

TAPTON PARK GOLF CLUB

Crow Lane, Tapton, Chesterfield, S41 0EQ

LADIES SECTION

Conditions & Local Rules for Competitions organised by the Ladies Section

Updated 1st March 2018

1. GENERAL

2. HANDICAPS

- 2.1 Obtaining an Initial Handicap**
- 2.2 Maintaining and Re-instatement of a CONGU 'Competition' Handicap**
- 2.3 Re-activation of a CONGU 'Competition Handicap**

3. COMPETITION CONDITIONS & RULES

- 3.1 Eligibility**
- 3.2 Markers**
- 3.3 Entry/Fees**
- 3.4 Format**
- 3.5 Dates/Tee Times/Disputes**
- 3.6 Decision of Ties**
- 3.7 Prizes**
- 3.8 Practice**
- 3.9 Dress Code**
- 3.10 Caddies**
- 3.11 Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation**
- 3.12 Buggies**
- 3.13 Distance Measuring Devices**
- 3.14 Equipment**
- 3.15 Winter Rules/Preferred Lies**

4. LOCAL RULES

5. CHANGES TO THE RULES

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Local Rules

Appendix 2: England Golf's 'Golf Buggy Transportation Policy v2 2011'

1. GENERAL

Tapton Park 'Ladies Section Committee' represents the '**Committee**' as set out in the R&A Rules of Golf, ("the Committee in charge of the competition") for all competitions organised by the Ladies Section as listed in **Section 3.4**.

It is the responsibility of the **Committee** to establish the conditions under which a competition is to be played as stated in R&A Rule 33-1. This document sets out these conditions and local rules.

All competitions shall be governed by the R&A, England Golf and Local Rules. Qualifying competitions and handicapping will be administered in accordance with the CONGU Unified Handicapping System.

2. HANDICAPS

2.1 Obtaining an Initial Handicap

3 cards are required for the purpose of obtaining your initial handicap. The cards should be for the 'Markham' (Main) course and can be over 18 or 9 holes (front 9) with a minimum of 54 holes. The cards can be marked by any fully paid up member of Tapton Park with a competition 'c' CONGU handicap.

After completion of a round the marker should ensure the following information is entered on the top of the card: **INITIAL HANDICAP (Card 1, 2 or 3), DATE, NAME OF PLAYER in box A, NAME OF MARKER in box D (printed)**.

Both **PLAYER AND MARKER** should sign the card at the bottom and cards then placed in the competition box in the ladies' locker room.

Please Note: Players can have a maximum handicap of 54.

2.2 Maintaining and Re-instatement of a CONGU 'Competition' Handicap

3 qualifying scores (Home or Away) are required between January and December each year to maintain a competition 'c' status handicap. These can be 9 hole scores, 18 hole scores and can include Supplementary Scores.

Any number of Supplementary cards can be returned annually by category 2-6 players, these can consist of 18 hole stroke play or stableford and/or 9 hole stableford scores. Supplementary scores can be returned at any affiliated club of which the player is a member (i.e. Home or Away) through the CDH system. The player should let the Handicap Secretary at their home or away club know that they intend to submit a Supplementary Card. The card can be marked by any fully paid up member of the Home or Away club with a competition CONGU handicap. Players should ensure the course meets qualifying conditions before play (the Handicap Secretary would be able to advise).

The exception is Category 1 players who may only submit Supplementary Scores: 1) over 18 holes, 2) during the period of 1st September to 31st December, and 3) for the purpose of ensuring they meet the 3 qualifying scores.

2.3 Re-activation of a CONGU 'Competition' Handicap

If a player joins from another club with a 'c' handicap, this status will remain valid for the year of resignation and for the full following calendar year in line with CONGU. After this period re-instatement of a 'c' handicap will be as set out in section 2.2 above.

3. COMPETITION CONDITIONS & RULES

3.1 Eligibility

Competitions will be open to all fully paid up playing members (including junior members) of Tapton Park Ladies Section. For Mixed Competitions, male partners must be fully paid up playing members of the Tapton Park Men's Section (including junior members). All competitors must have a 'competition' CONGU handicap which is denoted by a letter 'c' after the handicap.

Players without a 'competition' handicap may enter competitions for the purpose of obtaining 3 qualifying scores but may not win any prizes.

3.2 Markers

Rule 1:

Medal/Par Bogey/Stableford/Competition cards (with exception of Winter Eclectic cards), must be marked by someone **taking part** in the same competition.

In a pairs competition with an uneven number of players a competition organiser will nominate a marker.

The only exception to **Rule 1:** is when there is only one person playing in a Medal/Par Bogey/Stableford competition, in this instance the player should contact a committee member in order to be allocated a nominated marker.

Rule 2:

Winter Eclectic cards (non-qualifiers) can be marked by any Tapton Park Member as long as a markers card is also returned in order to verify the gross scores.

Breach of Rule: **Disqualification**

3.3 Entry/Fees

Players wishing to enter the **Medals, Par/Bogey and Stableford** competitions should sign the 'Competition on Book' (which sits above the competition box in the Ladies Locker Room) **before** the start of play. At the end of play the scorecard should be signed and the

scores entered into the computer terminal (if available). Scorecards should then be placed in the competition box in the Ladies Locker Room.

Breach of Rule: **Disqualification**

Winter Eclectics

Players wishing to enter a scorecard for the Winter Eclectic should indicate their intention to their playing partner before teeing off on the 1st tee and mark 'Winter Eclectic', the date and handicap clearly at the top of the scorecard. Eclectics are to be played over 18 holes but a NR on any hole does not disqualify the card. Scorecards signed by the player and marker should then be placed in the competition box in the Ladies Locker Room together with the markers scorecard. Only 1 eclectic card can be entered in each week (Monday to Sunday). If any Medals are played in during this period, they will automatically count as the 'eclectic card' for that week. Cards can be submitted regardless of the number of temporary greens/bucket holes in operation.

Breach of Rule: **Individual scorecard excluded from the competition**

Ladies and Mixed Winter Knockouts

Entry should be made by the player adding their name(s) to the entry sheet in the ladies locker room. Players will be advised of the closing date for the competition when the draw will be made. No new entries will be accepted after the draw(s) have been made. Substitutes will only be permitted in the mixed summer knockout prior to the commencement of each pair's first match. The winners of each match should write their names on the knockout sheet in the Ladies Locker Room.

All other competitions

Entry to all competitions should be made by the player by adding their name to the entry sheet in the ladies locker room at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the competition. Any extension of time or other means of entry eg. verbally, by text or email, will be at the discretion of the competition organiser. Scorecards should be signed and the scores entered into the computer terminal (if available). Scorecards should then either be placed in the box (alternate day competitions) or given to the competition organiser (main competitions).

Order of Merit/Overall Medal Winner

Entry into the Order of Merit for Player of the Year/Club Champion and the Overall Medal Winner will be automatic.

Entry Fee

Fees are payable for all competitions entered unless entry is cancelled prior to the start of play. The fees payable for each competition, the amount will be reviewed annually along with the yearly subscription by the committee and put before the members at the AGM for

acceptance. The fees for the current year as set out below will be collected by the Treasurer at the end of June and the end of October in each year. An additional nominal charge will be made for the Captains Charity Competition, all proceeds go towards the Captains chosen charity.

- Individual 18 hole competitions £1.50
- Individual 9 hole stableford competitions £1.50
- Mixed competitions £3.00
- Winter Eclectic cards 50p each

There will be no additional charge for entry into the Order of Merit for Player of the Year/Club Champion and the Overall Medal Winner.

3.4 Format

All competitions are played over 18 holes unless otherwise stated.

The format for each of the competitions using red tees and full handicap, unless otherwise stated is as follows:-

Winter Eclectics	Best performance (on a hole by hole basis) during the period of 1st October to the 30th April, less stroke allowance of 5/8 of handicap at the end of the competition. Scores qualifying for the competition are based on any 'Medals' during this period and 'Eclectic cards'.
Swallows Cup (Summer Eclectic)	Best performance (on a hole by hole basis) during 1st May to the 30th September Medals, Par/Bogeys and 18 hole stableford competitions, less stroke allowance of 5/8 of handicap at the end of the competition.
Medals	Single, stroke play
Stablefords (9 & 18 Hole)	Single, Stableford
Par/Bogeys	Played hole by hole. If you score a net birdie or better mark (+), net bogey or worse mark (-) and a net par mark (0). The number of (-) holes are subtracted from the number of (+) holes to give your score e.g. 5 x (0), 5 x (+) and 8 x (-) would result in a score of (-3). You should write down your gross score for all the holes you get a (0) or (+). If you don't want to finish a hole you can just write (-) on the scorecard.
Winter Competition	Single, stableford

Mixed Winter Competition	Mixed Stableford, better ball, 90% handicap (men white tees, ladies red tees). Ladies will receive 1 shot to their handicap (difference between SSS for the men and ladies if playing from the white and red tees) before the 90% adjustment with play against a common par and stroke index (Ladies par and index, as recommended by CONGU). Male partners by invitation.
Coronation Cup	Single, stroke play in handicap order
Lady Captain's Charity	Single, stableford over alternate Wednesday and Sunday (results combined from both days.) Entry on one day only, to be indicated on signing in sheet.
Mixed Summer Comp	Captain's choice of format
Presidents Trophy	Single, stroke play (medal) over alternate Wednesday and Sunday (results combined from both days). Entry on one day only, to be indicated on signing in sheet.
Members Cup	Double Greensome Medal (lower handicap x 0.6 plus higher handicap x 0.4)
Lady captain's Day/Pat Ottewell Trophy	Single, competition format to be decided by the Ladies Captain (Qualifying)
Grathood	Mixed Double Greensome Medal. (lower handicap x 0.6 plus higher handicap x 0.4. Male partners by invitation.
Millennium Trophy	Single, Stableford
Secretary's Trophy	Texas Scramble (numbers in each team may vary) Team of 4 (4 drives) each, 3 (5 drives) and 2 (7) drives
Ladies Summer Knockout	Match play (full handicap difference). Winner of each match decided by extra holes if necessary
Mixed Summer Knockout	Foursomes, match play off Men's indexes (men white odd tees, ladies red even tees, difference of half combined handicap). Winner of each match decided by extra holes if necessary. Male partners by invitation.

Order of Merit for Player of the Year/Club Champion

Points will be awarded throughout the year for the following competitions:

- Medals, Par/Bogeys and Stablefords (9 and 18 hole): 1st - 50, 2nd - 35, 3rd - 20, 4th - 10 and 5th - 5
- Ladies Summer Knockout: Winner - 50, Runner up - 40 and Semi-finals - 30
- Winter Competition, Lady Captain's Charity, Coronation Cup, Lady Captains Day, Presidents Trophy, Jack Godfrey and Millennium Cup: 1st - 50, 2nd - 40, 3rd - 30, 4th - 25, 5th - 20, 6th - 15, 7th - 10 and 8th - 5

Overall Medal Winner (EWGA) - Bridgestone 'Chase Your Dreams' Women's Trophy

Awarded to the player with the aggregate differential of the best 4 medal scores (based on the course SSS 71)

3.5 Dates/Tee Times/Disputes

The dates for all competitions in the calendar will normally be provided to members by the end of January but in any event at least 1 month before the start of the first competition.

Players are responsible for booking their own tee times for Medals, Par Bogeys and Stablefords. Whilst a number of tee times will be made available for Lady Captains Charity and President's Trophy (alternate day competitions), players are free to book their own tee times.

A draw will be made by the competition organiser for the the Ladies and Mixed Summer Knockouts. Both players are responsible for arranging a suitable tee time and all matches must be played within the date specified for each round. In the event a match cannot be played submissions should be made to the **Ladies Handicap Committee** when a ruling will be given on which player will proceed to the next round.

For all other competitions a draw will be made by the competition organiser and a tee time allocated. Players should be on the tee ready to play at their allocated time. Penalties for failure to start on time will be in accordance with R&A Rule 6-3.

3.6 Decision of Ties

Halved matches in the Ladies and Mixed Summer Knockout will be determined by extra holes.

Ties for all other competitions will be determined by 'count back' in the following order; best back 9, best back 6, best back 3 and best back 1.

3.7 Prizes

Prizes for all competitions will be presented at the Presentation Evening that follows the AGM in December. Prizes provided by the Lady Captain on Captain's Day, will be presented at the end of the competition.

3.8 Practice

Players are reminded **before** a round on any day of a **stroke play, stableford or Par Bogey** competition, a competitor must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on that course. Breach of this rule is disqualification.

A player may practice on the competition course **before** a round on any day of a **match play** competition.

During a round practice is permitted as set out in R&A Rule 7-2.

3.9 Dress Code

All competitors should wear suitable golf attire including golf shoes. The dress code as a minimum should comply with standards as set out by SIV.

3.10 Caddies

Restriction on Who May Serve as Caddie

A player is prohibited from having a professional golfer or fellow competitor serve as their caddie during competitions. Junior members are prohibited from having a parent serve as their caddie during competitions.

3.11 Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation

When play is suspended by the organiser for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the organiser has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the organiser has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, they are **disqualified**.

The following signals will be adopted for a dangerous situation:

- Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren.
- Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

3.12 Buggies

Motorised buggies may be utilised by Competitors who have sought permission from the committee prior to the closing date for any Competition, on presentation of a current medical certificate or disability and written confirmation (email acceptable) of adequate

personal and third party insurance. The buggy may only be used by the person named on the certificate and may only carry the player and her equipment.

Health and Safety and weather conditions may dictate that use of a golf buggy is not acceptable on any given day.

3.13 Distance Measuring Devices (DMD's)

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures **distance only**.

Note: a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play e.g. gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc), is in breach of the R&A Rules 14-3, for which the penalty is **disqualification**, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used. This could include a mobile phone.

Note: Information given to a fellow competitor on distance and position of hazards is NOT advice and can be given without penalty (see definition of Advice in Rules of Golf)

3.14 Equipment

All clubs and balls must conform to R&A Rules.

3.15 Winter Rules/Preferred Lies

During the period 1st October to 30th April 'placing' (*preferred lies*) will be in operation unless the Handicap Committee advises otherwise, (eg: in the competition book, email or on score card).

Outside the period 1st October to 30th April the *preferred lies rule* will only be applied under special circumstances made by the Handicap Committee. In this case either permission would have been sought from the Area Authority for qualifying competitions or the competition designated a 'non qualifier'.

When Winter Rules are in operation a notice will be placed on the notice board in the Ladies Locker Room. For information I have set out the wording for the notice below.

A ball lying on a closely-mown area 'through the green' may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within 6 inches/15 cm of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Note 1: "Closely-mown area" means any area fo the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

Note 2: "through the green" means that whole area of the course except the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played and all hazards.

4. LOCAL RULES

Local Rules as agreed and amended by all sections in March 2016 are set out in Appendix 1.

The Ladies Committee have also agreed to the new local rule (see below) introduced by the R & A and USGA in December 2016 to eliminate the penalty for a golfer who accidentally causes a ball to move on the putting green.

"Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a players' ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced,"

5. CHANGES TO THE RULES

The Ladies Committee/Handicap Committee will periodically review this document with any resulting changes notified to all lady/junior girl members.

As agreed by the Ladies Committee on: 1st March 2018