Competitions is included at Annex A.

The Ladies' Committee is responsible for the Ladies' Section handicaps and competitions in accordance with the Rules of Golf. As such, they are subject to their own Terms of Competition.

All competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Limited (2019), WHS Rules of Handicapping (CONGU) and any authorised Local Rules or Adapted Rules of Golf (CONGU ratified) approved by the Handicaps and Competitions Committee. Local Rules are displayed on the reverse of the score card and on the notice boards.

Playing Handicap allowances for individual stroke play/stableford, better ball and other competitions will be in accordance with WHS (CONGU) mandatory allowances given at Annex B.

The Handicaps and Competitions Committee is managed by the Chair of Handicaps and Competitions. Committee members include the Seniors Handicap and Competitions Representative and co-opted Club Members. The Committee requires a minimum of three Committee Members to sit.

In general, two¹ Playing Handicap Divisions are used to spread prizes across Mens Competitions, recognising differing levels of playing ability using Playing Handicaps to determine division splits.

This document will be reviewed annually by the Handicap and Competitions Committee.

2 Eligibility

Cave Castle Golf Club internal competitions will be open to all fully paid-up members with a valid Handicap Index and appropriate to their membership category

2.1 Men

Full Members. All men who are 7 day members over the age of 18 holding a Handicap Index.

5 Day Members. All men who are 5 day members over the age of 18 holding a Handicap Index.

2.2 Club Competitions

Men and Ladies. All men and ladies who are 7 day members over the age of 18 holding a Handicap Index. 5 day members may play in the Captains Drive-In, Captains Day and Professionals Day.

2.3 Seniors

Seniors. Men over the age of 55 holding a Handicap Index who have joined the Seniors Section

2.4 Handicaps

The use of World Handicap System (WHS) handicaps is mandatory for all competitions

2.4.1 Handicap Allowance

Refer to Appendix B for Handicap Allowance

¹ Playing Handicap 0-16, 17+.

2.4.2 Handicap Limits

Some Major Stroke Play Competitions have handicap restrictions on winning the Trophy. Refer to Appendix A for further details.

For competitions that are played on 2 consecutive days, players will play the entire competition with the handicap as at the first round of the competition.

When prizes are awarded based on results across two or more separate individual competitions, such as the Order of Merit and Eclectic, players will play with the current handicap applicable on the day of play.

2.4.3 Teeing Areas

Men's competitions are played from the white tees in summer (yellow when specified) and yellow in the winter.

2.4.4 Winter Competitions

All winter competitions are played using club handicaps.

When winter tees and temporary greens (with bucket holes) are in use, scores are generally not acceptable for handicap purposes due to not playing a measured and rated course.

2.5 Divisions

When results in singles competitions are calculated in Divisions, the following splits are used:

	Playing Handicap
Division 1	Up to 16
Division 2	17 and above

2.6 Full Membership Categories

Fully paid-up members with valid Handicap Index are eligible to play in:

- Stroke play competitions that are not major Trophy competitions
- Major singles stroke play competitions listed in Appendix A ^[1]
- Major pairs/team stroke play competitions listed in Appendix ^[1]
- Match play knockout competitions listed in Appendix A^[1].
- League, Inter-club matches and other competitions organised by the local Associations, Unions and Alliances ^[2].

[1] Eligibility to win the Trophy or prize money in a Major singles stroke play competition, Major Pairs/team stroke play competition or Major Matchplay Competitions all as listed in Appendix A is subject to having submitted Six **Acceptable Scores** (including a minimum of **three in competition play**) in the last 12 months prior to the date of the competition or playing the first match.

Acceptable Score is defined as a score from an authorised format of play which meets all the provisions set out within Rule 2 of the rules of handicapping. Scores submitted for initial handicap allocation do not count towards the Acceptable Scores.

[2] Eligibility to play is subject to the Terms of each individual competition

3 Competition Entry

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity- for example following the Rules, applying all the penalties and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Showing consideration for others- for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others and not distracting the play of another
- Taking good care of the course- for example, by replacing divot's, raking bunkers, repairing pitch marks and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.

Unless otherwise stated, competition entry is as follows:

3.1 Match play Competitions

Entry sheets for Men's singles and pairs knockout are available in the Pro Shop well before the competition is drawn.

Match play competition draw sheets are posted in the locker rooms.

Refer to Appendix B for club match play Competition rules.

3.2 Stroke Play Competitions

The Majority of stroke play competitions have some reserved tee times in the BRS timesheet.

Designated competition tee times should only be used by members playing in the competition.

The reserved tee times are generally between 8.04 to 9.32 but entrants may book any casual tee time on the day and enter the competition

Exception: members wishing to submit cards for initial handicap allocation and members marking a card for another competing member may play in a designated competition tee time

3.3 Competition Registration

Competitors must sign in prior to commencement of play in both the book and on the computer and pay the appropriate fee as advised by the Club's Professional. A player who does not sign in and pay in the prescribed manner will not have a score for the competition nor for Handicap purposes. Alternatively, players may register by signing into a mobile scoring app prior to play on the day and pay their fee and sign the book as previously described.

3.4 Time of Starting

Competitors must be on the tee and ready to commence play 5 minutes before the allocated Start time. The penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification

4 Returning Scores

All scores must be certified by a playing partner member or an accompanying member scorer holding a CDH Number. In exceptional circumstances, scores for handicap may be certified by another person acceptable to the Committee (the player is to bring any such occurrence to the notice of the Handicaps and Competitions Committee with an explanation of why the certifier should be considered acceptable)

All scores must be returned for handicap purposes.

Competition Scores are to be returned by Score Cards and electronically submitted either via the club's terminals (Professionals shop or Club House) or mobile App

General Play Scores must be returned by traditional Club Score Cards and by Electronic Score Cards either via a club terminal located in the Pro's shop or the Club House or alternatively using a mobile App which has been agreed for use by the Handicaps and Competitions Committee.

Scores not returned will be subject to penalty scores as directed by England golf with persistent offenders being potentially subject to a handicap index freeze or withdrawal.

4.1 Club Score Cards

As a minimum, the player is to ensure that the completed card contains the:

- Player's name
- Player's gross score to be entered for each hole
- Course Handicap.
- Signatures of marker and player each certifying the scores.

Failure to comply with the above will result in disqualification.

Players are required to also add to the card:

- Player's Playing Handicap and Handicap Index
- Competition name
- Date of the competition
- Indicate the tees used
- Total number of Strokes or Points

4.2 Electronic Scores

When submitting an electronic score via either the club terminal or a mobile device App the following information will be displayed:

- Competition name
- Date of the competition, Course Handicap and Playing Handicap

The player is to ensure that:

- A person is nominated to certify the player's score.
- Player's gross score to be entered for each hole.
- Player to certify his score by method of electronic certification approved by the Committee.

4.3 Returning Cards

Completed entries are to be returned to the Competitions Committee promptly². Players must place their card in the Competition Card Box located in the Club House. Placing the Score Card into the notified card box is considered as a Returned Card.

Irrespective of whether a player enters no score for a hole, the player is required to record the score of every previous and subsequent hole played and the card is to be returned to maintain an accurate record of a player's ability and determine their Handicap Index. The player is to enter '0' for any hole not completed and 'NS' or leave blank for any hole not started.

² Rule of Golf 3.3b(2). Defined as 'with little or no delay; immediately'.

Players returning Club Score Cards are also required to enter their score on the ClubV1 terminal located in the Pro's shop and in the Club House or by Electronic Score Cards through a mobile App which has been agreed for use by the Handicaps and Competitions Committee. Failure to do so may result in sanctions being applied.

5 Failure to Complete a Competition

Members who commence a competition but fail to return a card in an individual Club competition will if they do not have a valid reason be disqualified with the loss of their entrance fee.

Scores not returned will be subject to a penalty scores (Rules of Handicaps 7.1b); with persistent offenders being subject to a Handicap Index freeze or withdrawal³.

6 Queries and Disputes

In the first instance players are to request the assistance of the Professional to provide advice and guidance on the Rules of Golf and on the Terms of Competition.

If a player is not able to obtain advice or is not satisfied with the proffered advice, he is to submit a query to the Competition Committee as soon as is reasonable, initially by e mail or note. In this event the score card is to be annotated with clear indication that a note or e mail is being submitted. The Competition Committee may request a further written statement or may request attendance at a query review meeting.

7 Ties

7.1 Match Play

In the event of a tie for a match, the match is extended one hole at a time, commencing at the 1st hole, until a winner is determined with handicap strokes applied where applicable.

In the event of any cancellations due to course closures or dangerous weather conditions, the result of completed matches will stand as played and incomplete matches will be replayed on a later date continuing from where the match was suspended. If completion of the delayed match exceeds the closing date of the competition, the Handicaps and Competitions Committee will rule on whether the match can be completed outside of the posted dates or whether the match will be awarded.

7.2 Stroke Play (Medal, Stableford and Better-Ball)

7.2.1 9-hole competition

The best score for the last 6 holes, then the last 3 and last 1 is used.

7.2.2 18-hole competition

In the event of a tie, the result shall be decided over the scores for last nine holes, failing resolution then, in each case, the last six holes, the last three holes, the last hole.

If the tie is still unresolved the result shall be decided over the scores for first nine holes, failing which the last six holes of the front nine, failing which the last three holes of the front nine, or last one of the front nine.

³ Members should note that Para 5 equally applies to pre-registered 'General Play' cards.

7.2.3 36-hole Competition

If the tie is still unresolved for a 36-hole competition, the result shall be decided over the first 18 holes as for a 18 hole competition shown above.

8 Final Competition Results

8.1 Match Play

The result of the match is considered final once the agreed result of the match has been posted on the knock out charts (usually located in the Men's locker room notice board or to the Competition Committee (competition organisers) by one of the players. Failure to report a result may result in the match players being disqualified from the competition.

8.2 Stroke Play

Players are responsible for returning their scorecards promptly after completing their rounds.

The competition is closed when the results have been reviewed by the competition's committee and posted either on HowDidiDo or the Competition's Results Book held by the Club Professional.

If an issue arises after the publication of the results which warrants a disqualification of a prize winner under the rules of Rules of Golf, Rule 20.2e or by virtue of an administrative error, a new result will be published

8.3 Prize Eligibility

To be eligible to win the Trophy or a monetary prize in a Major Mens or Club Trophy Competition (listed in Annex A), each player must comply with the requirements for the number of **Acceptable Scores** detailed in Section 2.6.

- Members who cannot satisfy the number of **Acceptable Scores** condition may enter a competition without paying an entry fee in order to add Acceptable Scores to their Handicap Record.
- For Knockout Competitions and the Winter League, the commencement date of the competition is the opening date of the first round.
- Where one member of a team of two, three or four players has not submitted the required number of **Acceptable Scores**, the whole team will be ineligible to win a prize.

9 Suspension of Play

Suspension due to adverse course or weather conditions:

A player should stop play if he or she believes there is danger from lightning

The Committee are not at the golf course during competitions so competitors will have to make their own decision to suspend play or abandon their round.

If a competitor makes a decision that the course is unplayable, they should record the reason on their scorecard and indicate whether they abandoned or resumed the round. The committee will decide whether the entry fee will be refunded. When the competition is acceptable for handicap purposes and a player has completed at least 10 holes prior to abandoning an 18 hole competition, the score must be submitted for handicap purposes.

Suspension due to illness, injury or any other reason

If a player becomes ill or injured during their round or has to leave the course for any other reason, the players score will be excluded from the competition. The committee will decide whether the entry fee will be refunded. When the

competition is acceptable for handicap purposes and a player has completed at least 10 holes prior to abandoning an 18-hole competition, the score must be submitted for handicap purposes.

10 Practice

A player may practice on the course before a round or between rounds of a **Match Play** competition.

A player must not practice on the course before a round on the day of a Stroke Play competition.

A player must not practice on the course between rounds of a Stroke Play competition when the rounds are played on the same day.

Exceptions: A player may practice on the practice area and the net (adjacent to the first tee) and:

- Chipping near the first teeing area before a round
- Putting on the green of the hole just completed
- Chipping on or near the teeing area of the next hole

But such practice strokes must not be made from a bunker and must not unreasonably delay play.

11 Club Competitions

In Club Competitions, Men will play from White or Yellow Tees, Ladies will play from Red Tees.

11.1 Handicaps for Multiple Tee 18 Hole Competitions

In 18 Hole competitions where multiple Tees are being used, players are to adjust Playing Handicaps for the differences in the Tee Course Ratings⁴ as below. The resultant PH is then rounded up/down. Specific adjustments are given in Appendix C.

11.1.1 Stroke Play and Match Play

Playing Handicap = (Course Handicap x Handicap Allowance) + Difference in Course Ratings

11.1.2 Stableford

Playing Handicap = (Course Handicap x Handicap Allowance) + difference in number of points required to 'play to handicap'⁵(highest to lowest)

12 Juniors

As well as their own events, Junior Boys can enter Men's and Club Competitions and Junior Girls can enter Club Competitions. The Juniors and their Parents/Guardians must comply with both the Cave Castle Safeguarding Policy and Club Welfare Officer's instructions.

13 Seniors

The Senior Committee is responsible for the specific management of Senior Section⁶ Competitions. However, if the Seniors Competition is an 'Acceptable Score' competition then the Handicaps and Competitions Committee is the higher authority

⁴ CC Course Ratings are White 71.2, Yellow 69.6, Red 71.7.

⁵ CC Stableford Points 'to play to handicap' are White 37pts, Yellow 38pts, Red 37pts.

Annex A Men's and Club Competitions

Eligibility to win the Trophy or prize money in a Major singles stroke play competition, Major Pairs/team stroke play competition or Major Matchplay Competitions all as listed in Appendix A is subject to having submitted 6 **Acceptable scores** (including a minimum of 3 **in competition play**) in the last 12 months prior to the date of the competition or playing the first match.

Acceptable Score is defined as a score from an authorised format of play which meets all the provisions set out within Rule 2 of the rules of handicapping. Scores submitted for initial handicap allocation do not count towards the Acceptable Scores.

MENS MAJOR COMPETITIONS (TROPHY COMPETITIONS)							
Strokeplay							
Competition Name	No. of Holes	Format	Tee	Eligibility Criteria	Divisions (CH)	Handicap Allowance	Handicap Limit
Andy Hugens	18	Bogey	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Anniversary Bowl	18	Stableford	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Club Championship	36	Medal	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	95% for Net Nil for scratch	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
David Ayers Plate	18	AMAM Stableford	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	85%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Geoffrey Mole	18	Medal	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Herring Plate	18	Stableford, 5 Clubs	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.

Lombard Trophy	18	Medal	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Medals	18	Medal	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI. 5-day members can play in midweek medals
Mike Burrows Trophy	18	BB Stableford	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	85%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Nigel Rice Pairs	18	BB Stableford	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	85%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Paragon Pairs	18	BB Medal	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Two Divisions: Up to 16 and 17+	85%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Rabbits Trophy	18	Medal	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	17+	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Tiger Trophy	18	Medal	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Up to 16	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Winter League Plate	18	BB Stableford	Yellow	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.		85%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Matchplay							
NAPA	18 (+)	Singles KO	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Plus to 50	Full handicap difference	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.

Charles Whittle	18 (+)	Singles KO	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Not Applicable	Scratch	
Tom Pye	18 (+)	BB KO	White	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	Plus to 50	90% of difference	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Winter League KO	18 (+)	BB Matchplay	Yellow	Top eight from Winter League	Plus to 50	90%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.

OTHER MENS COMPETITIONS

Strokeplay

Daily Mail Qualifier	18	Medal Foursomes	White	Daily Mail Terms of Competition		50% Combined	
Millennium Qualifier	18	Stableford	White	ERUGC Terms of Competition	Three Divisions: Plus to 10.9, 11 to 15.9, 16 to 23.9.	95%	Players with HI > 23.9 can play but limited to this HI.

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Strokeplay

Competition Name	No. of Holes	Format	Tee	Eligibility Criteria	Handicap Allowance	Handicap Limit
Andrew Slee Claret Jug	18	Medal	Yellow/Red	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
BAE Systems	18	Stableford	White/Red	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.

Jonny Hewitt	18	Stableford	White/ Red	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Mayors Putter	18	Stableford	White/ Red	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Rover Cup	18	Medal	White/ Red	Minimum number of Acceptable Scores as stated above.	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.

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Strokeplay

St Patricks Day	18	Stableford	Yellow/ Red	Valid Handicap Index	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
St Georges Day	18	Stableford	White/ Red	Valid Handicap Index	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.
Club Stableford	18	Stableford	White or Yellow/ Red	Valid Handicap Index	95%	Players with HI > 54 can play but limited to this HI.

Annex B Playing Handicap Allowances Table

FORMAT OF PLAY		HANDICAP ALLOWANCE
MATCHPLAY	Individual	100%
	Fourball	90% (See Note 1)
STROKEPLAY	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Fourball	85%
	Fourball Stableford	85%
	Fourball Par/Bogey	90%
	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)	25% 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%

Note 1. It is important to follow the correct process to calculate the strokes given as an incorrect calculation process may result in incorrect strokes being given. The correct method for 4BBB matchplay is each player calculates 90% of their CH, then rounds up/down and then take the difference between each player and the lowest CH player. The difference will be the strokes given by the lowest player to each individual player.

Annex C Mixed Tee Allowances Table

Where players in a competition are playing off different sets of tees a further adjustment to handicaps is required. This **Adjusted Playing Handicap** is based on the differences in course ratings and pars for the different sets of tees.

For Cave Castle Golf Club the relevant data, for 18 hole competitions is:

Tees	Course Rating	Par	Slope	Stableford Points to play to Par 36 less (CR-Par)
White	71.2	72	123	37
Yellow	69.6	72	122	38
Red	71.7	73	128	37

For Cave Castle Golf Club the adjustments to apply

Tee Combinations	Medal	Stableford	Matchplay
White	0	0	0
Red	0.5	0	0.5
Yellow	0	0	0
Red	2.1	1	2.1
White	1.6	1	1.6
Yellow	0	0	0
White	1.6	1	1.6
Yellow	0	0	0
Red	2.1	1	2.1

The relevant adjustments are **added** to the playing handicap (as a decimal) and then rounded to the nearest whole number.

Where a competition is a Foursomes/Greensomes the adjustment for the team is half the combined adjustments of the two players.

In Matchplay, all the relevant Handicap Allowances and Mixed Tee Adjustments must be made, then rounded, before calculating the Stroke Allowances.

Where results are entered on the computer system these adjustments will be applied automatically, however, in match play competitions, players will need to make these adjustments themselves before playing a mixed tee match

Glossary

Scratch Golfer

A player who can play to a course handicap of zero on any and all rated golf courses.

Bogey Golfer

A player that averages a handicap of between 20 for men and 24 for women'

Course Rating (CR)

Measures how many strokes a Scratch Player should take on any given course and it is used to calculate the difficulty of a golf course.

Bogey Rating (BR)

Bogey Rating is the measure of the playing difficulty of a set of tees for a Bogey Golfer.

Slope Rating

Is the number which indicates the relative playing difficulty of a course for Bogey Golfers, compared to Scratch Golfers. The combination of the CR and the BR is used to calculate the Slope Rating off a particular set of tees.

Handicap Index

The measurement of a player's potential ability on a course of standard playing difficulty, calculated by taking the best 8 of their previous 20 rounds. It is transferrable to take to any golf course around the world.

Course Handicap

The number of strokes a player will receive for a specific set of tees on the golf course being played.

Playing Handicap

Represents the number of strokes a player receives when playing with or against other players in a competition round.

Handicap Allowance

The stroke allowance applied to the Course Handicap to determine the Playing Handicap.

Club Competition

Individual Strokeplay competition for Men or Ladies

Competition Rounds

Any competition rounds both 9 or 18 holes that is listed at Annex A.

Recreational Rounds

General Play 'Social/Roll Up' rounds that have been pre-registered will be acceptable for handicap purposes (noting minimum number of holes completed).

Acceptable Scores

An 'Acceptable Score' is a score from an authorised format of play that can be used for handicap purposes. Ie Medal, Stableford, Bogey

Terms of Competition

The rules published by the Handicap Committee before a competition that outline details such as dates, entry process, format of play, handicap allowance, tees to be used etc.

Handicap and Competitions Committee

The Club Committee, consisting of at least three people and the majority being club members, are responsible for ensuring compliance with the golf club's specified obligations and responsibilities under the Rules of Golf and Handicapping.