



# **BABERTON GOLF CLUB**

## **COMPETITION RULES - GENTLEMEN**

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## **1. GENERAL RULES**

### **1.1 Applicability**

These General Rules will apply to all competitions unless it is stated otherwise in the rules for a particular competition.

### **1.2 Suspension of Play**

All players must adhere to the rules regarding suspension of play laid out in Section 17 entitled 'Suspension of Play'.

In addition, even though a competition is not formally suspended or abandoned (the air horn has not sounded), a player, believing there is danger from lightning, is entitled to mark his ball and discontinue play under Rule 6-8. He must then follow the procedures laid out in this Rule.

*If the player discontinues play without specific permission from the Committee, he must report to the Committee as soon as practicable. If he does so and the Committee considers his reason satisfactory, there is no penalty. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.*

*Please note - Bad weather is not in itself a good reason for discontinuing play*

### **1.3 Specified Starting Times**

Under Rule 33-3, it is the responsibility of the Committee to establish starting times and so the time allocated by the Committee (Major Competitions - stroke play and Club Championships - match play) is deemed to be the player's specified starting time.

All players must be on the first tee ready to play by their specified starting time. If the player is ready to play within 5 minutes after his starting time, the penalty will be loss of first hole in match play and two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. (Rule 6-3). If he is late by 5 minutes or more, he is disqualified. Only in exceptional circumstances, such as the player being present at the scene of an accident and providing medical assistance or being required to give a statement as a witness does the Committee (not a referee or an individual member of the Committee) have the power to waive the penalty of disqualification (Rules 6-3 and 33-7).

If the player starts fewer than 5 minutes before his starting time he is penalised by loss of first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. If he starts 5 minutes or earlier before it, he is disqualified. Other than that, neither the Committee nor an individual member of it has the power to waive any Rule of Golf. (Rule 33-1)

If the start of play is delayed for any reason, then the players must be ready to play at the new (later) time which becomes the specified starting time.

### **1.4 CONGU© (The Council of National Golf Unions) Handicaps**

Unless otherwise stated for a particular competition, players must hold a CONGU Competition Handicap to be eligible to enter any competition. If the competition status of a player's CONGU handicap is lost at the end of a calendar year, or if it is suspended for any reason, the player will be disqualified from continuing in or entering any competition until such times as a CONGU Competition Handicap is reinstated.

Players who hold a CONGU Club Handicap may enter any competition stated to be open to them, subject to any maximum handicap laid down in the conditions of the competition.

## 1.5 Start of Play

Play must not start before 7.00 am or while any notice prohibiting play or advising that the course is closed is displayed. This is to safeguard Greens Staff preparing the course.

## 1.6 Competition Entry

All competitors in stroke play and stableford competitions must enter the competition by reporting in at the Professional shop prior to commencing play.

## 1.7 Score Cards and Scores

All competitors should mark their start and finish times on their scorecard.

All competitors must sign their own card and the card they have marked.

Competitors must enter their score in the computer and place their score card in the appropriate box in the Clubhouse or Professional shop. This includes "no return" cards.

A player's card is deemed to have been returned to the Committee in terms of Rule 6-6c

- a) if cards are to be placed in a box marked for the return of scorecards, when the card has been placed in the box; or
- b) if cards are to be returned to a member or representative of the Committee, when the card has been handed over to that person.

Failure to return a card will result in the competitor being disqualified from the Competition. (Rule 6-6b)

Failure to enter scores or return cards on more than one occasion during a season may result in that player being barred from the next competition. Players will be advised in writing before any such action is taken.

## 1.8 Playing Numbers

Play in stroke competitions will be in groups of two or three.

All players in a group must play in the competition unless playing "for handicap".

In exceptional circumstances, a marker may be appointed to record a *competitor's* score. The marker may be a *fellow competitor* but need not necessarily be one. The marker may play with the *competitor* but need not necessarily do so.

Any member holding a CONGU competition handicap may be appointed as a marker in these circumstances but the appointment can be made only by the Club Manager or his appointed Deputy, the Starter or his appointed Deputy, a member of the Rules or Competition & Handicap Committee or the Captain or Vice Captain of the Ladies Section.

If no authorised person is immediately available to do so, the player may find a marker to accompany him or join with a group on a casual round with one of them acting as his marker.

## 1.9 Play

Stroke-play competitions will be held over 18 holes except for the Murray and Brown Trophies and the "B" Championship Qualifier. The winner will be the player or team with the lowest scratch or handicap score, as appropriate.

### **1.10 Course Unplayable**

If the course is deemed unplayable by authority of the Board (through the Competition, Handicap or Greens Convenor, the Professional or his deputy, the member of the Competition & Handicap Committee on duty that day, the member of Greens Staff on duty or other person authorised by the Board) the competition will be re-arranged for another day or cancelled.

### **1.11 Tied Competitions**

Unless specified in the rules for a particular competition, in the event of a tie for the winner and subsequent places, these places will be decided in favour of the player/s with the lowest scratch or handicap score, as appropriate, for:

- the inward half, and if undecided for
- the last six holes, and if undecided for
- the last three holes, and if undecided for
- the last hole, and if undecided for
- the last twelve holes, and if undecided for
- the last fifteen holes, and if undecided
- as decided by the Committee\*.

This procedure will be used only in respect of Club prizes. The sweep will be shared among all those tying.

*\*Note: By 'Committee' is meant the Rules Committee, Competition & Handicap Committee or other Committee in charge of a particular competition.*

### **1.12 Juniors**

References to 'Juniors' in this document relate to all male members of the Junior Section, including those classified as 'Minors' and 'Juveniles' in the Club Bye-Laws.

### **1.13 Sweeps and "2s"**

Competitors may enter the sweep and "2s" and contribute to any nominated charity but are not obliged to do so. Juniors are not allowed to enter either sweep.

### **1.14 Competitions in which competitors play from different sets of tees**

In some competitions, competitors play from different sets of tees. Examples of such competitions may include:

- Junior competitions in which both boys and girls compete with the boys playing from a set of tees having a men's rating and the girls competing from a set of tees having a women's rating.
- Competitions open to men and women.
- Competitions open to men, women and juniors.
- Single sex competitions in which some players are required to, or may elect to, play from different sets of tees.

In order to maintain equity in determining the prizewinners in these competitions, the *Playing Handicap* of some of the competitors may require to be adjusted to provide a *Competition Handicap Allowance*.

All competitions in which competitors play from different sets of tees will be played in accordance with the rules set out by CONGU and currently defined in CONGU Unified Handicapping System 2016, Appendix O.

## **2. ENTRY SHEETS AND ENTRIES/RESERVATIONS**

### **2.1 General**

On competition days, times will be available to book online, in person or by telephone.

There will be only three names per tee time slot available to book in the competition times. Members who do not wish to play in the competition but still wish to book a time may do so but must advise the Professional of this irrespective of the method of booking used.

Individuals may not play on their own during times allocated for competition play.

### **2.2 Entry Sheet Opening/Closing: Major Competitions**

The Entry Sheet for competitions where a draw has to be made for starting times (major competitions) will open at 8.00 am in the Professional shop on the Sunday three weekends preceding the day of the competition for bookings in person only.

Bookings by telephone will be accepted from 9.00 am on the day the Entry Sheet opens.

Bookings by letter or e-mail, addressed to the Club Manager only, will also be accepted but will be processed on the Monday after the Sunday on which the Entry Sheet opens.

The Entry Sheet will close at 5.00 pm on the Sunday preceding the day of the competition.

Members will not be allowed to enter a competition after the Entry Sheet has closed but they will be able to place their name on a Reserve List which will be held by the Starter. Persons on a Reserve List will be entered in the event of withdrawals.

See also Section 7.2.

Members will be entitled to change a previously booked time provided that a time is available and that the change will not, in the judgement of the Professional/Starter, result in any advantage to the player or interfere adversely with the play of competitors who have already booked. Any such change must be made in advance of the specified start time and no change of time whatsoever will be permitted if a change of time is requested after the competitor's specified start time.

### **2.3 Draws**

Draws will be made and posted by 5.00 pm on the Wednesday preceding the day of the competition.

### **2.4 Entries Opening: Non-Major Competitions**

The Entry Sheet for competitions where members apply directly for a starting time and a draw does not need to be made (non-major competitions) will be held on the online booking system and will be made available for booking as follows.

- For all competitions, the times are made available at 7am, 7 days before the competition
- Times will be made available via online booking and in person/by telephone on a 60-40% ratio on a Saturday. (i.e. 3 times online and 2 in person/by telephone) and on a 75-25% ratio during the remainder of the week. (i.e. 3 times online and 1 in person/by telephone)

Members will be entitled to change a previously booked time provided that the change is made by 5.00 pm on the day preceding the competition. The change can be made through the Professional shop or by using the online booking system.

Members who change a previously booked time after 5.00 pm on the day preceding the competition will not be permitted to play in the competition but may utilise the new time to play 'social' golf.

## **2.5 Reserve List: Major Competitions**

After the Entry List for each major competition listed in Paragraph 2.2 has closed, the Professional will open a Reserve List. Names of members applying to join the Reserve List will be added in chronological order of application and members will be admitted to the competition as withdrawals are received.

Members will require to make their own enquiries of the Professional whether they have been admitted to the competition by way of the Reserve List.

## **2.6 Unavailability for Play and 'No Shows'**

Members who have booked a time for play in a non-major competition or who have placed their name on the Entry Sheet for a major competition and who become unavailable for play must advise the Professional as soon as possible by cancelling booking or tee times.

Any member who fails to take up a booked or drawn time may, unless a reason acceptable to the Board is given, be denied entry to one or more of the next similar type of competition, including major competitions.

Any future such failure may result in the member's handicap being suspended for a period of time in accordance with CONGU Clause 24.1(b).

## **3. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MEDAL COMPETITIONS (Non-Major Competitions)**

### **3.1 Entries**

See paragraphs 2.2 and 2.4.

Competitors will be permitted to book for themselves and up to two other named Members.

## **4. WEDNESDAY MEDAL COMPETITIONS (Non-Major Competitions)**

### **4.1 Entries**

See paragraphs 2.2 and 2.4.

Competitors will be entitled to book for themselves and up to two other named Members.

### **4.2 Playing Numbers**

Between the hours of 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm, play will not be permitted in groups of more than three whether or not entered for the competition unless playing in a Club competition.

## **5. MURRAY TROPHY (Club Championship Qualifier) (Major Competition) AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **5.1 Handicap Limit**

Only members with a Competition Handicap of 10 or below at the time of entering for the competition will be eligible.

### **5.2 Junior Members**

A Junior Member with a Competition Handicap of 10 or below is eligible to enter the competition but prior teeing off in the first qualifying competition for the Junior Club Championship or the Club Championship, whichever is first, he must state his intention of which competition he wishes to compete in should he qualify for both.

*Note: The reason for having to nominate the Championship in which a member wishes to compete prior to playing in the first qualifying round is to ensure that the situation does not arise whereby an individual qualifies for two Championships and thereafter decides in which Championship he wishes to compete. This policy exists in all Championships, Gents, Gents Seniors, Ladies and Juniors.*

### **5.3 Entry Sheet**

See paragraph 2.2.

### **5.4 Draw**

A free draw will be made in two sections, Competition Handicaps of 6 - 10 and Competition Handicaps of 5 and below.

### **5.5 Play**

The competition will be held over 36 holes. The winner will be the player with the lowest aggregate scratch score. All competitors are expected to play both rounds unless the course is deemed unplayable.

### **5.6 Score Cards**

Competitors must enter their score in the computer and return the card, signed by the competitor and the marker to a member of the organising Committee as instructed on the day. This applies also to "no-return" cards.

Cards for the first round must be returned before play commences in the second round.

### **5.7 Tied Scores after 36 holes – Murray Trophy**

In the event of a tie, the winner will be the player with the lowest scratch score for:

- the second round, and if undecided
- the inward half of the second round, and if undecided for
- the last six holes of the second round, and if undecided for
- the last three holes of the second round, and if undecided for
- the last hole of the second round, and if undecided
- as decided by the Committee

### **5.8 Tied Scores after 36 holes – Club Championship Match-Play Stage**

It will be assumed that all players participating will be available and will wish to play in the match play stage and so, if they qualify, they will be entered for the match play stage.

If any player is not available to play on any day of the match play stage, or does not wish to participate in the match play stage, he must inform the Professional before he starts each round and must mark his card or cards 'Not Available'.

The competitors with the 16 lowest aggregate scratch scores will go forward to the match-play stage of the competition.

In the event of a tie for places in the match-play stage, these will be decided by a sudden-death play off on the same day immediately after the result is declared.

The play-off will be over the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes and will be repeated until a winner emerges.

### **5.9 Match-Play Stage: Draw**

The draw will be seeded on the basis that the competitor with the lowest aggregate scratch score plays the competitor with the 16<sup>th</sup> lowest aggregate scratch score, the competitor with the second lowest score plays the competitor with the 15<sup>th</sup> lowest score and so on.

In the event of a tie, the positions of competitors will be decided on the basis of the lowest scratch score for:

- the second round, and if undecided
- the inward half of the second round, and if undecided
- the last six holes of the second round, and if undecided
- the last three holes of the second round, and if undecided
- the last hole of the second round, and if undecided
- as decided by the Committee

### **5.10 Course Unplayable**

If the course is deemed unplayable after all competitors have completed their first rounds but before all competitors have completed their second rounds, the first round scores will stand and the competition will be decided over 18 holes.

In the event of a tie for qualification places for the match play stage, the competitors going forward to the match play stage will be decided on the basis of the lowest scratch score for:

- the last nine holes, and if undecided
- the last six holes, and if undecided
- the last three holes, and if undecided
- the last hole, and if undecided
- as decided by the Committee

If the course is deemed unplayable after all competitors have completed both rounds but before a play-off for qualification places as set out in paragraph 5.8 can be completed, the players going forward to the match play stage will be the competitors with the 16 lowest aggregate scratch scores. In the event of a tie for qualification places, the competitors going forward to the match-play stage will be those with the lowest scratch scores for the second round.

If still tied, the competitors going forward will be decided by the lowest scratch scores for:

- the inward half of the second round, and if undecided
- the last six holes of the second round, and if undecided
- the last three holes of the second round, and if undecided
- the last hole of the second round, and if undecided
- as decided by the Committee

### **5.11 Match Play Rounds**

Those qualifying for the Match Play rounds will play ties, up to and including the semi-final over 18 holes in accordance with the published draw. The final will be played over 36 holes.

In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes (or 36 holes in the case of the final) then the match will go to sudden death over extra holes, commencing at the first.

### **5.12 Course Unplayable – Ties Incomplete**

If the course becomes unplayable during any round, the Committee will decide if play should be suspended.

If play is suspended, the Committee will decide if play should be resumed the same day or if it should be resumed on another date which they will decide upon. In either case, play will be resumed from the place at which play was suspended and all ties will be decided over the originally scheduled number of holes, 18 or 36 as appropriate.

### **5.13 Prizes**

The Club prize will be awarded to the players with the 3 lowest scratch scores for 2 rounds. If necessary it will be decided according to section 5.7

The sweep will be distributed separately for each round on the proportions of:

- 40% to the player with the lowest scratch score
- 30% to the player with the second lowest scratch score
- 15% to the player with the third lowest scratch score
- 15% to the player with the lowest score off handicap

## **6. BROWN TROPHY (Major Competition) and CLUB STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP, GRANT TROPHY and YOUTHS STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP and PAST CAPTAINS SENIORS STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **6.1 Handicap Limit**

Only members, including junior members, with a Competition Handicap of 10 or below at the time of entering for the competition will be eligible to compete in the Brown Trophy.

### **6.2 Junior Members**

A Junior Member with a Competition Handicap of 10 or below is eligible to enter the Brown Trophy competition.

### **6.3 Entry Sheet**

See paragraph 2.2

### **6.4 Draw**

A free draw will be made in three sections, Competition Handicaps 6 - 10 and playing handicaps of 5 and below. Junior Members and Young Adult Members aged 21 or younger will be drawn together in a third section of the draw.

## **6.5 Play**

The Brown Trophy and Grant Trophy competitions will be held over 36 holes. The winner will be the player with the lowest aggregate scratch score. All competitors will require to play both rounds unless the course is deemed unplayable. The Past Captains Senior Trophy will be played over 18 holes.

## **6.6 Score Cards**

Competitors must enter their score in the computer and return the card, signed by the competitor and the marker to a member of the organising Committee as instructed on the day. This applies also to “no-return” cards.

Cards for the first round must be returned before play commences in the second round.

## **6.7 Tied Scores**

In the event of a tie for the Brown Trophy or Grant Trophy, the winner will be decided by a play-off on the same day immediately after the result is declared.

The play-off will be over the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes, the winner being the player with the lowest aggregate scratch score for the three holes. In the event of a further tie there will be a scratch sudden-death play-off over the same three holes.

In the event of a tie for the Past Captains Seniors Trophy, the winner will be decided by the best score for:

- the inward half, and if undecided for
- the last six holes, and if undecided for
- the last three holes, and if undecided for
- the last hole, and if undecided for
- the last twelve holes, and if undecided for
- the last fifteen holes, and if undecided
- as decided by the Committee

## **6.8 Course Unplayable**

If the course is deemed unplayable after all competitors have completed their first rounds but before all competitors have completed their second rounds, the first round scores will stand and an alternative date will be arranged for the playing of the second round. Under these circumstances, only players whose first round score is within 10 strokes of the leading first round score will be eligible to play in the re-arranged second round.

If the course is deemed unplayable for a play-off as set out in paragraph 6.6, and in the event of a tie, the winner will be the player with the lowest scratch score for:

- the inward half of the second round, and if undecided for
- the last six holes, and if undecided for
- the last three holes, and if undecided for
- the last hole, and if undecided for
- the last twelve holes, and if undecided for
- the last fifteen holes
- as decided by the Committee

## **6.9 Prizes**

The Club prize will be awarded to the player with the lowest scratch score for the two rounds and the player with a handicap of 6 to 10 with the lowest scratch score for the two rounds or as decided under paragraph 6.7.

The sweep will be distributed separately for each round on the proportions of:

- 40% to the player with the lowest scratch score
- 20% to the player with the second lowest scratch score
- 25% to the player with the lowest score off handicap
- 15% to the player with the second lowest score off handicap.

#### **6.10 Grant Trophy (Youths Stroke Play Championship)**

The Grant Trophy is awarded to the winner of the Youths Stroke Play Championship.

The Grant Trophy will be awarded to the male youth, who is 21 years old or younger on 1<sup>st</sup> January, with the best scratch score. Juniors and Young Adults with a playing competition handicap of 18 or below may compete in the Grant Trophy.

All other conditions of entry and play will be as per the Brown Trophy.

Members who qualify by age for the Youths Stroke Play Championship should place a 'Y' beside their name on their score card.

*Note that a Junior Member or Young Adult Member under 21 years of age with a competition handicap of 11 to 18 will not be competing in the Brown Trophy.*

#### **6.11 Winner of Grant Trophy and Brown Trophy**

It is perfectly feasible for the winner of the Grant Trophy also to win the Brown Trophy.

#### **6.12 Past Captains Over-55 Seniors Stroke Play Championship**

Members who qualify by age for the Past Captains Over-55 Stroke Play Championship which is played on the same day, may, if they so wish, also enter that competition by placing a 'S' beside their name on their score card.

In these circumstances, the score recorded for the first round of the Brown Trophy will also be the score recorded for the Past Captains Over-55 Seniors Stroke Play Championship.

#### **6.13 Winner of Past Captains Over-55 Seniors Stroke Play Championship and Brown Trophy**

It is perfectly feasible for the winner of the Past Captains Over-55 Seniors Stroke Play Championship also to win the Brown Trophy.

### **7 SPRING MEETING, SUMMER MEETING, HLI CUP AND AUTUMN MEETING COMPETITIONS (Major Competitions)**

#### **7.1 Entry Sheets**

See paragraph 2.2.

#### **7.2 Reserve List**

A Reserve List per 'time block' will be opened by the Professional in the event of a member wishing to restrict his entry to a particular time slot. A member may only add his name as a reserve to one time block. If no vacancy in the requested time block occurs prior to the Monday after the Entry Sheet closes, the member's name will be deleted but he may add his name to the general Reserve List as detailed in the next paragraph.

A Reserve List will be opened by the Professional at 8.00 am on the Monday after the Entry Sheet for each competition closes. The Reserve List will close at 6 p.m. on the day preceding the day of the competition. Entry to the Reserve List will be in person or by telephone or letter. Names will be recorded in chronological order of entry.

### **7.3 Draw**

The draw may be made in a manner which takes account of members' current handicaps.

### **7.4 Withdrawal, Late Entries and Change of Specified Starting Times.**

After the draw has been made, the times of members withdrawing from the competition will be allocated first to members whose names are on the Reserve List.

Any other times remaining open will be allocated next to members becoming available to play on the day of the competition.

Members will be entitled to change a previously-booked time provided that a time is available and that the change will not, in the judgement of the Professional/Starter, result in any advantage to the player or interfere adversely with the play of competitors who have already booked. Any such change must be made in advance of the specified start time and no change of time whatsoever will be permitted if a change of time is requested after the competitors specified start time.

## **8 "B" CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER (Non-Major Competition) AND "B" CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **8.1 Handicap limit**

Only players with a Competition Handicap of 11 or more at the time of entering will be eligible.

Members whose Competition Handicap has been reduced to 10 or less before the first qualifying round will cease to be eligible for the competition but will have the option of entering the Club Championship.

Members whose Competition Handicap is reduced to 10 or less after completing the first qualifying round will continue to be eligible to play in this competition but will not be eligible to enter the Club Championship.

### **8.2 Entries**

The entries for the competition will be the entries for each of the competitions designated as "B" Championship Qualifying rounds.

### **8.3 Qualifying Rounds and Play**

Two 18 hole stroke play rounds will be selected from the Competition Fixture List and will be identified in the Annual Fixture card.

### **8.4 Match-Play Stage**

It will be assumed that all players participating will be available and will wish to play in the match play stage and so, if they qualify, they will be entered for the match play stage.

If any player is not available to play on any day of the match play stage, or does not wish to participate in the match play stage, he must inform the Professional before he starts each round and must mark his card or cards 'Not Available'.

The players with the 16 lowest aggregate scratch scores will go forward to the match-play stage.

#### **8.5 Tied Scores**

See Section 1.11

#### **8.6 Match Play Rounds**

Those qualifying for the Match Play stage will play ties, up to and including the semi-final over 18 holes in accordance with the published draw. The final will be played over 36 holes.

In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes (or 36 holes in the case of the final) then the match will go to sudden death over extra holes, commencing at the first.

#### **8.7 Course Unplayable – Ties Incomplete**

If the course becomes unplayable during any round, the Committee will decide if play should be suspended.

If play is suspended, the Committee will decide if play should be resumed the same day or if it should be resumed on another date which they will decide upon. In either case, play will be resumed from the place at which play was suspended and all ties will be decided over the originally scheduled number of holes, 18 or 36 as appropriate.

### **9. PAST CAPTAINS OVER-55 SENIORS STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP (Major Competition)**

#### **9.1 Age Limit**

Only members who have reached the age of 55 on the original day of the competition will be eligible.

#### **9.2 Entry Sheet**

See paragraph 2.2. The competition will be held on a Sunday.

#### **9.3 Draw**

The draw will be made on the Friday 8 days before the competition and will be posted on the Saturday preceding the day of the competition.

#### **9.4 Play**

The winner will be the player with the lowest scratch score.

#### **9.5 Tied Scores**

See Section 1.11

#### **9.6 Prize Sweep**

The prize sweep will be distributed on the proportions of:

- 40% to the player with the lowest scratch score
- 30% to the player with the second lowest scratch score
- 15% to the player with the third lowest scratch score
- 15% to the player with the lowest score off handicap.

## **10. OVER-55 SENIORS MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP (Major Competition)**

### **10.1 Age Limit**

Only members who have reached the age of 55 on the original day of the qualifying competition will be eligible.

### **10.2 Entry Sheet and Qualifying Competitions**

See paragraph 2.2.

The qualifying competition will be run in conjunction with the first round of the Murray Trophy. Those members wishing to enter the Over-55 Seniors Match Play Championship Qualifying Competition must mark their Murray Trophy first round card with a 'S' beside their name.

If a player marks his card with a 'S' he is able to qualify only for the Over-55 Seniors Match Play Championship. If he wishes to qualify for the Club Championship, he should not mark his card with a 'S'. Whether or not he marks his card with a 'S', he can win the Murray Trophy but in effect he must decide, before commencement of play, in which Championship he wishes to play. He cannot qualify for both championships and then make this decision.

Members who have reached the age of 55, irrespective of handicap, who wish only to enter the Seniors Over-55 Qualifying Round, will play immediately after the first round of the Murray Trophy.

The cards returned from the first round of the Murray Trophy and the cards returned from the Seniors Over-55 Qualifying Round will be used to determine the qualifiers for the Match Play Stage.

### **10.3 Tied Scores**

In the event of a tie or ties for the final qualifying place, the place will be allocated to the player with the lowest scratch score as described in Section 1.11.

### **10.4 Match Play Stage**

It will be assumed that all players participating in the Murray Trophy and marking their card with a 'S' wish to enter the Over-55 Seniors Match Play Championship. They will not be able to qualify for the Club Championship – see 10.2 above.

If any player is not available to play on any day of the match play stage, or does not wish to participate in the match play stage, he must inform the Professional before he starts the first round of the Murray Trophy and must mark his card 'Not Available'. The competitors with the 8 lowest scratch scores will go forward to the match-play stage of the competition.

### **10.5 Match Play Stage: Draw**

The draw will be seeded on the basis that the competitor with the lowest scratch score plays the competitor with the 8<sup>th</sup> lowest scratch score, the competitor with the second lowest score plays the competitor with the 7<sup>th</sup> lowest score and so on.

### **10.6 Match Play Rounds**

Ties will be played over 18 holes in accordance with the published draw. In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes then the match will go to sudden death over extra holes, commencing at the first.

## **10.7 Course Unplayable – Ties Incomplete**

If the course becomes unplayable during any round, the Committee will decide if play should be suspended.

If play is suspended, the Committee will decide if play should be resumed the same day or if it should be resumed on another date which they will decide upon. In either case, play will be resumed from the place at which play was suspended.

## **11. TEXAS SCRAMBLE COMPETITION (Non-Major Competition)**

### **11.1 Team format**

The competition will be open to teams of four Ordinary Members, (excluding 5 day members), and Young Adult Members in any combination.

### **11.2 Handicap Allowances**

The maximum handicap allowance will be 18 for gentlemen and 27 for ladies. The maximum handicap allowance for each team will be 60 increasing by 2 for each lady team member up to a maximum team allowance of 68 for an all ladies team.

Teams will receive one sixth of the total of their individual handicaps calculated to one decimal place subject to the maxima noted above. A decimal of .x5 or above is rounded up. For example, 6.54 becomes 6.5 whilst 6.55 is rounded to 6.6.

### **11.3 Teams of 3**

If a team is reduced to three players:

- A minimum of 5 tee shots per player must be used
- The team handicap will be calculated by adding the three handicaps, dividing the total by three, multiplying the resultant total by four and then calculating one sixth of that total, subject to the maxima listed in 11.2

*Example: Handicaps are 6, 14 and 22*

*Total = 42*

*42 divided by 3 = 14*

*14 multiplied by 4 = 56*

*1/6 of 56 = 9.3*

### **11.4 Play**

All team members will drive and the team will select a single ball. The player whose ball is selected will mark the position of his or her ball and play the ball. The player whose ball is chosen must play first. The other team members will play their balls in turn from a position within 6 inches (15 cm) of the marker, but not nearer the hole. Balls must be placed on a green, on the fairway and in bunkers but must be dropped if in the rough or semi-rough. The first ball to be played in a bunker must be played as it lies but thereafter the bunker can be raked before subsequent balls are placed within 6 inches (15 cm) of where the original ball lay. Play will continue in the same manner until a ball is holed out.

A minimum of four tee shots per player must be used.

Each team will record a single gross score for each hole.

The winning team will be the team with the lowest score applying the exact one sixth handicap allowance.

### **11.5 Tied Scores**

In the event of a tie, the result will be decided on the basis of the lowest score as described in Section 1.11 after allocating an appropriate proportion of the exact one sixth handicap allowance in each case.

### **11.6 Score Cards**

The score card of each team must bear the signatures of two members of the team.

### **11.7 Prize Sweep**

The prize sweep will be distributed on the proportions of:

- 35% to the team with the lowest score off handicap
- 25% to the team with the second lowest score off handicap
- 15% to the team with the third lowest score off handicap
- 5% to the team with the fourth lowest score of handicap
- 15% to the team with the lowest scratch score
- 5% to the team with the second lowest scratch score.

Each team will be entitled to win only one prize, the prize net of handicap being awarded first.

In the event that the numbers entering the competition are insufficient to warrant awarding fourth-lowest handicap and second-lowest scratch prizes, the proportions awarded to the teams with the lowest handicap and scratch scores will be increased to 40% and 20% respectively.

## **12. TRI-AM COMPETITION and D.R. COOPER TROPHY (Non-Major Competitions)**

### **12.1 Team Format**

The competition will be open to teams of three.

### **12.2 Handicap Limits and Allowances**

There will be no upper or lower handicap limit.

All competitors will receive their full handicap allowance.

### **12.3 Entries**

See paragraph 2.4.

### **12.4 Play**

Each team will record the best single net score at each of the first nine holes and the best two net scores at the second nine holes, applying the appropriate stroke index. The winning team will be the team with the lowest total score off handicap.

### **12.5 Score Cards**

One team member will record the scores and sign the team's score card as marker. The other team members will both sign as competitors.

### **12.6 Tied Scores**

See Section 1.11.

## **12.7 Prize Sweep**

The D.R. Cooper Trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest score off handicap.

The prize sweep will be distributed on the proportions of:

- 40% to the team with the lowest score off handicap
- 30% to the team with the second lowest score off handicap
- 20% to the team with the third lowest score off handicap
- 10% to the team with the fourth lowest score off handicap.

If the numbers entering the competition are insufficient to warrant awarding a fourth prize, the proportions awarded to the lowest and second lowest scores will be increased to 45% and 35% respectively.

## **13. GREENSOMES COMPETITION (Non-Major Competition)**

### **13.1 Team Format**

The competition will be open to teams of two.

### **13.2 Handicap Allowances**

Each team will receive a handicap allowance based on lower playing handicap x 0.6 plus higher playing handicap x 0.4. If the playing handicaps of the partners are equal, half the combined handicap will be allowed.

### **13.3 Play**

Both team members will drive. They will select which ball to use and will play that ball by alternate strokes, beginning with the player whose drive has not been selected, until the ball is holed out.

Each team will record the gross score for each hole. The winning team will be the team with the lowest score off handicap.

#### **13.3.1 Tee shot out of bounds; Tee shot not found within 5 minutes**

1. If a player's tee shot is out of bounds or not found within 5 minutes and his/her partner's ball is in play, the side must continue with the ball in play, the next stroke being played by the partner of the player who made the first stroke at it.
2. If both players' balls are out of bounds or not found within 5 minutes the side must select one partner to play from where the tee shot was played under penalty of one stroke (27-1). In mixed greensomes, if selected to play, the man must play from the ladies tee and the lady, if selected, must play from the men's tee.

#### **13.3.2 Provisional Ball for Tee shot**

1. A provisional ball may only be played if the tee shots of both partners may be lost outside a water hazard or be out of bounds. The side must select one partner to play the provisional ball. In mixed greensomes, if selected to play the man must play from the ladies tee and the lady, if selected, from the men's tee.
2. If one original ball is not found within 5 minutes or is out of bounds and the other tee shot is in play, the side must continue with the ball in play, the next shot being played by the partner of the player who made the first stroke at it.

3. If both balls are out of bounds or not found within 5 minutes, the side will continue with the provisional ball, the next stroke being played by the partner of the player who made the first stroke at it.

#### **13.4 Score Cards**

One team member will record the scores and sign the team's score card as marker. The other team member will sign as a competitor.

#### **13.5 Prize Sweep**

The Prize Sweep will be distributed on the proportions of:

- 40% to the team with the lowest score off handicap
- 30% for the team with the second lowest score off handicap
- 15% for the team with the third lowest score off handicap
- 15% for the team with the lowest scratch score.

### **14. SUMMER AND WINTER MATCH PLAY SINGLE, FOURSOMES AND MIXED FOURSOMES COMPETITIONS (Major Competitions)**

#### **14.1 Entry Forms and Fees**

Entry Forms for each competition will be made available as from the dates shown on the Fixture Card. The closing date for entries will be as shown on the Fixture Card.

Entries must be accompanied by the appropriate Entry Fee which will be intimated on the Notice Board when entry for each competition opens.

#### **14.2 Booking of Ties**

All club ties can be booked two weeks prior to the date of play. This is one week ahead of the normal booking time and can be arranged by phone, in person or by e-mail to either the office or the Pro shop.

#### **14.3 Handicap Allowances**

Handicap allowances will be:

- Summer Singles: full difference
- Summer Foursomes: 1/2 combined difference
- Summer Mixed Foursomes: 1/2 combined difference
- Winter Singles: 3/4 difference
- Winter Foursomes: 3/8 combined difference.
- Winter Mixed Foursomes: 1/2 combined difference

If a player's handicap alters during the competition, the new handicap will be used.

#### **14.4 Draw**

The draw will be made and posted within 10 days of entries closing.

#### **14.5 Dates of Play and Challenges**

The opening date of the first round will be the date on which the draw sheet is posted. The opening dates of subsequent rounds will be marked on the draw sheets as the closing date for the previous round. The player or team in each match whose name/s appears first (i.e. higher) on the draw sheet will be the challenger.

Challengers must make their challenge within 8 days from the opening date of each round. The challenger/s must offer a minimum of 3 dates, at least one of which must be a Saturday or a Sunday and at least one of which must be a weekday with a

minimum of 8 days between the first and last dates of the challenge. If none of the dates is suitable, the challenged player/s must offer the minimum of 3 alternative dates, at least one of which must be a Saturday or a Sunday and at least one of which must be a weekday with a minimum of 8 days between the first and last dates of the challenge. If none of these dates is suitable, the challenger/s (that is the originally challenged player/s) will proceed to the next round.

If the challenge is not made within the 8 day period the unchallenged player/s must take on the role of challenger/s and will be in the same position as the original challenger/s. If no date can then be agreed for the tie to be played, the originally challenged player/s will proceed to the next round.

If, as a result of an extension having been granted in the previous round, the challenger/s or the challenged player/s has not been decided, the 8 day period will be extended such that the 8 day period will commence on the day that the 'extended' tie was played.

Under these circumstances, the winner of the 'extended' tie, if not the challenger/s in the next round, must immediately inform the challenger/s of the result of the 'extended' tie.

Members, both challenger and the challenged, must bear in mind that it is most desirable that ties are played and that only in exceptional circumstances should a tie be conceded because of non agreement on dates.

Winners of each round will be responsible for entering their names on the draw sheet. If by the closing date of each round no name has been entered and no attempt has been made by either player to play the tie, they both risk, at the discretion of the Competition & Handicap Committee, forfeiting the tie.

#### **14.6 Tied Matches**

Matches which are all square after 18 holes will continue on a sudden death basis until a result is determined.

As recommended by CONGU, strokes should be taken in accordance with the Stroke Index for the extra holes played.

#### **14.7 Extensions**

Extensions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances and can be authorised only by the Chairman of the Competition & Handicap Committee or the Club Manager or their respective deputies.

#### **14.8 Substitutes**

Substitutions will be allowed up to the commencement of play of the first tie of the partnership involved. Such changes will be allowed only for illness or injury or for any other exceptional circumstance at the discretion of the Competition & Handicap Committee. Any substitutions will not be permitted to impact upon the date by which the tie must be played.

### **15. SHOTGUN FOURSOMES COMPETITION (Non-Major Competition)**

#### **15.1 Team Format**

Play will be in teams of two.

#### **15.2 Handicap Allowance**

The handicap allowance will be 1/2 the combined playing handicaps of each team member with a maximum handicap allowance for each team of 18.

### **15.3 Play**

The competition will be held over 2 separate rounds of 18 holes with players playing one round only. Members will choose whether to play in the morning or the afternoon round.

One member of each team will tee off at each odd numbered hole and the other from each even numbered hole. The team members will complete each hole by playing alternate shots.

One member of each team will drive from the first and each odd-numbered hole and the other from the second and each even-numbered hole. The team members will complete each hole by playing alternate shots.

The winning team will be the team with the lowest score off exact handicap allowance over either round.

### **15.4 Score Cards**

One member of each team will act as marker for the other team in its group.

### **15.5 Tied Scores**

See Section 1.11.

### **15.6 Prizes**

Details of prizes and the prize sweep (if any) will be intimated as soon as known to the Golf Committee.

## **16. VISITORS DAY INVITATION COMPETITION (Non-Major Competition)**

### **16.1 Team Format**

Play will be in teams of two.

### **16.2 Handicaps**

At the discretion of the Organising Committee, persons holding a current EGA (European Golf Association) handicap may be permitted to play and compete.

Because of differences in the operation of the EGA and CONGU handicap systems, an EGA exact handicap is not directly comparable to a CONGU exact handicap and the following formula should be used to determine the comparable exact handicap.

*'Comparable exact handicap' = EGA Exact Handicap x (slope rating of competitor's competition course/113).*

For example if the EGA exact handicap is 12.4 and the slope rating is 127, the 'comparable exact handicap' is  $12.4 \times (127/113) = 13.9$ .

### **16.3 Handicap Allowance**

Handicaps will be allocated under the 'Silloth' system.

### **16.4 Eligibility**

The Competition is open to Gentlemen Ordinary Members and each Member will invite a gentleman who is not a Member of Baberton Golf Club and who holds a CONGU Competition Handicap.

Play will normally be held over two days, on a Friday afternoon and the immediately following Saturday. Members may choose to play on the Friday afternoon, the Saturday morning or the Saturday afternoon.

Ordinary 5 Day Members will be eligible to play only on the Friday afternoon but, in the event of the competition taking place only on a Saturday, will not be eligible to participate.

#### **16.5 Play**

Each member of the team will play his own ball at each hole and the lower of the two gross scores at each hole will be recorded on the score card.

The winning team will be the team with the lowest net score off handicap.

#### **16.6 Tied Scores**

See Section 1.11.

#### **16.7 Score Cards**

Score cards must be signed by the member or his guest and by the marker.

#### **16.7 Competition Abandoned**

In the event of the competition being abandoned for whatever reason, the following rules will apply:

- If less than 75% of the score cards, including 'No Returns', have been returned as at the time the competition was abandoned, the competition will be re-scheduled.
- If 75% or more of the cards, including 'No Returns', have been returned, the competition will not be re-scheduled and the competition results will be based on the completed score cards which have been returned as at the time the competition was abandoned.

#### **16.8 Prizes**

Details of prizes and prize sweeps will be published when entry for the competition opens.

### **17. THORBURN JUBILEE MEDAL**

#### **17.1 Play**

This competition will be played over the Spring, Summer and Autumn Meetings.

#### **17.2 Prize**

The Thorburn Jubilee Medal will be awarded to the player having the 2 lowest aggregate net scores from the 3 competitions.

In the event of a tie, the result will be decided on the basis of the lowest net score and should that be the same the best net score to CSS on the day. In the event of a further tie the best back 9 of the best net score to CSS on the day.

### **18. T L McCALL TROPHY**

#### **18.1 Play**

This competition will be played over the Spring, Summer and Autumn Meetings.

## **18.2 Prize**

The T L McCall Trophy will be awarded to the player having the 3 lowest aggregate net scores from the 3 competitions.

In the event of a tie, the result will be decided on the basis of the lowest net score and should that be the same the best net score to CSS on the day. In the event of a further tie the best back 9 of the best net score to CSS on the day.

## **19. SUSPENSION OF PLAY**

### **19.1 Decision to Suspend Play**

The decision to suspend play will lie with the Club Professional/Starter or his assistant, the Club Manager, preferably, but not necessarily, after consultation with a member of the Board, a member of the Greens Staff or a member the Competition & Handicap Committee or other appropriate Committee.

If play has to be suspended, the siren will be sounded and players must follow the procedures laid down in the Rules of Golf. (Rule 6-8)

### **19.2 Siren Notes**

The meanings of the three notes of the siren are:

- Three consecutive notes of the siren, repeated – Play must be discontinued
- One prolonged note of the siren – Play must be discontinued immediately
- Two short notes of the siren, repeated – Resume play

### **19.3 Appropriate Rules of Golf**

6-8 Discontinuance of Play; Resumption of Play  
6-8b. Procedure When Play Suspended by Committee

### **19.4 Handicap Adjustment**

In accordance with CONGU regulations 17.1(b) and 18.6, if a qualifying competition is abandoned for any valid reason, the CSS will be regarded as the same as the SSS and handicap reductions will apply to all completed scores. Handicap increases will not apply.

### **19.5 Competitions of more than One Round or played over more than One Day**

In the event of a round of a multi round competition being abandoned, any other completed rounds will count for full handicap adjustment purposes. Equally, if a competition is played over more than one day and play is abandoned on one day, rounds completed on other days will count for full handicap adjustment purposes.

## **20. GOLF BUGGIES (INCLUDING PRIVATELY OWNED RIDE ON CARTS)**

The use of ride-on buggies is generally prohibited in competitions. Players should walk at all times unless permission to use a ride-on buggy has been given by the Chairman of the Competition & Handicap Committee or his Deputy, whom failing the Club Manager or his Deputy.

This permission will be given only in exceptional circumstances, usually because of a temporary medical condition, and application to use a ride-on buggy in competitions must be made to the Golf Committee. Any such permission will be granted only for a specific length of time and may be rescinded by the Golf Committee at any time. At the end of the period for which permission to use a ride-on buggy in competitions has been granted, the member may apply again for permission to use a ride-on buggy.

In these circumstances, knowledge of the member making the request is sufficient for such permission to be granted, a medical certificate not being necessary.

An application to use a ride-on buggy by a person who is disabled within the meaning of current Disability Discrimination Legislation must be made by that person and must be supported by a current medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner certifying that he is a disabled person within the meaning of the legislation and by reason thereof is unable to play golf without the use of a ride-on buggy.

In the case of non members playing in Club Competitions, such as Visitors Days, Open Competitions and the like, whether or not they are CONGU© qualifying competitions, a current medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner is required and must be shown to a member of the Organising Committee of that Competition prior to play.

The Club reserves the right at any time, for safety or other reasons, not to allow ride-on buggies on the course on a specific day.

Before granting permission to use a ride-on buggy, the member or visitor must sign the Club's 'Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form' and must agree at all times to abide by all the Club's regulations relating to the use of ride-on buggies.

In all cases, only the person authorised to use a buggy and only that person's clubs may be carried in the buggy. If any other person is carried in the buggy at any time during the competition, then that person will be disqualified from the competition. If any other person's clubs are carried in the buggy at any time during the competition, then that person will be disqualified from the competition.

## **21. 9 HOLE STABLEFORD QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS**

The Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU) Unified Handicapping System allows for 9 hole competitions to qualify for handicap purposes. There are some limitations and special rules but these competitions enable members who, for whatever reason, feel unable, or do not wish to play 18 holes, to retain a CONGU Competition Handicap.

Full details of the CONGU rules relating to 9 hole competitions can be found on pages 47 and 48 of the CONGU UHS 2016 – 2018 book, a copy of which is available in the office. Please remember that these are CONGU rules with which we must abide, not Baberton Golf Club rules.

## **22. CLUB COMPETITIONS – OPEN TO GENTS AND LADIES**

These competitions (such as, but not limited to, Club Stableford, Club Greensomes and Club Texas Scramble) are open to all members, Gents, Juniors and Ladies who hold a CONGU competition handicap.

In competitions where gents play off the medal (white) tees, ladies will play off the red tees and where gents play off the yellow tees, ladies will play off the blue tees.

In both cases, ladies will have their handicap increased by 2 strokes to compensate for the difference in their respective Standard Scratch Scores.