Ladies' Terms of Competition

<u>General</u>

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 and any authorised Local Rules or Adapted Rules of Golf 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 mandatory allowances.

Published competition dates can change at the discretion of ladies committee or by request from the management Where Ladies Club Competitions are to be drawn, the Competition will be drawn using the computer program which facilitates this procedure OR by at least two members of the Ladies Section Committee.

A tie in a Competition shall be decided on a count back, and, in the event of there being a tie on the 9,6,3,1, principle then the decision will be made on the last 12 or 15. If there is still a tie at this point any prize(s) will be shared or if this is not possible there will be a playoff over 18 holes. Match Play Competitions shall be decided by a sudden death play- off commencing at the 1st hole until there is a winner.

In all knockout competitions it is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the match is played by the specified date. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of one or both competitors.

Competitors in any competition with a fixed starting time must be on the tee and ready to play five minutes before the time booked on the starting sheet. Any competitor not ready to play at their start time may be disqualified.

In Competitions where ladies compete against men, the rules applying to Ladies Competitions shall be adhered to with regard to stroke holes unless otherwise stated.

A hole in one will be recognized if it occurs during any qualifier, club trophy (including mixed competitions) medal or Stableford, but not in an open competition. The lady member must have subscribed to the hole in one fund in that playing year

The Ladies' Committee reserves the right to put some handicap restrictions in place for winter competitions, e.g. you may have to play from a lower handicap.

Score Cards

Players are required to complete their score card correctly and be legible and must include the following:

Name; Player's Handicap Index; Course Handicap; Playing Handicap

Competition name and date

Gross score for each hole

Signature of player and marker

Check your card fulfils this criteria before submission

Returning Cards

Completed score cards are to be returned via e-mail to: <u>ladies.cards.ccgmc@gmail.com</u> before midnight on the day of play. Late cards may result in a DQ. 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 must be returned to maintain and accurate records of the players' 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.

Failure to submit a Competition Card

Ladies who enter a competition, medal or stableford but fail to return a card 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 score (Rules of Handicap 7.1b. Persistent offenders may be subject to a Handicap Index freeze or withdrawal.

Eligibility to win a Competition, Medal or Stableford

Eligibility to win a competition, medal or stableford 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. For clarity, the three initial cards to gain a handicap are not included in these cards.

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.

Be a fully paid up member of Cave Castle Golf Club with a valid WHS handicap. (Independent Golfers and guests may not enter) Scores submitted for initial handicap allocation do not count towards the Acceptable Scores.

Before play in a competition, medal or stableford you must register your intent electronically via the terminal or App and pay the entry fee. Failure to do so will result in a DQ.

Ladies who do not have the six acceptable scores may enter a competition, medal or stableford with payment but cannot win, their cards will count towards the six acceptable scores.

In Medal or Stableford competitions there needs to be a minimum of three entries to attract a prize.

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