

MILE END GOLF CLUB COMPETITION RULES

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1. General Rules

The format and conditions under which all competitions are played will be determined by the competitions committee. These conditions must be strictly adhered to. Any conditions which are specific to any one competition will be displayed on the notice board at the appropriate time.

All decisions made by the competitions committee (or its appointed representative) shall be final. All players are personally responsible for acquainting themselves with the conditions pertaining to any competition in which they choose to play.

All competitions will be played from the tee markers as stipulated on the entry sheet.

2. Eligibility to enter Competitions

All 7 Day Members (as defined by the Proprietors) irrespective of whether they have designated Mile End as their home club, may enter all appropriate competitions. Exceptions to this are the Club Championships, and any other competitions where the winner(s) go on to represent Mile End in other Competitions outside Mile End Golf Club. In these competitions, only members who designate Mile End as their home club may enter, except where a competition may have more than one set of rules governing entry and the competition. In these circumstances the competitions committee would rule on any conflict of rules.

Professionals who are members of Mile End may play in club and scratch competitions. In handicap competitions they should play off scratch or lower if so deemed by the handicap committee.

“Social” Country members may not enter competitions.

5 Day members may not play in any competitions played on either a Saturday or Sunday, with the exception of the Summer Knockout Competitions. If they play a match on either Saturday or Sunday in this competition they must pay the 'Guest Green Fee'. At the discretion of the Proprietors 5-Day Members may play in certain “Charity” events that are held at weekends. Where 5 day members are allowed to play they shall be eligible to win all prizes

Juniors who have a handicap of 36 in the case of girls, or 28 in the case of boys may enter all appropriate competitions.

3. Scorecards

ALL competition scorecards must be placed in the previously assigned point as designated by the competitions committee or the proprietor's representative e.g. the pro shop. Scorecards must be completed in accordance with the rules of golf. No alterations can be made once a scorecard has been submitted. Gross scores for both the marker and player must be entered. All incorrect scorecards will be penalised in accordance with the rules of golf.

4. Other Rules

All entry fees and optional sweep monies must be paid on the day of competition or as otherwise expressly indicated. e.g. knockout competitions and club championships. Entries must be made on the entry sheet provided for each individual competition. Failure to comply will result in automatic disqualification.

Any competitions which indicate a specified and notified tee time can only be played by members who have entered their names on the official entry sheet. Members are permitted to enter competitions on the day of a club competition subject to available tee times. The exception is the Club Championship.

Any reserved tee time must be strictly observed. Failure to report at a specified tee time may result in disqualification from the competition. (The committee may apply a two shot penalty if the lateness is within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time)

Players must observe the correct procedure for withdrawing from any competition entered. This will entail contacting either an appropriate club official, or a member of the competitions committee, or withdrawal by the removal of the entrants name from the entry sheet. All of these methods should happen by the day prior to the competition. If a player withdraws from a competition on the day due to late arrival or non-attendance, then the player may be invited to explain the circumstances of the withdrawal. The competitions committee may apply a competitions ban for two nominated competitions. The competitions committee will consider all aspects before any decision is made and notified to the player concerned.

Any appeal in respect of disqualification must be made in accordance with the rules of the disciplinary sub-committee procedures, in writing. Verbal appeals will not be accepted.

Unapproved golf balls are not allowed in competitions, e.g. cross-outs.

All ties in stroke competitions shall be decided by identifying net scores over the last nine, six, three or one hole(s) unless the rules require a play off to be arranged

All competitors will observe the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and any such local rules of The Club deemed to be in force at the time of a competition. Winter and temporary rules must be observed when in force and posted.

Any member who is registered disabled as defined by current government legislation is entitled to use a buggy in any competition. In addition, the competitions committee may allow members the use of a buggy in competitions upon receiving an application in writing. The competitions committee will review the members use of buggies at their discretion. The members committee will not be responsible for the availability of buggies nor on restriction placed on their use by the owners due to adverse weather conditions

In all 'pairs competitions' where one member of a pairs team fails to turn up, the other team member will be expected to mark the card of their playing partner. Failure to do so may result in a sanction. In addition, the absent player will be subject to the rules for non appearance in a competition.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES - For all play at this course a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his or her play e.g.; gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc. The player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification (regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used).

There can only be a maximum of one junior in any three ball competition and two juniors in any four ball competition

5 Rules for Knockout and Match Play Competitions

The general rules for competitions will apply. All fees and optional sweep monies **MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF ENTRY ON THE OFFICIAL ENTRY SHEET**. Players not having paid by the closing date will **NOT** be entered in the draw. Only players with an official competition handicap can enter their names on the entry sheet. If it later transpires that a player has played a match while not holding a competitions handicap he (or his team) may be disqualified at the discretion of the competitions committee.

The onus is on both sets of players to make suitable arrangements to complete their match by the specified date. Failure to complete a match by the specified date will result in disqualification of both sides. Where only one team or player presents themselves on the tee by 6 p.m. on the specified completion date, then the match will be awarded to that team or player.

In the event of a tie, the match must continue and be decided by 'sudden death'. The additional hole(s) will be decided by the competitions committee (currently holes 15 then 18) will be played continuously until one team or player wins a hole outright. Handicap strokes will be awarded as per the stroke index of the round of golf just played.

Players must play off their current handicaps at the beginning of each separate match in the competition (unless otherwise stated in the rules of entry).

It is the responsibility of both sides to record the result of each match on the appropriate competition draw sheet.

Members playing matches do not have priority on the tee even in the event of returning to the 15/18th tee for a play off.

6. Discontinuing play in Competitions due to adverse weather

In accordance with the Rules of Golf, a player may discontinue play if he/she believes there is a danger from lightning.

In the absence of lightning the decision as to whether the course becomes unplayable during a competition will be made either by a member of the green staff, a professional in the shop, or by a member of the competitions committee. Any decision on suspension of play will be communicated to players using the protocol agreed between committee and proprietor. Normally a klaxon will be used. A competition result may be declared if 60% or more of the competition entrants complete the round. Bad weather is not in itself a good reason for discontinuing play.

7. Competition Presentations

Where competition presentations follow the end of a competition or request that members return in the evening, any member who wins a prize shall be expected to be present for the presentation unless they offer an apology in the a manner designated by the committee. Once the apology has been offered, the competitions committee will rule on whether to accept the apology or not. A verbal apology to anyone is not acceptable unless otherwise stipulated.