

Changes to the Terms of Competition document – March 2025

Gold Cup & Wade Shield:

Entrants must have submitted at least 6 Acceptable Scores for handicap purposes (reduced from 8), of which no more than 2 can be General Play, to be eligible to play in these competitions.

Use of Ride-On Buggies in Competitions:

The use of buggies is NOT permitted in any of the Club's Knockout competitions, or Scratch events (see below):-

The Scratch Medal Trophy

The Gold Cup

The Wade Shield

The Frank Shaw Trophy

The Roger Snowden Trophy

The use of buggies is permitted in all the other general Club competitions as listed on the Summer and Winter Fixture list. This is dependent on the weather and course conditions and will be advised via the club's weekly newsletter.

The Club will follow the provisions of England Golf's Policy on the use of buggies in Competitions. England Golf wishes to encourage participation in golf by all players regardless of disabilities within the meaning given by the Equality Act 2010.

Competitors with a disability as defined in the Equality Act 2010, should contact the Handicaps Chairman regarding the use of a golf buggy. A medical exemption certificate will need to be provided which must be authorised before the start of any match.

However, short term injuries such as broken bones, pulled muscles, or any other medical condition which does not meet the definition of a “**Disability**” under the Equality Act 2010, do not meet the criteria for the use of motorised transportation.

Course Unplayable or If Danger To Life Weather Conditions Exist:

Where it is necessary to close the course for either reason, an Air Horn will be sounded; three long blasts. On hearing the air horn, members MUST immediately leave the course. Given the geography of our course, members are asked to ensure members playing the 4 & 5th are aware the air horn has been sounded. Player's choosing to remain on the course may be subject to disciplinary procedures.

Replacement Partners In Matchplay Competitions:

Once entered into 4BBB matchplay competitions, players may only introduce a replacement partner prior to their 1st round match being played, and must seek approval from the Handicaps & Competitions Chairman. Once a replacement partner is introduced, the pairing must stay as that for the remainder of the competition.

Calculation of Course Handicaps In Matchplay:

From 2025, the draw sheet maintained on ClubV1 will include the Handicap Index and Course Handicaps of all entrants. The drawsheet should be referred to on the day of the match, and stated Course Handicaps used to calculate "shots". Course Handicaps will be calculated in ClubV1 via the "unrounded" method, so may be different to Course Handicaps calculated using the Course Handicap Tables located around the club. These tables should not be used in club matchplay competitions.

The Annual Medal and Annual Stableford Competitions:

Each of the 7 Monthly Medals / Monthly Stablefords held during the summer season, contribute to these separate competitions. From 2025 a member's best 4 Medal rounds and best 4 Stableford scores over the 7 Monthly Medals / Monthly Stablefords (April to October), determines the divisional winners.

NOTE: For the purposes of the Annual Medal / Annual Stableford only (not the individual Monthly Medal / Stableford competitions), a golfer will retain their

Playing Handicap from their first entered Monthly Medal, through to the conclusion of the October monthly competition. Their opening Playing Handicap will determine which division they will play in through the course of the full competition.

This revision now aligns to how ClubV1 can manage the competition.

The North Bowl:

Players will no longer retain their Handicap Index prior to commencing Round 1, for the purposes of calculating their Stableford points for Round 2. Any Handicap Index adjustments resulting from Round 1 scores will be applied when calculating Playing Handicap for Round 2.

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Wednesday Midweek Competitions:

All competitions will be Stablefords, and set up in ClubV1 with two divisions:

- Division One - 16 and below
- Division Two - 17 and above

Should there be fewer than 50 competitors in total, but more than 30 in any one competition, results will be determined based on a single division, with prize money being paid to the top 3 golfers. If fewer than 30 competitors, prize money will be paid to the top 2. No advanced notice will be provided to members ahead of the finalisation of results.

Local Rules:

See Appendix 5 for all the Club's Local Rules