

# MUSKERRY GOLF CLUB

## TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR THE LADIES (Updated February 2024 )

Muskerry Golf Club is a Golf Ireland affiliated Golf Club and all competitions are played under R & A Rules of Golf as well as regulations that may be laid down, from time to time, by the Ladies Committee.

**(A) Competition Entry Fee:**

- must be paid in full prior to commencement of play
- the competition purse must hold sufficient funds to cover the entry fee
- If the entry fee is not paid, the player is disqualified, but their score will count for handicap purposes.

**(B) Method of Entry:**

- Sign in for competition in the Pro Shop, Ladies Locker room or through the Golf Ireland App and ensure you take the correct card for the course in play ie: MacKenzie or Bruen
- Enter name, handicap index, course handicap and playing handicap, date & competition title on card or use the sticker provided from the printer which will have all details. (See local rule L-2 on noticeboard)  
In the event of computer failure, you must sign the competition entry sheet. Failure to do either of the above disqualifies the player from the competition but their score will count for handicap purposes.

**(C) Competition timesheet opening times**

- Timesheets for normal weekly competitions will open 9 days in advance at 19:30.
- Timesheets for open competitions will open for members & their guests **21 days** in advance and for non-members **14 days** in advance.
- Timesheets for Major Competitions will also open **9 days** in advance.

**(D) Format of Competition:**

- The format of each competition is written on the timesheet Banner on ClubNet for that day.

Joint Competitions/Specified one day competitions:

The Joint competitions (run on Sundays, with Thursdays being the Alternate Day) are as follows:

<b>Tim McElligott</b> <i>V Par</i>	<b>Nora Cronin</b> <i>V Par</i>	<b>Tiger Pot</b> <i>Stroke</i>	<b>Guy &amp; Twomey</b> <b>Cups</b> <i>Stroke</i>
<b>PGA Tankard - Stableford</b>	<b>Bertie Dorgan</b> <b>Stableford</b>	<b>Peter O'Flynn</b> <b>Stroke</b>	

- If a joint competition is scheduled and if the main day (Sunday) is cancelled the player/players with the best nett score/scores on the Alternate Day (Thursday), are the winners of that competition. Similarly, if the alternate day (Thursday) is cancelled, the Main Day (Sunday) result is the winner of the competition.

- For a Joint competition, the pin positions and teeing grounds may be differently situated on each day of the competition, provided that on any one day all competitors play with each pin position and each teeing ground in the same position.
- When players have a choice between Main Day or Alternate Day participation for a singles stroke play competition, any player who elects to play on the second day of the Competition is permitted to play on the competition course on the first day of said Competition. This permits those players not competing on the first day to play on the course without being deemed to have practised on the course.
- The following 3 competitions will be played over 1 day each, ie Thursday:

Australian Spoons (Foursomes)	Blair Foursomes	Eileen Murphy Foursomes	
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However, should a member be unable to play in any of these specified 3 events on the Thursday a provision will be made for the member/s to play the event on the following Sunday. **To arrange, the member must contact the Competition Secretary by 6pm on the previous Wednesday.** It will be the members' responsibility to ensure that they have someone organized to mark their card on the Sunday.

- **O'Crualaoi Open Competition:**

Terms of this competition will be in line with the WHS rules for stableford mixed gender open competitions (Rule 6.2.b of the WHS) Please refer to main noticeboard for specific terms.

- **Delayed play due to adverse weather conditions:**

Where the starting time of a competition is delayed due to closure of the course arising from adverse weather conditions, the running order of the original timesheet will remain in place from when the course is opened by the Course Staff, Club Professional or General Manager.

- **Pace of Play & "Ready Golf"**

The Competitions Committee would remind all players of their obligations regarding pace of play. Some points to note in this regard are as follows:

- Be on time & ready to play at your designated tee time.
- Be ready to play every shot when it is your turn. Have your Club to hand
- Tradition of having the honour at the tee box can still be relevant provided the lady in question is ready to take her position on the tee box without delay.
- Do not wait for greens to clear when they are beyond your range except on Par 3's whereby you must wait for the green to clear before teeing off.
- Leave your bag at the side of the green nearest the next tee.
- Line up your putt while others are putting and be ready to putt in turn.
- If you cannot score or improve your team's score on any hole, pick up.
- Do not mark cards on or near the green. Mark at the tee-box while other players are teeing off.
- Encourage your playing partners to keep up with the group in front.
- If someone is slowing things down, TELL HIM/HER.
- WALK AS YOU TALK - Do not delay play for conversation.
- If you are falling behind for any reason, invite the group behind through.
- **Keep just behind the group ahead, not just ahead of the group behind.**
- Play a provisional ball if you think your ball is lost outside a hazard, or out of bounds.
- Find your own ball first before you go searching for others.

- A ball not found within **3 minutes** is lost and out of play.
- There should be no undue gaps between groups on the course

### **Match Play Competitions:**

- The competition must be entered and appropriate fee paid prior to draw.
- The terms of all Club Match Play Competitions shall be displayed on the draw sheets.
- Matches must be played by the stated date unless the Committee authorises an extension due to course closure or other exceptional circumstances

### **(E) Eligibility to Play**

#### **Major Competitions:**

- The 3 Major Competitions are **the Lady Captain's prize**, the Men's **Captain's prize to the Ladies** and the **President's Prize** to the Ladies. If the format of any of these 3 competitions is Stroke there will **not** be a Max 5 (See Section E for definition of Max 5)
- To be eligible to compete for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes on Major Days, all players must have returned a minimum of **four** 18-hole singles competition acceptable scoring scorecards from Muskerry Golf Club in the six months prior to the competition.
- To be eligible also to compete for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes on Major Days, all players must have at least 20 acceptable scoring cards completed under WHS (from April 2018). This can be checked on the member's Golf Ireland app.
- A person who has not been a member for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the competition shall not be entitled to enter the Lady Captains Prize, Presidents Prize or Men's Captain's Prize to the Ladies
- **Juniors** (females under 18 as at 1<sup>st</sup> January) and **Junior Students** (females 18- 25 as at 1<sup>st</sup> January) with a handicap index of 39.9 or less may compete in the Majors but may not be the winner or runner-up.
- If a Junior wins a prize containing alcohol, the alcohol will be replaced with a prize of equivalent value.
- **5-Day members** may play in the 3 Majors but may not win 1<sup>st</sup> Prize. As these competitions are played on Sunday, the committee will designate a competition time on a weekday (Wednesday) prior to the Major to facilitate the 5-day members.
- To be eligible to win the Senior category in the Major Competitions a lady must have reached 70 years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year and 'Senior' must be written on the paper scorecard.
- Overseas/ Country members may compete in the 3 major competitions but may not win 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> prize.

#### **Weekly Competitions:**

- All **Full and Associate female** members of the club holding a WHS handicap index are eligible to compete in all competitions but restrictions apply to category of membership and see other restrictions regarding Majors.
- **Juniors** (Females U 18) and **Students** (females 18- 25) with a handicap index of 39.9 or less may play and win all single and team competitions except the 3 Majors. Junior female members with a handicap index of 39.9 or less may play together in groups of 2 or 3 as permitted by the Ladies committee.
- **5-Day members** may play in stand-alone Thursday competitions.
- All female members and juniors are eligible to play in competitions provided their annual sub is paid prior to playing
- Current subs & levies must be paid before any member may compete in any competition or represent the club in Inter-Club matches.
- A member who wishes to play in the Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday weekly ladies' competitions can opt for a tee time during 'Shared Time' on that day. Be sure to select 'ladies Competition' when signing in at the Pro Shop/ladies locker room or when completing the digital scoring card. On a Friday, ONLY, you can play in the competition of the day between 9-11 am. Alternatively, you can put your name on the timesheet at any other time of your choice, enter the competition as usual and your e-purse will be

charged automatically retrospectively.

**Two Golfers of the Year competitions (1. Gross, 2. Nett):**

The following are the 10 Nett Golfer of the Year competitions (nett score) :

<b>Lady Captain's Prize</b>  <i>At the discretion of the Lady Captain</i>	<b>President's Prize to the Ladies</b>  <i>At the discretion of the President</i>	<b>Men's Captain's Prize to the Ladies</b>  <i>At the discretion of the captain</i>	<b>Bertie Dorgan</b>  <i>Stableford</i>	<b>Peter O'Flynn</b>  <i>Stroke (Max 5)</i>
<b>Tiger Pot</b>  <i>Stroke (Max 5)</i>	<b>Tim McElligott</b>  <i>V Par</i>	<b>Nora Cronin</b>  <i>V Par</i>	<b>PGA Tankard</b>  <i>Stableford</i>	<b>Christmas Hamper</b>  <i>Stroke (Max 5)</i>

• The following are the 10 Gross Golfer of the Year competitions (Gross score) :

<b>Lady Captain's Prize</b>  (Stroke or S/F)	<b>Captain's Prize to the Ladies</b>  (Stroke or S/F)	<b>President's Prize to the Ladies</b>  (Stroke or S/F)	<b>Peter O'Flynn</b>  Stroke (max 5)	<b>Roche Cup</b>  Stroke (Max5)
<b>Easter Hamper 1</b> Stroke (max 5)	<b>Easter Hamper 2</b> Stroke (max 5)	<b>Tiger Pot</b> Stroke (max 5)	<b>Christmas Hamper</b> Stroke (max 5)	<b>Guy Cup</b> Stroke (Max5)

- Points will be awarded for each of the two Golfer of the Year competitions by Order of Merit – 10pts for 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 for 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. down to 1 for 10<sup>th</sup> place. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined based on a count - back.
- The players with the highest number of points aggregated over 8 of the 10 specified competitions in each category wins the Best Gross Golfer of the Year & Best Nett Golfer of the Year. (Note that there are some different competitions in each category)
- If there are less than 16 holes in play, the competitions will not count for the Golfer of the Year points.
- Definition of 'Max 5' in a Stroke competition – A maximum score for each hole is capped at 5 over par for the hole. This allows a player to pick up if that player has reached the maximum shots taken ie. If it is a par 5, the player can pick up the ball once a min of 10 shots have been taken. This will speed up pace of play.
- If Lady Captain's Prize, Captain's prize to the ladies and President's prize to the ladies are stroke competitions Max 5 will NOT be applicable ie. You MUST finish out each hole.

- **Female Junior and Junior Student categories** are excluded from Golfer of the Year points.

**(F) Handicap Stroke Allowance under WHS:**

Once you have calculated your course handicap, the following are the handicap allowances that will apply depending on the competition format. (Adjusted downwards when less holes are in play ie. 12 holes - 2/3 of full h/c, 14 holes – 7/9 of full h/c, 16 holes – 8/9 of full h/c)

**Singles** - allowance of 95% of the course handicap.

**Fourball** –allowance of 85% of the course handicap.

**Foursomes** – allowance of 50% of the combined course handicap.

**Scotch Foursomes/Greensomes** – allowance of 0.4 of Higher +0.6 of Lower Playing handicap. See Greensomes Chart

**Team Events** – as designated by the committee. The terms of competition will be stated on the ClubNet banner on that day.

In all handicap stroke calculations, a fraction of one half or more counts as a full stroke; any other fractions are disregarded.

**Club scrambles** - Terms of competition will be stated on the ClubNet banner on that day.

**(G) Times of Starting & Groups:**

- Players may only compete in weekly competitions during designated competition times. This is the bookable time as displayed on the booking system - Thursday, shared time on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Ladies competition time on Sunday (if applicable) or other times specified by the Committee.
- Players shall not compete in a competition after the last tee-time indicated on the timesheet (except for a Friday (see note above). However, working ladies can be accommodated during the summer months, in the Thursday competition, in the evenings with prior approval from the Lady Captain or Competition Secretary.

**(H) Starting Places:**

- Start place is 1<sup>st</sup> Tee, unless otherwise designated by the Ladies Committee or course staff.

**(I) Teeing areas to be used:**

- Ladies will play off red tees for the foreseeable future until the existing white & blue tee boxes are sloped and course rated for the ladies under the WHS.

**(J) Number of Competitors which shall constitute eligibility for Prize purposes:**

- Prizes will be awarded according to the number of entries; however, 1 person playing constitutes a competition for Medal or handicap purposes.
- For a Joint Competition (Sunday & Thursday – Alternate day) a quorum of 8 players is needed **between both days**.
- If less than 8 competitors enter a competition, a sweep will be made of 50% of entries received.

**(K) Scoring in handicap competition:**

The player is responsible for making sure that her handicap index/course handicap/playing handicap is shown correctly on the scorecard/digital scorecard. If a player returns a scorecard with the incorrect handicaps, the following applies (as per Local rule L-2 : Rule 3.3b (4) modified as follows: A player is responsible for showing their handicap index, course handicap & playing handicap on their scorecard) :

- (a) Handicaps on scorecard too high or no handicaps shown - the player is disqualified from the competition.

(b) Handicaps on scorecard too low - there is no penalty and the player's net score stands using the lower handicap as shown, but will be corrected for handicap adjustments.

Also, be aware of the requirements of Appendix J - 'Disqualified Scores for handicapping' (page 44 of Guidance in WHS Rules of handicapping as applied within GB & Ireland effective from January 2020)

### **(L) Guidelines for General Play cards, for Handicapping purposes- Muskerry GC.**

To enter a General Play round for Handicapping purposes, acceptable scoring must be in place on the day and the round must be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Handicapping.

It is a Golf Ireland requirement that a player preregisters, their intention to play a General Play round for Handicapping purposes. You may:

Sign in on the computer.

Sign in on the Golf Ireland app

In the absence of above, sign in on the pre-registration sheet, attached to this notice.

It is a player's responsibility to make sure your card has:

Player's name.

Date.

What Tees were played.

Number of strokes played per hole.

Player's signature.

Marker's signature.

Handicap Index, Course Handicap and Playing Handicap, are required as per Model Local Rule L-2.

The format **MUST** be singles only. No team events and No practice rounds for inter club teams.

It is not permitted to enter or sign in for a General Play round for Handicapping purposes, after commencing your round.

No General Play rounds for Handicapping purposes allowed, during Competition time, as per Muskerry Women's terms of competition.

One General Play round, for Handicapping purposes, per course, per day.

If your marker is a non Muskerry member, the markers Golf Ireland Number / Golf Registration Number, **MUST** be written on the card. The marker must also be qualified to mark your card.

Failure to complete your card correctly, may result in your score not being accepted for Handicapping purposes.

You must return your score after your round, either on the computer or app, on the day of play. Failure to do so may result in a penalty score being applied to your Handicap Index.

If you have used the pre-registration sheet, put your card in the box, in the ladies locker room and inform the women's Handicap Secretary, that you have entered a general play score for Handicapping purposes.

Mark your card General Play, and after your round and registering your score, put your paper card in the box in the Ladies locker room. This includes cards played in other clubs both in Ireland and abroad.

A €5 charge for adults and a €2.50 charge for juniors, per General Play round, for Handicapping purposes played in Muskerry will be deducted from your epurse at the beginning of every month.

## **International General Play / Competition rounds for Handicapping purposes.**

It is a Golf Ireland requirement that a player pre-registers their intention, to return a General Play score for Handicapping purposes both in Ireland and abroad.

Acceptable scoring must be in place on the day and the round must be played, in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Handicapping.

When abroad, it is a player's responsibility to provide satisfactory evidence to their home club Handicap Committee, that pre-registration was initiated correctly, prior to commencing their round.

Evidence may be

- A photo of Local Pro shop registration sheet.
- Texting/email the Home Club Handicap Secretary, prior to commencing your round.
- Prior to departure, informing your Home, Handicap Committee, of the possibility of returning General Play scoring, for Handicap purposes.

Paper score cards must be returned to the home club. They must include.

- Player's name.
- Date.
- What tees were used.
- Number of strokes played per hole.
- Player's signature.
- Marker's signature.

To facilitate the processing of the General Play cards, for Handicapping purpose, the card should also include the following information:

Handicap Index, Course Handicap, Playing Handicap, Slope rating and Course rating.

If your marker is not a Muskerry member, then their Golf Registration Number and Club name

**must** be written on the card. The marker must also be qualified to mark your card.

The format must be Singles only. No team events.

It is not permitted to enter or sign in for a General Play round for Handicapping purposes, after commencing your round.

One General Play round, for Handicapping purposes, per course, per day.

Failure to complete your card correctly, may result in your score not being accepted for Handicapping purposes.

For International players playing in Muskerry Golf Club who wish to play a General Play round for Handicapping purposes, the pre-registration sheet is attached to this notice.

The Handicap Committee reserve the right to amend these guidelines.

**(M) Prize Structure:**

- **Best Gross prize shall** be awarded as 3<sup>rd</sup> in each of the following Stroke competitions & the 3 Majors:

Lady Captain's Prize (Stroke or S/F)	President's Prize (Stroke or S/F)	Captain's Prize to the Ladies (stroke or S/F)	Easter Hamper 1
Peter O Flynn	Tiger Pot	Christmas Hamper	Easter Hamper 2
Roche Cup			

- However, if the Best Gross score is the winner or runner-up in the competition, the lady will be acknowledged for both her achievements in the results and will receive the higher value prize in that competition. Therefore, no other lady will be awarded 'best gross' prize on that day.
- There will be no 'Best Gross' awarded if the competition format is V Par or Stableford except for the 3 Majors.
- There will be no 'Best Gross' awarded if the competition is a team event.
- The results for the 3 major competitions will be published as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> - Winner, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Runner Up, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Best Gross, 4, 5 & Divisions 1, 2, 3, Front 9 winner, Back 9 winner, Senior.
- The results for the following stroke competitions will be Order of Merit with best gross at 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Easter Hamper 1 & 2, Peter O Flynn, Tiger Pot, Roche Cup, Christmas Hamper.
- The number of prizes awarded will be in accordance with the number of entries.
- In other competitions, prizes will be awarded and results will be published in divisions 1-3 or Order of Merit as decided from time to time by the Committee.
- In the absence of competition prizes, the committee will award e-vouchers which will be deposited in the winner's e-purse. Should a member wish to have a paper voucher issued thereafter she must contact the Manager's office to request a paper voucher to be issued from her e-purse.

**(N) Decision of Ties and Tied Matches:**

**Stroke Play:**

- In an 18-hole competition, ties shall be decided by matching cards. The winner is determined by the best score on the last 9, 6, 3, 1. If still a tie, decide on the last 6, 3, 1 of the first 9 holes. If still a tie decide by lot.
- In individual stroke play competitions handicaps are deducted in proportion:  
Last 9 half playing handicap  
Last 6 one third playing handicap  
Last 3 one sixth playing handicap etc
- In shortened competitions, players play off reduced playing handicaps,( e.g.(a) in a 14 hole competition a player will be allocated 7/9ths of their playing handicap, or (b) in a 12 hole competition a player will be allocated 2/3rds of their playing handicap, or (c) in a 9-hole rated course the player is allocated a 9 hole playing handicap per WHS. Calculations to break ties will be as above with the reduced playing handicaps used in these calculations.



- **Match Play:**

Unless the Terms of the match play competition state otherwise on the draw sheet, a match that ends all square should be played off hole by hole until one side wins a hole. The play-off shall start on the hole where the match began. In a handicap match, handicap strokes should be allowed as in the stipulated round.

**(O) Procedure to be adopted if course closure becomes necessary:**

The authority to open /close the course is vested in the Course Superintendent or his representative, The General Manager, and the Club Professional jointly. (as per the current bye-laws)

If play is suspended due to a dangerous situation (eg. lightning) play must be discontinued immediately. The signal for suspending play due to a dangerous situation will be a prolonged note of the siren.

- **Discontinue Play Immediately:** one prolonged note of siren
- **Discontinue Play:** three consecutive notes of siren, repeated
- **Resume Play:** two short notes of siren, repeated.

There are two sirens, one located in the Pro Shop and one behind the bar.

**(P) Closing of Competitions**

In all competitions, players are responsible for ensuring that they **promptly** enter their scores in the Club competition system after completing their round. Competitions will close and entry of score cards must be completed on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday within 30 minutes after the final group has completed the last hole during the winter months (November - March) and during the summer months (April - October).

**Ensure that your physical scorecard is correctly signed by player and attestor (marker) and your physical scorecard is returned to card box in Ladies locker room as soon as score is entered on computer**

**All scorecards for acceptable and non-acceptable competitions must be returned.** An NR (No return) is not acceptable by Golf Ireland.

If a member does not complete the scorecard at the end of the round & does not enter the result, any fine that Golf Ireland may impose on the club will be passed onto the member. Please refer to WHS guidelines (available on Club Hub) – ‘Automated penalty score process’

The result of the competition is final when it has been posted on the Clubnet. If an issue arises after publication, a new result will be published in the following circumstances:

- (a) Where disqualification of a prize winner is warranted under Rule of Golf 20.2e
- (b) Where scorecard provided by a prize winner is incorrect, illegible, or not provided at all but does not warrant disqualification, or
- (c) Where an administrative error by committee has occurred.

Competition results will not be amended where players incorrectly enter their scores in the Club Computer System and are not listed as prize winners due to their own error.

### **(Q) Transportation Policy**

- Members may use a buggy in all Club competitions where such use is not specifically excluded by Golf Ireland. Golf Ireland guidelines regarding buggy use must be followed in Championship, Regional, Provincial, or inter-club events. If in doubt seek confirmation from the Ladies Committee.
- Motorized golf buggies may be used for club competitions.
- For Golf Ireland competitions, a medical cert must be approved by Golf Ireland Head Office
- The Green Keeping Staff or designated representative shall have the power to place additional restrictions on buggy use to protect the course from potential damage or for safety reasons. **Such restrictions may include total prohibition of buggies on a particular day.**

### **(R) Anti-Doping**

- All Players are subject to the provisions of the IGF's (international Golf Federation) Anti-Doping policy. Details of the policy can be accessed thru the R & A website. Players who are taking medication and are in doubt of their clinical status should seek advice from the R & A or the IGF knowing that, should a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) be required this must be submitted to the IGF not later than 30 days before the start of the competition.

### **(S) Hot Weather Guidelines**

- Please take all reasonable precautions when playing in hot weather ie. hydration, use of sun hat, use of umbrella, use of high SPF of 30+ sunscreen and suitable clothing.
- Bring sufficient fluids on the course with you and drink fluid at regular intervals to replace water lost through sweating.
- Heat stroke is potentially life-threatening. Any indication of this condition should be immediately referred for medical assessment.
- For detailed Hot Weather Guidelines please refer to the HSE website.
- The committee reserves the right to cancel a competition in case of extreme temperatures.

### **(T) General Terms:**

The Competitions Committee reserves the right to:

- Refuse any entry
- Correct any mistakes made in the checking of scorecards
- Alter the type of Competition or the 'Terms of Competition' in advance of the start of the Competition, if it is deemed necessary, and provided it is advised in advance to those competing.
- Cancel or change the terms of competition due to insufficient entries, to postpone or to abandon it, or to suspend it for a period, at any stage, due to exceptional circumstances, in the event of the likelihood of play resuming, if it so decides.
- Competition results will be posted on Clubnet app.

**Ladies Committee, February 2024**

