



The members' guide to Club Competitions, entry guidance
and qualification criteria.

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FOREWORD

This document outlines the rules and conditions for competitions that are currently in operation at Aston Wood Golf Club.

These Guidelines have been drawn up by the Competitions and Handicap Secretaries at the direction of the Director of Golf.

Sole responsibility for these Guidelines rests with the Director of Golf who is also responsible for all golfing matters at Aston Wood Golf Club.

The Treasurer is responsible for administering the allocation of prize monies from the Competition Fund at the Direction of the Director of Golf. Information regarding payouts and how they are determined is available in the Pro Shop and locker rooms.

Competition and Handicap Secretaries

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Section 1

Competition Categories

The Club competitions at **Aston Wood Golf Club** are classified as either

- 1) Majors
- 2) Knock-Outs
- 3) Trophy Competitions
- 4) Club Competitions
- 5) Junior Competitions
- 6) Others

The entry qualifications and format of these competitions are outlined in Section 2 of this document.

There are other competitions which are run from time to time in the Club, they are advertised on the Club notice boards but are not operated through or controlled by the Club Competition Guidelines.

Prize money

Prize money for the monthly, weekday and extra medal and stableford competitions is credited to the winners, runners-up and third placed players accounts in the pro-shop on a monthly basis (for 9 hole Stablefords only the winner and runner-up receive pay-outs). Also, payment of any 2's is processed in the same way. Details of payments are posted in the ladies and men's' locker rooms.

Majors, Knock-Outs & Trophy Competitions

These are the most important competitions at Aston Wood, with the Majors being the most prestigious. Most of these have an Honours Board and a Trophy which is kept in the trophy cabinet.

All prize winners will be presented with their trophies and/or vouchers at Presentation Evening at the end of the season.

Majors

These are the most prestigious competitions which are run at Aston Wood.

There will be six “Major Days “during the year. On each day there will be a Ladies’ and a Men’s competition or a mixed competition, grouped as in the chart

MEN	LADIES	MIXED
MASTERS	ROSEBOWL	PRESIDENT’S CUP
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MEN	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN	
STAG TROPHY	FOTHERLEY CUP	
VICTOR LUDORUM	VICTRIX LUDORUM	
CAPTAIN'S TROPHY	LADY CAPTAIN’S TROPHY	

Section 2

Competition Qualification and Entry

The formats of the competitions in this guidelines document are based upon the WHS Rules of Handicapping. Members should ensure that they have access to these in order to familiarise themselves with the rules.

However, from time to time local rules may be adopted for a specific period and these will be displayed for the information of members on relevant notice boards.

Players in Major, Trophy and knock-out competitions must have 3 scores recorded on their England Golf scoring history since April 1st 2022 in order to be eligible to win a prize.

The following procedure must be adhered to for entry into any club competition:

All competitors must be members of the club and of an appropriate category to permit participation in a competition.

A player without the three scores on their record may take part in a major or trophy competition but is eligible to win a prize for the 2's only. These players must pay the full entry fee.

Details of Major and Trophy competitions will be published on the notice boards, a minimum of 21 days in advance of the competition. There may be a sign-up sheet. The sheets will be taken down 7 days in advance of the competition and the names entered on the BRS system, 6 days before the competition. These names are locked on BRS, therefore any withdrawal or changes to tee times must be done via the pro-shop.

No change can be made to the start sheet on the day of the competition.

Before commencing play, members must pay the relevant entry fee and have their details entered in the PSI system in the Pro shop. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification.

Drawn Competitions

For drawn competitions e.g. Knock-outs, Texas scrambles etc. enter your name on the relevant entry sheet. Details of the draw will be posted on BRS and/or the notice board. Changes (withdrawals or amendments) cannot be made to drawn competitions without notification to the pro-shop or competition secretaries.

In all knockout competitions (ladies, men's and mixed) matches must be played and the results entered onto the notice board by the date specified. Extensions will only be given in exceptional circumstances and must be the subject of a written application to the Director of Golf for consideration. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of one or both of the players or teams.

All payments must be received in full prior to the draw. The draw will be made and posted on the notice board. Once the draw is made no substitutions will be allowed. The only exception to this rule is in the case of injury / illness when a medical certificate must be produced before the first round has started. There will be no substitutions after the first round for any reason whatsoever.

Any player wanting to cancel from a drawn competition after the draw has been posted may do so by contacting the competition secretaries or pro-shop no later than the day before the competition. A player's withdrawal is final and re-entry is not permitted.

Non-drawn Competitions

For non-drawn competitions members may book their tee time on the BRS system in the normal way. If, however, an entry sheet is required it will be displayed in the main corridor 21 days before the event, allowing members to sign-up to indicate their intention to enter the competition and select the time slot of their choice and the entry sheet will be removed from the main corridor before the date of the competition. The entries for the competition will then be posted on the BRS system.

Completion of Scorecards

It is best practice at Aston Wood Golf Club that all scorecards must contain the player's name, the competition name / general play, the date and tee off time, the correct handicap index, and the course handicap and indicate the tee being played from. Cards must be signed by the player and the marker. The marker must be an Aston Wood member with a handicap index. In a major competition, the marker's handicap index must be a maximum of 28 for men and 36 for ladies. **Failure to complete these basic entry requirements will lead to disqualification.**

Cards should be completed prior to entering the clubhouse and entered on the PSI **immediately** upon entering the clubhouse after completing the round.

Players are responsible for recording the accurate gross score. This is what the signatories are signing for. In addition, in a Stableford competition it is good practice to record the net score per hole and the points gained.

At the end of a competition both the player and the marker must sign the scorecard. **Failure of either to sign will result in disqualification of the player as it is their responsibility to ensure the card has been completed correctly.**

It is also requested that the marker print their name under their signature.

If player and marker sign for a gross score that is higher than that actually achieved then the higher score will count. If the player and marker sign for a gross score that is lower than actually achieved then disqualification will result.

Score Entry on PSI

Players are responsible for entering their scores onto the PSI system using the touch screen or alternatively via the How Did I Do App. No returns (N/R) cards should also be entered on the PSI / App. Players should enter any score that they have on each hole and only return a zero on the hole that they N/R on. **DO NOT enter zeros on each hole to enter an N/R card. Put all scores related to each hole.**

Completed scorecards, including no-returns, must be placed in the scorecard box located under the PSI screen. Failure to do so will result in the player's disqualification from the competition. Persistent offenders will have a penalty score added to their scoring record and ultimately may have their handicap index suspended for a period of time. The penalty score entered on the player's record will depend on whether it is deemed that the non-return has been an attempt to keep a handicap low or an attempt to build a handicap.

Competition results and prizes

Competition results will be displayed on appropriate notice boards, as soon as possible after the competition and no later than 48 hours after the completion of the competition. Prize money for any 2's in all Club Competitions will be paid out in the month following the competition. Money will be credited to the individuals' pro-shop accounts and details published in the payout folder in the locker rooms. 2's prize money will not be paid out if a card has not been correctly signed. Any competition with less than four players will count towards handicap. However, there will be no pay-out and no entitlement to enter the Victor/ Victrix Ludorum.

The Competitions

ALL COMPETITORS MUST HAVE A HANDICAP INDEX TO BE ABLE TO CLAIM A PRIZE

MAJORS	Format	Tees	Max Handicap Index	Playing H/Cap	MAJORS	Format	Tees	Max Handicap Index	Playing H/Cap
Aston Wood Masters (Men only)	18 Hole Medal	Black	28	95% of the Course Handicap	Ladies Rose bowl (Ladies only)	18 Hole Medal	Red	36	95% of the Course Handicap
Men's Gross Club Championship Net Club Championship	36 Hole Medal	Black	28	95% of the Course Handicap	Ladies Gross Club Championship Net Club Championship	36 Hole Medal	Red	36	95% of the Course Handicap
<p>36-hole competitions played on consecutive days. Allocated Tee times on Day 1; Day2 in reverse order of scores from Day 1</p> <p>In the event of a tie in the Gross competition there will be a sudden death playoff over holes 1 to 5, repeatedly if necessary, within 15 minutes of the end of final round</p> <p>In the event of a tie in the net competition the result is decided on Count Back, Second round score, second round back 9, back 6 etc</p>									
Stag Trophy (Men only)	Pairs Betterball Stableford	Black	28	85% of the Course Handicap	Fotherley Cup (Ladies only)	Pairs Betterball Stableford	Red	36	85% of the Course Handicap

MAJORS	Format	Tees	Max Handicap Index	Playing H/Cap	MAJORS	Format	Tees	Max Handicap Index	Playing H/Cap
<p>Captain's Cup (Men only) The Captain may vary the format of this competition. Played on Friday & Saturday</p>	18 Hole Medal	Black	28	95% of the Course Handicap	<p>Lady Captain's Trophy (Ladies only) The Lady Captain may vary the format of this competition. Played on Friday & Saturday</p>	18 Hole Medal	Red	36	95% of the Course Handicap
<p>Victor Ludorum (Men Only) 5-day members who qualify, may take part with the courtesy of the course</p>	18 Hole Medal	Black	28	95% of the Course Handicap	<p>Victrix Ludorum (Ladies only) 5-day members who qualify, may take part with the courtesy of the course</p>	18 Hole Medal	Red	36	95% of the Course Handicap

MAJORS	Format	Tees	Max Handicap Index	Playing H/Cap	MAJORS	Format	Tees	Max Handicap Index	Playing H/Cap
President's Cup Open to all members Played on either Fri or Sat	18 Hole Stableford	President's choice	28 36	95% of the Course Handicap					

Note for Victor/Victrix Ludorum

Qualifiers are winners of Major and Trophy competitions, except the Mixed Foursomes, Mixed Greensomes, Maiden Trophy and Mixed Texas Scramble; Individual divisional winners of monthly / weekday / Veterans Medals and Stablefords including extra Medals and Stablefords played from the white / yellow and red tees.

KNOCK-OUTS	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Allowance	KNOCK-OUTS	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Allowance
Men's 7 Day singles	Matchplay 18 Holes	White	28	Full difference of Course Handicap	Ladies Singles	Matchplay 18 Holes	Red	36	Full difference of Course Handicap
Men's 5 Day singles Played Monday to Friday	Matchplay 18 Holes	White	28	Full difference of Course Handicap	Ladies Pairs Drawn	Greensomes 18 Holes	Red	36	0.6 of lowest + 0.4 of highest Course Handicap
Men's Scratch Singles	Matchplay 18 Holes	White	Scratch	None	Mixed Pairs	Greensomes 18 Holes	White Red	28 36	0.6 of lowest + 0.4 of highest Course Handicap
Men's Midweek (5 Day) Pairs Must be played Monday to Friday	Matchplay 18 Holes Betterball	White	28	90% Difference from lowest Course Handicap	Men's 7 Day Pairs	Matchplay 18 Holes Betterball	White	28	90% Difference from lowest Course Handicap
Men's Scratch Pairs	Matchplay 18 Holes Betterball	White	Scratch	None					

TROPHY COMPETITIONS	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/cap	TROPHY COMPETITIONS	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/cap
BUPA TROPHY	18 Hole Stableford	White Red	28 36	95% of the Course Handicap	Midweek Rose Bowl	18 Hole Medal	White Red	28 36	95% of the Course Handicap
Captain's Drive In (Charity Cup)	18 Hole Stableford	White Red	28 36	95% of the Course Handicap	John Watson Memorial Trophy	18 Hole Stableford	White Red	28 36	95% of the Course Handicap
Veterans Stableford Cup (Entrants must be aged 55 years or over)	18 Hole Stableford	Yellow Red	36 44	95% of the Course Handicap	Veterans Trophy (Entrants must be aged 55 years or over)	18 Hole Medal	Yellow Red	36 44	95% of the Course Handicap

TROPHY COMPETITIONS	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/cap	TROPHY COMPETITIONS	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/cap
George Swarbrick Memorial Trophy	18 Hole Stableford	White Red	28 36	95% of the Course Handicap	Mixed Greensomes (LADIES TO ORGANISE)	18 Hole Green- somes medal	White Red	28 36	0.6 of lower + 0.4 of higher of the Course Handicap
Anniversary Cup	18 Hole Stableford	White Red	28 36	95% of the Course Handicap	Mixed Foursomes Men tee off on even holes, ladies tee off on odd holes (LADIES TO ORGANISE)	18 Hole Four- somes medal	White Red	28 36	0.5 of Combined Course Handicap
Mixed Pairs Texas Scramble (LADIES TO ORGANISE) Minimum 6 drives for each team member	Texas Scramble medal	Yellow Red	28 36	0.35 of lower + 0.15 of higher of the Course Handicap	Mixed Maiden Trophy (LADIES TO ORGANISE) Cannot be won by same pair twice. It is for new winners.	18 Hole Green- somes medal	White Red	28 36	0.6 of lower + 0.4 of higher of the Course Handicap

Club Competitions	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/cap	Club Competitions	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/cap
Monthly medals (weekend comps)	18 Hole Medal	White Red	28 54	95% of the Course Handicap	Veterans Medals Mixed competition Divisions	18 Hole Medal	Yellow Red	36 44	95% of the Course Handicap
Monthly Stableford (weekend comps)	18 Hole Stableford	White Red	28 54	95% of the Course Handicap	Veterans Stableford Mixed competition Divisions	18 Hole Stableford	Yellow Red	36 44	95% of the Course Handicap
Weekday medals Tues Ladies Fri - Men	18 Hole Medal	White Red	28 54	95% of the Course Handicap	B-Team trophy	18 Hole Stableford	White	28	95% of the Course Handicap
Weekday Stableford Tues –Ladies Fri - Men	18 Hole Stableford	White Red	28 54	95% of the Course Handicap	Ladies Birdie Comp Qualifiers are ladies who have had birdies in the playing season.	18 Hole Bogey	Red	36	95% of the Course Handicap
Mens 9 Hole Competitions	9 Hole Stableford	Yellow	36	95% of the 9 Hole Course Handicap	Ladies 9 Hole Competitions	9 Hole Stableford	Red	54	95% of the 9 Hole Course Handicap

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/cap	JUNIOR COMPETITIONS	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/cap
Junior Club Championship	18 Hole Medal	White Red	44 44	95% of the Course Handicap	Junior Presidents Cup	18 Hole Stableford	Yellow Red	44 44	95% of the Course Handicap
Junior Millennium Trophy	18 Hole Stableford	Yellow Red	44 44	95% of the Course Handicap	Junior Players Championship	18 Hole Medal	Yellow Red	44 44	95% of the Course Handicap
Junior Matchplay Championship	Matchplay 18 Holes	Yellow Red	44 44	Full difference of Course Handicap	Junior Medal	18 Hole Medal	Yellow Red	54 54	95% of the Course Handicap
					Junior Stableford	18 Hole Stableford	Yellow Red	54 54	95% of the Course Handicap
Junior Player of the Year	This will be awarded to the Junior who, in the opinion of the Junior Organiser has contributed to the advancement of Aston wood				Junior Order of Merit.	This will be awarded to the Junior who has accumulated the most points in Junior Medals, Stablefords and Majors from April until October. Points are based on finishing order in each competition. Double points for Junior Majors			
Juniors may play in adult competitions providing their handicap index is 18.0 or less but must be accompanied by at least one playing adult									

LEAGUES AND ECLECTICS		
<p>Ladies Winter league 9 hole and 18 hole (run as 2 separate competitions)</p>	<p>9-hole Stableford on front 9 only 18-hole Stableford Max H/Cap Index 54 Allowance: Full 9 or 18 hole Course Handicap Can be played on FROST HOLES</p>	<p>Ladies may enter both competitions, subject to entry fees for both comps. Cannot play both competitions in the same round of golf. Best six rounds to count for each comp Not to be played in conjunction with any other competition, except the eclectic.</p>
<p>Ladies Winter Eclectic Ladies Summer Eclectic To be split in to two approximately equal divisions after two months</p>	<p>Results from best net score calculated, based on 7/8 of Course Handicap Max H/Cap Index 54 Cannot be played on frost holes, or in inter-club matches, opens, or scrambles</p>	<p>First card must be at least 9 holes. If no score is recorded on a hole, it will be recorded as a 10 for Eclectic Purposes ONLY. Better scores on subsequent rounds (which must be a minimum of 9 holes) must be circled on the card.</p>

CAPTAINS' COMPETITIONS	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/cap	
Lady Capt. V Lady Vice Capt. Plate Lady Captain to arrange	Mixed team competition	Yellow Red	28 36	T.B.C.	Shotgun Start - Usually Drop Out Texas scramble. Teams of 3 do not drop out on the green. Format decided on by Lady Captain and Vice-Captain.
Battle of the Captains	Mixed team competition	Yellow Red	28 36	T.B.C.	To be played during Captains week Format to be decided by both Captains Losing Captain gets the wooden spoon.
St. Georges Day Golden Putter	18 Hole Stableford	White Red	28 36	95% of the Course Handicap	Played on St George's Day April 23 rd , or nearest Sunday.
Past Captains trophy	18 Hole Stableford	Yellow Red	36 44	95% of the Course Handicap	Only Past Club Captains eligible to play

AWOS Competitions	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/Cap	AWOS Competitions	Format	Tees	Max H/Cap Index	Playing H/Cap
AWOS Brian Hammond Trophy	Matchplay Pairs	Yellow	36	90% from lowest	AWOS Hares Cup H/Cap 0 - 20	Medal	Yellow	20	95% of the Course Handicap
AWOS Team Players Trophy	Stableford Singles	Yellow	36	95% of the Course Handicap	AWOS Rabbits Cup H/Cap 21 - 36	Stableford	Yellow	36	95% of the Course Handicap
AWOS Chairman's Trophy Drawn – Div 1 winner age 55 – 69, and Div 2 winner 70+ and overall winner	Stableford Singles	Yellow	36	95% of the Course Handicap	AWOS Dennis Farmer Memorial Trophy Drawn Aggregated scores per pair	Stableford Pairs	Yellow	36	95% of the Course Handicap
AWOS Old Stags Trophy & Champion Golfer Trophy (Best Gross) Drawn – Div 1 winner age 55 – 69, and Div 2 winner 70+, and overall winner	Medal	Yellow	36	95% of the Course Handicap	AWOS Captains Drive in (DRAWN)	Matchplay Pairs	Yellow	36	90% From Lowest

AWOS Competitions	Format	Tees	Max H/cap Index	Playing H/Cap	AWOS Competitions	Format	Tees	Max H/Cap Index	Playing H/Cap
Roy Hammond Memorial Trophy (Drawn)	Matchplay Singles	Yellow	36	100% difference of Course Handicap	AWOS Away Day Trophy (Drawn)	Stableford Pairs	Yellow	36	85% of the Course Handicap

Section 3

Handicap Index

Any member seeking to obtain a handicap index from **Aston Wood Golf Club** must either produce their WHS (World Handicap System) membership number or if new to golf, must submit score cards equivalent to 54 holes marked by a member with a current handicap index from Aston Wood. The scorecards must indicate they are being submitted for handicap purposes.

These guidelines are based upon the Rules of Handicapping.

General Play Cards

This option to submit a general play card is available to all players whenever they play. Players **must** identify their intention to submit a general play score by registering with the Pro Shop or via the EG app before commencing play and it is mandatory that this scorecard is returned. Both 9 hole and 18 hole cards are acceptable formats for submitting a general play card.

Scorecards should be completed in the usual way, using "General Play Score" as the competition name and the score should be entered on the PSI in the same manner as a competition card or via the EG app.

The card returned will have the same effect on the handicap index as a competition card and will count as a qualifying card.

If a score is not returned the player will automatically have a penalty score added to their scoring record and persistent offenders may ultimately have their handicap index withdrawn for a period of time.

Glossary

Handicap Index

- The measurement of a player's demonstrated 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. Handicap indexes are updated every night so it is imperative that all competition and general play scores are inputted on the day of play.

Course Handicap

- The number of strokes a player will receive for a specific set of tees on the golf course being played. It can be found on the course handicap table. There is a separate course handicap table if playing 9 holes. Copies are in the locker rooms, the Pro Shop and on the approach to the 1st tee.

Playing Handicap

- Represents the number of strokes a player receives when playing with or against other players in a competition round. For individual Medals and Stablefords this is 95% of the course handicap. For other formats of play please refer to relevant Competition Guidelines.

Strokeplay

- Players register a gross score for each hole of a stipulated round. The winner is the player with the lowest number of strokes for the stipulated round.
- In a handicap competition the winner is the player with the lowest net score for the round

Stableford scoring

- Players record their gross and net score for each hole and points are awarded in relation to the net score: -

More than one over par	0 points
One over par	1 point
Par	2 points
One under par	3 points

Match play

- The game is played by holes. A hole is won by the side/player that holes its ball in the least number of strokes
- In a handicap game the lower net score wins the hole.
- The winner is the side/player who is most successful in the aggregate of holes.

Bogey competition

- Scored as in Match play
- | | score |
|--|-------|
| A player holing out taking more than net par | -1 |
| A player holing out in a net par | 0 |
| A player holing out in less than a net par | +1 |
- The winner is the side/player who is most successful in the aggregate of holes

Foursome

- A match where two players play against two other players and each side plays one ball.

Fourball

- A match where two players play as partners and each playing their own ball.

Greensome

- A match where two players play as partners. Both players drive off in each team, select the best drive and then play alternate shots from there.

This glossary is by no means a comprehensive list of definitions, and members are encouraged to obtain a copy of the "Rules of Golf" which are available free in the Pro shop whilst stocks last.