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GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR COMPETITIONS

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1 GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

1.1 INTRODUCTION

These General Rules and Procedures apply to all competitions administered by the Men's and Ladies' Sections. They have been compiled by the Captain's Committee to ensure consistency from one season to the next. The first edition of these guidelines was published in January 2002 after being approved by the Board of Management and have been subsequently amended and approved by the Board of Management in 2004 and 2006. This edition supersedes all previous versions.

1.2 COMPETITION MANAGEMENT AND DISPUTES

All RMGC competitions, administered by the Men's and Ladies' Sections, are governed by the respective RMGC Open and Knockout Competition Rules. The running of these competitions will be in the hands of the Men's and Ladies' Competition Committees operating under the rules of the R&A and the Local Rules of the RMGC. Any query or dispute should be referred to the respective Competition Committee and the decision of the Competition Committee shall be final on the day unless a referee has been appointed for a particular Competition by the Competition Committee in which case the referee's decision is final on the day as per Rule 34.

1.3 ENTRY TO COMPETITIONS

Where a knockout competition is over-subscribed then places will be decided on a first come first paid basis. The appropriate fee must accompany all entries and the time of entry is determined at the time of payment of the fee. Failure to pay by the due time stated will result in the elimination of the entry.

Certain competitions carry a maximum or minimum handicap limit. When such a handicap limit is set then this refers to the handicap at the date of closing of entry of the competition. If the handicap moves outside the limits between this closing date and the playing of the competition, the player will still be allowed to participate. However, if there is a minimum limit and the player's handicap falls below this limit then the player must play to his new handicap. If there is a maximum limit, and the player's handicap increases above this limit, then the player must play to the competition's maximum handicap limit.

1.4 HANDICAPS

The Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU) Unified Handicapping System is applied for the Men's and Ladies' sections through the RMGC Club 2000 Handicap Computer System for all handicap allocation and amendment purposes. Competitors' attention is drawn to the following points:

- a) **Qualifying Rounds** – Only such rounds count for normal handicap revision purposes. These must be played under Stroke Play conditions -- which mean they must either be Medal, Stableford or Par competitions played off full handicap allowances.

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- b) **Handicap Revision** – Reductions take place immediately after a qualifying round. Increases apply after results are posted either on board, on the web site or after consultation with the Handicaps Secretary. Score returns from non-qualifying individual Stroke Play rounds will be considered towards validating a member's handicap or for a downward revision in handicap. Furthermore a player's handicap may be reduced under general play at the discretion of the Handicaps Committee given due reason which would deem such a reduction appropriate. During a competition over more than one day, the player's handicap at the start of the competition will apply to all rounds of the competition.
- c) **Number of Qualifying Rounds** – The Handicapping Scheme can only work effectively if players make sufficient returns. The Committee considers that a minimum of four (4) returns at the RMGC is required during the course of a season (Sept – August) to give a reasonable assessment of handicap and this is a condition of entry to all competitions. Returns from other courses are valid for normal handicapping purposes only. Supplementary scores submitted under CONGU rule 21 are valid for handicapping purposes. Failure to submit sufficient returns during a season will result in the member's handicap being 'Lapsed' under CONGU rule 25.
- d) **Annual Review** - Under CONGU Rule 23 the Handicap Committee will conduct an Annual Review to adjust as necessary the Handicaps of all Members to ensure that as far as is practicable they reflect current playing ability. In exceptional circumstances the Handicap Committee may adjust the handicap of a player between Annual Reviews if there is compelling evidence that their handicap does not reflect current playing ability.
- e) **Home Club** - Under the CONGU handicapping system players are allowed only one handicap that shall be maintained by their home club. Where the RMGC is not a player's home club an up to date handicap certificate must be produced prior to participating in a RMGC competition and the player must report all qualifying scores to their home club for handicap processing.
- f) **Junior Handicaps** – The Junior Academy has adopted the CONGU recommended procedures for allotting and adjusting handicaps for juniors as laid out in Appendix J of the CONGU Unified Handicapping System.
- g) **Club Handicaps** - To increase the pleasure for inexpert golfers, in particular beginners, RMGC has adopted a Club Handicap System. Club Handicaps are handicaps that lie outside of the limits set by CONGU (28 for men, 36 for Ladies). Members with Club Handicaps cannot be issued with a CONGU handicap certificate and are only eligible to play in RMGC competitions where the competition conditions specifically permit. Club Handicaps are decreased in whole numbers such that if a player returns a score of 37 Stableford points or more, his Club Handicap is reduced by one shot per Stableford point in excess of 36. Once a Club Handicap is reduced to the CONGU limit the player will be awarded a CONGU handicap.

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1.5 SCORING

Under Stroke Play conditions each competitor is obliged to ensure the following is recorded on his scorecard before returning it.

- a) **Gross Scores** – must be correctly and legibly recorded for each hole.
- b) **Handicap** – the player's current playing handicap must be correctly recorded on the scorecard preferably in the handicap box provided.
- c) **Signatures** – the player's signature and his marker's signature must be recorded in the provided space.

Failure to record any of these will result in (mandatory) disqualification with two exceptions. If the player records a lower handicap or a higher gross score than actual, he will not be disqualified but will be deemed to have played off that lower handicap or scored the higher gross score.

After completion of the round, the competitor must return their scorecard to the Competition Committee as soon as possible. If the ballot box is in use the act of depositing the card in the box is the point of return. If the cards are being recorded at the scoring table then the competitor is entitled to remain at the table until the card has been checked and accepted. If the competitor leaves the table the card is considered returned.

1.6 STARTING

Flights shall start from the designated tees. Players shall start at the designated time. As a local rule, a player arriving up to five minutes late will be penalised 2 strokes in stroke play or loss of first hole in match play. If the player arrives over 5 minutes late, disqualification is mandatory – Rule 6-3. Players should tee off according to the draw as printed on the respective draw sheet. Play will be from the white tees unless otherwise stated.

1.7 RULES DECISIONS

The following procedures apply in the event of any doubt as to the rules (Rule 34):

- a) **Match Play** – in the absence of an appointed referee, players must decide before playing off the next tee. If unable to do so, the player who believes his opponent has infringed the rules must lodge a claim with him before playing off the next tee. Players are then to proceed with their match keeping two scores. At the end of the match, the claim must be referred to the Competitions Committee with the player specifying the infringement of the rules that has taken place. This must be done at the earliest opportunity and before the result is posted. The Committee will give a prompt decision.

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- b) **Stroke Play** – a second ball should be played (without penalty) and two scores retained until the card is handed into the Competitions Committee, with an explanation of the facts, for a decision – see rule 30-3.

1.8 PRACTISING

On the day of any Stroke Play competition, the practice facilities of the practice area and putting green may be used. Practising on the course is not permitted Rule 7-1b applies.

1.9 ENTRANCE FEE

The fees for specific competitions are laid out in 2.6 and must be paid in advance of participation in a competition.

The distribution of the competition proceeds is laid out in the policy document 'Management of RMGC Competition Funds'. Approximately 50% goes in prizes and trophies, 30% is distributed via the ball sweep, 10% to the Junior Academy and 10% for contingency.

Some competitions offer the opportunity to organise free food and/or drinks for the playing members through the competitions' account. Examples are Captain vs Vice- Captain; Malta vs The Rest, etc. As no prizes are due to the members on these particular competitions, the competition's entrance fee is put back to members by way of entertainment.

1.10 DRAWS

Most competitions are drawn using a computer about two days before the competition. The type of draw for each competition is given in the competition calendar. The draw will be one of the following types:

Matched ~ Flights and/or teams will generally be of players of the same handicap.

Balanced ~ Flights and/or teams are made up such that each group is of roughly equal ability overall, this will generally mean a mixture of low, medium and high handicappers playing in each group such that the total handicap of the groups is roughly the same.

Seeded ~ Flights will be made up according to a seeding, usually by handicap.

Random ~ Flights are selected at random by the computer.

Medal competitions should be in Flights of three and if there is a prize for each Division then the draw should be 'Seeded'. Should the Medal or Stroke-play competition be part of a larger competition such as the Wedgwood or Tommy Hilfiger then the draw should be 'Random'.

1.11 ALTERNATIVE DAY

For some competitions to facilitate extra players or those that may be unable to play for work related reasons, additional tee times may be allocated on an alternative day. See 5.12 and 6.5.1.

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2 COMPETITION RULES

2.1 GENERAL

- 1) All competitions are subject to the *Rules of Golf* and the *Rules of Amateur Status* as issued by the Rules of Golf Committee – R&A Rules Limited – and the Local Rules drawn by the RMGC and posted in the clubhouse. Infringement of these rules shall incur the appropriate penalty.
- 2) In all matters relating to the application of handicaps, the RMGC shall be guided by those rules as published and administered by the Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU). Details of these can be obtained via the Handicaps Secretary.
- 3) All fully paid-up members are eligible to play in RMGC competitions, subject to the membership category restrictions imposed by the Constitution and any specific competition conditions laid down by the Competition Committee.
- 4) In order to be eligible to enter and play in RMGC competitions, including scratch, a member must be in possession of a current non-lapsed RMGC handicap. A member, who is not in possession of a current non-lapsed RMGC handicap, may play as a marker on competition days for the purpose of submitting cards for handicapping considerations. In such cases the relative competition fee will be payable. A lapsed member is entitled to win a competition with his fourth qualifying card.
- 5) Members' guests in possession of a current full handicap will be, space permitting, allowed to play as markers in individual and four-ball competitions consisting of one round. They will similarly be allowed to play in team competitions but their team will not be eligible to win. The relative competition/green fee will be payable.
- 6) The use of golf buggies is banned during major competitions (Rule 33-1). Members, who need to use golf buggies in other competitions, must seek prior approval from the Captain's Committee. The four major competitions organised by the Men's Section are considered to be the following: the Championship; the Scratch Challenge; the Wedgwood and the Handicap Challenge. The major competitions organised by the Ladies' Section are: the Championship; the Moya Hann and the Medal Handicap Cup.
- 7) The use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited during any competition (Rule 33-1). Penalty for breach of rule: Players will be suspended from competitions for a minimum of 2 weeks. Persistent use will result in disqualification. In knockout competitions, players may use their mobile telephone to call (a member of) the Committee for advice on a point of dispute. In stroke play competitions, players are recommended to adopt the process as underlined in Rule 3.3(a) - Doubt to Procedure.
- 8) The use of a distance-measuring device is not allowed during any competition.
- 9) By submitting an entry for any RMGC administered competition, the contestant

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understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the RMGC. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the RMGC Competitions Committee at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the RMGC or the "Spirit of the Game" is grounds for such removal and/or suspension from future RMGC administered competitions. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- Wilful damage of the golf course or golf course property
- Club throwing or unnecessary club tossing
- Offensive or unbecoming language
- Verbal abuse of RMGC staff, officials, volunteers, or other contestants
- Potential endangerment of others
- Conduct deemed unbecoming

2.2 OPEN COMPETITIONS

- 1) A player must enter his name and handicap on the provided start sheet by the posted closing date. Late entries will only be accepted (a) to replace players who cancel and (b) to fill vacant slots in flights that are short of one or more players.
- 2) In stroke play competitions players shall play with partners or fellow competitors at the starting time allocated by the Competition Secretary. Wherever possible consideration will be given to early/late preferences although in certain circumstances this may not be practical or feasible.
- 3) Once the draw for the competition has been made, all entrants are obliged to pay the entrance fee even if they subsequently decide to withdraw from the competition.
- 4) Players have until mid-day the day before their tee time to ask for reinstatement or to withdraw from the competition. After these time limits the player is duty bound to be at his tee at the appointed time. If the player fails to show up then he will be suspended for two consecutive competitions (three if he fails to turn up for a team event). The suspension will start from the second subsequent competition.
- 5) If the player is unable to play because of exceptional circumstances, he is still duty bound to make his way to the Club, pay his Competition Fee and then withdraw from the competition. Unless there is a genuine circumstance that prevents the player from complying with the above, the suspension procedure will have to be applied.
- 6) It is up to the "no-show" player to approach the Competitions Secretary with a valid reason within Forty Eight Hours of the closing of the missed competition. The Competition Committee will then decide as to whether the circumstances were genuine and exceptional in which case the suspension procedure will not be enforced.
- 7) In accordance to the Note under the R&A Rule of Golf 6-3: If a player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule

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33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is *loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play* instead of disqualification.

- 8) Players taking part in official club competitions will have priority on the course. The Competitions Committee reserves the right to close the course to all non-competitors on competition days.
- 9) Match play must start on the first hole.
- 10) In *match play*, if matches are all-square on reaching the end of the stipulated round:
 - a. Players shall proceed directly from the 18th hole to the 19th and play-off shall be an extension of the stipulated round;
 - b. Strokes shall be taken as in the stipulated round;
 - c. If the onset of darkness should make this impossible the match shall be continued as soon as possible from the exact spot at which it was discontinued. Play should recommence as though it had never been interrupted;
 - d. Play shall continue until one of the players wins a hole.
- 11) In *stroke play*, where a handicap allowance is applicable, in the event of a tie, the result shall be decided on the best score of the last nine holes on the card (regardless of the starting hole), then on the last six holes, then on the last three holes, and then on the last hole. Handicap, when applicable, shall be calculated as follows: 1/2 over 9 holes, 1/3 over 6 holes, 1/6 over 3 holes and 1/18 on the last hole. The application of handicap in this respect will include any fraction of a stroke. In the event of the round still being tied, the result will be decided on the best score of the first nine holes on the card (again, regardless of starting hole), then on the first six holes, then on the first three holes and finally on the first hole. Again, the application of handicap, when applicable, shall be calculated as follows: 1/2 over 9 holes, 1/3 over 6 holes, 1/6 over 3 holes, 1/18 on the first hole, again to include any fraction of a stroke. In the event of the round still being tied, and in rounds where one competitor must go through to the next round, the result will be decided by the spin of a coin. In all other cases joint winners will be declared.
- 12) In a *stroke play* competition, *played over two or more days* and where a handicap allowance is applicable, in the event of a tie, the result shall be decided on the best score of the last day. In the event of the round still being tied the procedure under 2.2.11 will come into effect.
- 13) In scratch competitions, in the event of a tie, the result shall be decided by a play-off over three holes. In the event that this does not resolve the tie a sudden death play-off hole is played until one player leads by a stroke. The Competitions Committee shall decide the play-off holes (the established holes are 1, 14 and 18 in the absence of any prior decision from the Competition Committee).

2.3 KNOCKOUT COMPETITION RULES

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- 1) In knock-out competitions the Committee shall require a particular round to be played by/on a particular date. Failure to honour such fixtures shall constitute the grant of a walkover to the opponent. In all other cases it is the player's or the partnership's responsibility to arrange mutual times and dates to play the tie. This arrangement should be reached no more than 14 days after the play by date of the previous round.
- 2) In knock-out competitions it is the custom that top player(s) on the competition sheet fix the challenge on a date within the dates specified by the Committee. Competitors are urged to insert their telephone number on the competition sheet to make this arrangement effective. If no agreement can be reached within the 14 days after the play by date of the previous round then the top player(s) will forward three option dates one of which must be a Sunday and one of which must be a Weekday. Furthermore a "Knockout Challenge Book" is kept at the Reception. This book is in addition to the normal verbal arrangements in that it may help those who have been unable to make contact or arrive at a mutually satisfactory arrangement with their opponents. If agreement cannot be reached reference must be made to the Competition Secretary at least 7 days before the concluding date of the round otherwise both sides will be disqualified.
- 3) Competitors must conform to play by dates as decided by the committee – otherwise they will be automatically eliminated from the competition. Extensions may only be decided upon by the full RMGC Captain's committee and only in extraordinary circumstances, such as part closure of the course due to bad weather. No individual requests may be considered.
- 4) In match play the result shall be notified by entering of the name(s) of the winner(s) on the appropriate competition sheet in the clubhouse.
- 5) In competitions where members are invited to enter as partners any member unable to find a partner may enter his name on the competition sheet. The committee will do its best to find a partner for the competitor.
- 6) In order to qualify for entrance to all knock-out competitions, members must hold a current non-lapsed RMGC handicap. Club Handicaps are not eligible for Knockout competitions unless the competition conditions expressly permit..
- 7) All finals should, wherever possible, appoint a referee. The semi-finals and final of the Creasy Cup knockout competition must be refereed
- 8) In the event of a partner falling ill or being unable to play in a doubles competition, a substitute can be entered only before the partners play their first round of the competition.
- 9) Creasy Cup bidders must settle their dues before the play-by date of the first round of this knockout competition. Failure to honour such a commitment will mean that the

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bidder has to be considered as a defaulter and until such time that the dues are paid the member may not use the club facilities or the golf course.

2.4 INCLEMENT WEATHER RULES

The following guidelines have been drawn up by the Captains' Committee to clarify the procedures for halting play in competitions when there is bad weather.

Suspension of Play

The criteria set out below indicate when the Course Marshall (or representative) activates the warning siren REQUIRING players to suspend play, pending a decision being taken by the relevant competitions committee to resume play. Players must follow all proper procedures with regard to marking ball on course as per Rule 6-8.

Guidelines for Course Marshall to act to suspend play. If no Course Marshall is present then the most senior committee member playing will act to suspend play by phoning reception. Seniority is deemed to be Captain, Vice Captain, Competition Secretary, Handicap Secretary, Secretary, followed by any nominated member.

Automatic Siren Trigger - no consultation with players required

- 1) Course unplayable
- 2) Thunder/lightning in the vicinity - allowing sufficient time for players to take shelter
- 3) Any potential danger to players – likely to be very abnormal situation but for example fireworks danger, public demonstration or similar.

If any of the following extreme weather conditions are observed then the senior committee member playing will, in consultation with the Course Marshall if present, take the decision, on the course, to suspend play. **Course Marshall or reception then triggers siren to suspend play.**

1. RAIN - defined as Continuous Heavy* see weather definitions below
2. WIND - defined as Sustained Force 7* or greater
3. HAIL - defined as Prolonged and a Covering on the ground
4. HEAT - defined as 38 degrees Celsius + greater than 80% humidity for 3 hours or more

Definitions

RAIN - Continuous - means precipitation which does not cease or only briefly, heavy - means rain falls in sheets, forming misty spray over hard surfaces, may cause roaring noise on roof

WIND - FORCE 7 is defined as Near Gale, wind speeds of 39 - 46mph, whole trees are in motion and inconvenience felt when walking against wind.

HEAT - 38C and humidity 80% + for 3 hours or more. Would likely not apply if starting to play a round at 4pm but could apply if starting at 10 am.

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Reminder to all Players - Suspend does NOT mean abandon or cancel.

Players must mark their ball and stop for at least 20 minutes while the proper procedure of the Committee taking a considered decision is applied as to whether play is resumed or not.

- * The Competitions Committee is empowered to order resumption of play (Rule 6-8b). Penalty for breach of rule 6-8b: Disqualification.
- * The following procedure will apply before a competition can be deemed cancelled:
 - Three committee members will convene during the suspension of play to decide whether the competition is to be cancelled or continued;
 - The decision will be based on the R&A guidelines in that “generally a round should be cancelled only in a case where it would be grossly unfair not to cancel it and/or if continuance of play would cause irreparable damage to the golf course”;
 - The convened committee must consist of the following members: Captain and/or Vice-Captain and/or Competitions Secretary and/or Handicaps Secretary and/or Greens Consultant and/or Rules Referee and/or representatives appointed by the Captain for the day.

2.5 PACE OF PLAY

Rule 6-7 governs in the event of slow play. It provides that “the player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee”. The penalty for a breach of Rule 6-7 is loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play, and for a repeated offence – disqualification.

However, Note 2 under Rule 6-7 states: “For the purpose of preventing slow play, the Committee may, in the conditions of a competition (Rule 33-1), lay down pace of play guidelines including maximum periods of time allowed to complete a stipulated round”.

The Committee has decided that a THREE-ball group will be allowed a maximum of 4 hours and 15 minutes whilst a FOUR-ball group will be allowed a maximum of 4 hours and 30 minutes to complete a round of golf.

Once Pace of Play is implemented, any group handing in scorecards with a time longer than that allotted above will be penalised as follows:

	<i>MEDAL</i>	<i>STABLEFORD</i>
+ 10 minutes	+ 1 stroke	- 1 point
+ 20 minutes	+ 2 strokes	- 2 points
+ 30 minutes	disqualification	disqualification

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Any group(s) coming in late because of slow play of a preceding group will be allowed the necessary time to make up that lost because of the slow playing group in front.

2.6 COMPETITIONS' FEES

Competition Fees may be amended from time to time by the Captain's Committee.

2.6.1 COMPETITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE MEN'S SECTION

The Standard Competition Fee is € 5 per person. This includes € 1.40 for the ball sweep and € 0.36 donation to the RMGC Junior Section.

Non-standard competition fees are as follows, no ball sweep unless stated:

MAJOR COMPETITIONS

RMGC Championship	€ 12.50
Wedgwood Trophy	€ 7.50
Scratch Challenge	€ 7.50
Handicap Challenge	€ 7.50
Captain's League (separate ball sweep on the day)	€24.50

OTHER INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

Hangover Cup	paid with dinner
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KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

R&A Trophy	€ 5
Creasy Cup	€ 25
Glover Trophy	per player: € 5
RMGC Foursomes Cup	per player: € 5

KNOCKOUT MIXED COMPETITIONS

Mixed 4BBB	per player: € 5
Rundle Rosebowl	per player: € 5

OTHER MIXED COMPETITIONS

MGA Shield (Emirates)	€ 15
Homes of Quality	€7.50
Inspire Trophy	€ 12.50 for charity
Alex Mangion memorial Shield	minimum € 8.00 for charity

2.6.2 COMPETITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE LADIES' SECTION

The Standard Competition Fee is € 5 per person. This includes € 1.00 for the ball sweep and € 0.40 donation to the RMGC Junior Section.

MAJOR COMPETITIONS

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Nokia Championship	€ 8
Nokia Moya Hann	€8
Medal Handicap Cup	€5 per round

All Knockout competitions are €5 per player

Fenston Cup is €21 per player with a separate ball sweep fee on the day.

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3 COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Men's and Ladies' Competition Committees are composed of members nominated by the respective Captains' Committees. The respective Competition Secretary chairs the committees and members are not necessarily members of the Captains' Committees.

The duties of the Competition Committees are:

- To liaise with the Club Captain on all relevant and important matters regarding Competitions and to inform the Club Captain with all such matters immediately a decision is taken and, where possible, before such a decision is implemented.
- To establish a framework for the competition season bearing in mind the fixed dates for course maintenance and those months that are typically frequented by visitors.
- To establish by end-July the calendar for the golf season September – June.
- To establish by end-May the calendar for the summer months July and August.
- To organise the start sheets and draw sheets for all the competitions.
- To work to a checklist to ensure the proper running of each competition.
- To decide on the application of the RMGC Competition Rules and the Rules of Golf as issued by the R&A as they relate to situations arising in Competitions.
- To liaise with the Handicaps' Committee, the Juniors' Section and the Ladies' Section on relative matters concerning each.
- To keep the Trophies Boards in the Club House up to date.
- To keep the Trophies and their engravings up to date.
- To send competition articles to the main daily newspapers.
- To liaise with the Social Committee regarding the organisation of the annual Presentation Dinners.
- To organise the trophies and prizes to be presented during the Presentation Dinners.
- To liaise with the Secretary regarding Sponsorship.
- To liaise with the Head Green Keeper to ensure proper course markings in advance of major competitions.

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4 HANDICAP COMMITTEE

The Men's and Ladies' Handicap Committees are composed of members nominated by the respective Captains' Committees. The respective Handicap Secretary chairs the committees and members are not necessarily members of the Captains' Committees.

The duties of the Handicap Committees are:

- Allot and maintain members' handicaps.
- Process all scores for each Qualifying Competition via the Club 2000 Computer System which ensures that handicaps comply with CONGU UHS.
- Process 'Away' qualifying cards and Supplementary scores where applicable.
- Display in a prominent position the current handicaps of all members.
- Perform the Annual review of members' handicaps prior to each new season.
- Monitor members' handicaps to enable CONGU UHS Clause 23 adjustments where necessary.
- Liaise with the Junior Academy to ensure juniors who have reached the required standard are entered and thereby controlled by the CONGU UHS.
- Administer the Club Handicap system for inexpert golfers who should be brought under the CONGU UHS as soon as they attain a suitable standard.

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5 COMPETITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE MEN'S SECTION

There follows a description of all the competitions administered by the Men's Competition Committee. With the exception of the majors the exact format of the competitions and/or the number of prizes are subject to change by the Competitions Committee from time to time to balance the competition calendar. Not all of the competitions listed will necessarily be played each season.

5.1 CAPTAINS' COMPETITIONS

5.1.1 CAPTAIN'S DAY

This is usually the first competition that opens the golf season and the exact format of which will be decided annually by the Club Captain. This event is traditionally one of the highlights of the Captain's year and the active support of all members is sought for, both for golf during the day and the day's/evening's festivities (when held). Volunteers from the Ladies section usually compliment the Gent's day play as ball spotters; etc.

- Prizes are distributed according to the format of the competition but are usually for the winner, the runner-up plus any special prizes according to the wishes of the prevailing Club Captain. The competition fee is traditionally forwarded to the Captain's preferred charity or institution.
- Customary side competitions for this day are longest drive; putting on the 9-hole practice putting green; nearest the pin from long putt; nearest the pin from tee; nearest the pin from bunker; etc.
- The Captain at his discretion may provide refreshments.

5.1.2 LADY CAPTAIN vs CAPTAIN (The Anne Panton Trophy)

Usually played on one of the public holidays in September; this is a team match play competition with mixed teams chosen by the Captain and the Lady Captain.

- 18 Hole 4BBB match play with one point for winning a hole and $\frac{1}{2}$ point for halving a hole plus an additional one point for winning match or $\frac{1}{2}$ point for halving the match.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Handicap Difference off Back Marker.
- Teams Selection Process:
- The Captain and the Vice-Captain play for the Captain's Team whilst the Lady Captain and the Lady Vice-Captain play for the Lady Captain's Team by default. Captain A then selects his/her first player for the side. This could be either a male or female player. Captain B then selects his/her first player for the side. The gender must be the same as the previous player selected. Captain B then selects his/her second player for the side but the gender of the second player cannot be the same as the first player. And so on until the list of players wishing to play in the Competition is exhausted. The players are then paired and each pair numbered. The teams play against each other according to the respective numbers i.e. team numbered 1 by the Lady Captain will play against team numbered 1 by the Captain.

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- It is recommended that the Captains will apply a dress code e.g. Captain's players to play in a blue shirt; Lady Captain's players to play in a white shirt.
- Charged for food is normally provided
- A nominal prize is usually given to the players of the winning team.

5.1.3 CAPTAIN vs VICE-CAPTAIN

Played as early as possible in the season this is a team match play competition with teams chosen by the Captain and the Vice Captain.

- 4BBB match play – except for the Captain and Vice-Captain who play a head to head match – with one point for winning the match and ½ point for halving the match.
- ¾ Handicap Difference off Back Marker (full handicap difference for the Captains).

Teams Selection Process:

- The Captain selects his first player for the side. The Vice-Captain then selects two players for his side. The Captain then chooses another two players for his side and so on until the list of players wishing to play in the Competition is exhausted. The players are then paired and each pair numbered. The teams play against each other according to the respective numbers i.e. team numbered 1 by the Captain will play against team numbered 1 by the Vice-Captain.
- It is recommended that the Captains will apply a dress code e.g. Captain's players to play in a blue shirt; Vice-Captain's players to play in a white shirt.
- The captain of the losing team presents the competition's trophy to the captain of the winning team. There are no further prizes associated with this competition although refreshments are laid on for the playing members.

5.2 MONTHLY (MEN'S) COMPETITIONS

5.2.1 MONTHLY MEDAL

Played, whenever possible on the first Saturday of each month with full handicap allowance.

Winner and Runner-up prizes will be awarded in the following divisions:

Division One Handicaps up to 12

Division Two Handicaps 13 – 18

Division Three Handicaps 19 – 28

Order of Merit points are awarded on the overall scores ignoring divisions

The Monthly Medal will be played on a Saturday with all participants going off the 1st tee. Members will have an opportunity to select an approximate tee time, subject to availability. Players will play in their division wherever possible.

5.3 TEAM (MEN'S) COMPETITIONS

5.3.1 CAPTAINS' LEAGUE

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Format Team Stableford with full handicap over seven rounds.

Description This is a league competition consisting of seven teams. The teams' captains are the current Club Captain together with the immediate past six Club Captains. The players are selected by the seven Captains from a list containing the names of the players who would have put down their name on the start sheet for the Competition.

Should the number of players be abundant it might be necessary to call in additional ex-captain(s) to form extra team(s). It is suggested that a team should consist of 12-14 players maximum. If teams are made up of more players the League will lose its competitive edge.

Selection Process The Captains' names are drawn to determine the sequence of the selection process. The first Captain drawn will pick his first selection for his team. The second Captain drawn will then pick his first selection for his team and so on until all Captains would have picked a player each. The Captain who chose first in the first round will become the last to choose in the second round. The second drawn Captain will then have first choice to select the second player for his team and so on until all players are chosen. Should the number of players not be exactly divisible by the number of Captains then some teams will have one more player than others. This is acceptable and will not automatically entitle the team(s) with the lesser number of players to new entrants.

New Entrants Players may not automatically join the League once the Captains' Selection has been made. Such players must first inform the Competitions Secretary of their interest to join the League. The Competitions Secretary will in turn inform all the Captains. There must be consensus by all the Captains to allow such a player(s) to join the League. The Captains' decision is final.

If approval is forthcoming from all the Captains, such new entrants will join the League after they pay the full entrance fee irrespective of the number of rounds remaining to be played. The team that they will join will be decided by a draw among those teams with the lesser number of players.

Entrance Fee The entrance fee for the Competition must be paid in advance of the draw. If any round is cancelled, and not reinstated later in the calendar, then the entrance fee for that round(s) would be refunded at the end of the season.

Non League players will be not be allowed to play on the Saturdays reserved for Captain Leagues' rounds, if they wish to play they are obliged to pay the full entrance fee and be allocated to a team. The full competition fee is to be paid irrespective of the number of rounds remaining to be played.

Team Scoring At the end of each round the best five Stableford scores from a team's players will count for the team's aggregate score for that round. At the end of the season the team with the best five out of seven aggregate scores will win the League.

In the event of a tie, the best score out of the surplus two rounds will decide. If the deadlock is not resolved then the best remaining score will decide. If the situation remains unsolved then the best last round score followed by the best sixth round score, etc., will determine which team can be declared a winner.

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Individual Best Score Concurrently with the team competition, an individual best score competition is held. The player with the best aggregate score from five out of seven rounds will win this competition.

In the event of a tie, the best score out of the surplus two rounds will decide. If the deadlock is not resolved than the best remaining score will decide. If the situation remains unsolved than the best last round score, followed by the best sixth round score, etc., will determine which player can be declared a winner.

Cancellation Although every effort will be made to have the full complement of seven rounds, force majeure can make this impossible, in such instances if one round is cancelled then the best five out of six scores will count. If two rounds are cancelled then the best four out of five rounds will count. If three rounds are cancelled then all the four scores will count. If more than three rounds are cancelled than the Captains League competition for that year will have to be considered as abandoned.

Draw Traditionally the Club Captain and all ex-Captains are drawn to play off the 1st tee.

Prizes During every round, prizes will be given to:
The Player with the best individual score for the round;
The Player with the second best individual score for the round.

League final prizes will be given to:
The Captain and the Players of the League's Winning Team;
The Captain and the Players of the League's Runner-Up Team;
The Player with the best individual score for the League;
The Player with the second best individual score for the League.

Prize Restrictions Players who do not show up for the majority of the rounds will not be entitled to any prize that their team might be eligible for at the end of the League.

5.3.2 MALTA Vs THE REST

Two teams of 12 players will take part with selection being done on the following basis:

- Only Maltese passport holders can play for the Maltese Team and similarly only non-Maltese passport holders can play for The Rest.
- Ten players for each side will be taken from the top placed players in the Order of Merit table as at the end of the previous season.
- Should one or more of the ten qualifying players for each team become unavailable to represent his side then the next player on the Order of Merit Table will qualify.

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- The Club Captain will be the Captain for Malta or for The Rest according to his nationality.
- Should the Club Captain not be one of the top ten qualifying players in the Order of Merit, then (unless he opts to be a non-playing Captain) he may play for his side by utilizing one *wild card*. A wild card must be member of the Royal Malta Golf Club and hold a current handicap.
- The Captain for the other side will be chosen by a vote amongst the ten qualifying players of the side. The Captain may be a non-playing Captain chosen from outside the qualifying ten players.
- Each Captain selects two other players by issuing *wild cards*.
- A team Captain may exercise the option to remove a qualifying player from his team should the player not commit himself to the competition, or be detrimental to the morale of the team.
- Should a player change citizenship over the years he is a member of the RMGC and should he have played for either side before the change of citizenship, then his alliance would remain as to the previous citizenship he held.
- Once the Captains forward their pairings and team sequence of play to the Competitions Secretary, in the event of inclement weather postponing any of the days of the competition, then the said pairings and team sequence of play may not be changed by either Captain unless a player becomes unavailable to play because of health or travel reasons. In such an eventuality the Captains will be afforded the opportunity to replace the player with an equivalent reserve player, i.e. Qualifier with a reserve qualifier, wild card with wild card, but must not otherwise change their pairings and/or team sequence of play. This will also apply if a player becomes injured during the course of the competition and cannot play on subsequent days.
- According to the Note under Rule 8 of the rules of golf, the team Captain may give advice to members of his team.

DAY ONE: Teams of two: Foursomes match play – ½ combined handicaps.
Scoring two points for a win; one point for a draw.

DAY TWO: Teams of two: 4BBB match play – ¾ handicap off back marker.
Scoring two points for a win; one point for a draw.

DAY THREE: Singles match play – full handicap difference.
Scoring two points for a win : one point for a draw.

The winning team will be that scoring the most points after three days with the Captain of the losing side falling on the Sword! In the event of a draw the Competitions Secretary will fall on

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the Sword!

Lunch is provided for the teams on the Sunday

5.3.3 MALTA Vs THE REST--SUPPLEMENTARY COMPETITION

Open to players who have not qualified for team selection in the main Malta Vs The Rest Competition

This will be played on Days two and three of the above competition off full handicap

Day 1 will consist of an individual Stableford with the top 24 players qualifying for day two without scores being carried forward to day 2.

Day 2 will consist of an individual Medal; the winner will be the player with the best net medal score

Prizes: Winner and Runner Up

5.4 MAJOR COMPETITIONS

It is recommended that wherever and/or whenever applicable these competitions are played in flights of three. No ball sweep should be considered for these competitions.

As much as possible, players should all start from the first tee on the first day. This is a must for the Championship. If the competition is highly subscribed it could be necessary to use another tee, e.g. the 10th, and then swap players' starting tees on the second day.

It is usual that players play on subsequent days according to their score on the previous day(s) with the better score players going off last.

In the Championship and in the Scratch Cup, volunteers from the Ladies' Section usually compliment the Gent's day play as ball spotters; etc.

No lapsed handicappers or members' guests should be allowed to participate in these major competitions.

5.4.1 RMGC CHAMPIONSHIP

- Played over three consecutive days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) the Championship closes the official golf calendar.
- 3-day aggregate medal played off scratch.
- On Day 1 all players will play off the first tee.
- Players will be seeded according to their Division.
- A random draw will be applied for players *within* each Division.
- The best 27 gross scores + ties will qualify to play on Day 2 of the Championship.
- The best 20 gross aggregate scores + ties from Day 1 and 2 will qualify to play on Day 3 of the Championship.
- On Days 2 & 3, the players with the best scores will play off the first tee in reverse order and i.e. the players with the best scores will go out last.

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- The winner of the Championship will be the player with the best *gross* aggregate score over the three days.
- In the event of a tie, the result shall be decided by a play-off over three holes see 2.2.13.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes are given to: Winner and Runner Up.

5.4.2 CENTENARY PLATE

- Those players who fail to make the cut either after Day 1 or Day 2 of The Championship may elect to use their championship scores to join the Centenary Plate on Day 2 *or* Day 3. Players who make the cut for the Championship *cannot* opt to play in the Centenary Plate.
- This will be played as a medal round over three days applying the player's FULL handicap allowance.
- The winner of the Centenary Plate will be the player with the best *nett* aggregate score over the three days.
- In the event of a tie, the procedure under 2.2.12 will come into effect.
- The Centenary Plate is NOT Qualifying for Order of Merit Purposes.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes are given to: Winner and Runner Up.

5.4.3 PHOENICIA SCRATCH CHALLENGE CUP

- Individual aggregate 36-hole medal played off scratch.
- Played over two consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday).
- On Day 1 all players will play off the first tee. Players will be seeded according to their Division.
- A random draw will be applied for players *within* each Division.
- Second day draw, groups of three in descending sequence of score with the worst scores off the 10th tee if necessary to ensure a reasonable finish time.
- Maximum handicap limit: 18.
- Overall competition ties will be decided by the play off/sudden death procedure as laid down in 2.2.13.
- Food is generally provided on the second day.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.4.4 WEDGWOOD TROPHY

- Played over two days on consecutive Saturdays.
- Day 1 is a Stableford round; Day 2 is a medal round.
- The Stableford points are deducted from the net medal scores to arrive to an overall winner and runner up for the competition.
- Maximum full handicap allowance: 18.
- Handicap played on Day 1 is retained for Day 2.

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- Should there be a tie the winner will be decided in accordance with 2.2.12.
- Food is generally provided on day 2
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes are given to:
Winner and runner up day 1.
Winner and runner up Day2.
Overall winner, runner-up and third place.

5.4.5 HANDICAP CHALLENGE CUP

- Individual aggregate 36-hole medal.
- Played over two consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday).
- Maximum full handicap allowance: 18.
- Handicap played on Day 1 is retained for Day 2.
- Should there be a tie the winner will be decided in accordance with 2.2.12.
- Food is generally provided on day 2.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.5 FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS

These are usually played over three days. The Ladies play on the Thursday and the men play on Saturday or the alternative day if available. The leading 72 from both sections qualify to play in the final on the Sunday.

5.5.1 TOMMY HILFIGER

- Day 1 Men's stroke play Medal and Ladies' stroke play Medal.
- Day 2 Mixed stroke play Medal
- The winners are the lowest net medal score over 36 holes
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up for both Men and Ladies.
- Order Of Merit Qualifying.

5.5.2 HOMES OF QUALITY TROPHY

- Individual Stableford – Full handicap. The final score will be the aggregate of the qualifying round and the final round.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Overall winner, Best man, Best Lady.
- Order Of Merit Qualifying.

5.5.3 MGA SHIELD (Emirates)

- Individual Medal Full handicap on Day 1. Individual Medal Full Handicap on Day 2. The final score will be the lowest net aggregate.

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- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Overall Winner and Runner-up; Best and 2nd Best and 3rd Best Men and Ladies.
- Order Of Merit Qualifying

5.6 INDIVIDUAL (MEN'S) COMPETITIONS

5.6.1 ANDREWS' CUP

- Individual Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.6.2 CROSS COUNTRY

Usually played as a summer competition. The sequence of play (from tee to green) is as follows:

17 > 15; 16 > 18; 1 > 13; 2 > 3; 4 > 5; 6 > 7; 11 > 6; 7 > 11; 10 > 8;
9 > 10; 8 > 9; 12 > 2; 5 > 12; 13 > 4; 3 > 14; 18 > 1; 14 > 17; 15 > 16.

- Full handicap allowance.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.6.3 FARSONS STABLEFORD CUP

- Individual Stableford competition.
- Full Handicap
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.6.4 GO TROPHY

- Individual Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.
- Order Of Merit Qualifying

5.6.5 HACKERS' TROPHY

- Played alongside the first day of the Scratch Challenge.
- For Division 3 players only.
- Individual medal competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.

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- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.6.6 HANGOVER CUP (followed by Creasy Draw)

- Individual Stableford competition, open to Creasy Cup Dinner attendees only.
- Played on the Saturday after the Creasy Cup Dinner.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is not available.

5.6.7 HORTON CUP

- Individual medal competition.
- Maximum handicap allowance: 27.4.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner up.
- Order Of Merit Qualifying.

5.6.8 LIVINGWELL TROPHY

- Individual Stableford
- Full handicap
- Sponsors trophy
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.
- Order Of Merit Qualifying

5.6.9 MALTA GARRISON TROPHY

- Individual bogey competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.6.10 McVITIES QEII JUBILEE TROPHY

- Individual Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.6.11 METALLFORM (Royal Norwich Trophy)

- 4 Ball Better Ball Medal.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

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5.6.12 SAN BASTJAN

Played on the Saturday before San Bastjan. San Bastjan day is the third Sunday in July. However as the top half of the course is unplayable (due to fireworks) nine holes are played twice over. The playable nine holes are:

6 > 7; 11 > 6; 7 > 11; 10 > 8; 9 > 10; 8 > 9; 12 > 2; 5 > 12; 13 > 4.

- Full handicap allowance.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.6.13 TURKEY TROT

A fun competition usually played at Christmas with prizes being Turkeys.

- Individual Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- No club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.6.14 VETERANS' CUP

- Played as part of a Monthly Medal. Normally May
- For veterans of 60 years and over.
- Players are allowed an extra stroke towards their handicap for every five years of age beyond 60: 65-69 years allowed 1 extra stroke; 70-74 allowed 2 extra; 75 & over allowed 3 extra and so on.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.7 PARTNERED COMPETITIONS

5.7.1 EMMANUEL CUTAJAR TROPHY

- Four ball better ball – Stableford – choose own partner.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-up teams.

5.7.2 HARRY VARDON TROPHY

- Four ball aggregate medal – drawn partners.
- **Matched draw** to ensure that each team is of equal ability (i.e. low handicappers play together, etc.).
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.

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- Prizes: Winning and Runner-up teams.

5.7.3 ROYAL LYTHAM TROPHY

- Four ball better ball – medal – drawn partners.
- **Balanced draw** to ensure that each team has a fair spread of ability (Handicap of each team adds roughly to the same handicap).
- $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-up teams.

5.7.4 SPRING CHALLENGE TROPHY

- Four ball better ball – Stableford – choose own partner.
- Maximum handicap allowance: 18.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-up teams.

5.7.5 TEXAS SCRAMBLE

- Three/Four Man Texas scramble
- Medal
- 10% combined handicap (when only three in the team the allowance will be 1/8).
- Minimum number of drives for each player – Four for four players, Five for three players
- Shotgun Start
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-up teams.

5.7.6 TWO MAN SCRAMBLE

- Two man Texas scramble
- $\frac{7}{8}$ ths of lower handicap
- Minimum seven drives each player
- Shotgun Start
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-up teams.

5.8 KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

5.8.1 CREASY CUP

The following Rules of the "Creasy" Cup are as intimated by Sir Gerald Creasy on the 19th January 1954. The original rules are available in a framed print in the Putters Inn.

The cup is to be competed for annually in handicap match play according to the Rules of Golf as issued by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrews, and the Local Rules of the Royal Malta Golf Club.

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Players are to play off their full handicap.
Semi-final and final matches are to be refereed.

The following rules are to govern the Calcutta Sweep and Auction.

Sweepstake tickets are to be sold at a cost of € 1.50 each (25 tickets for € 25) within the precincts of the Marsa Sports Club. They may only be sold to members of the RMGC. This sale can start up to 4 weeks ahead of the dinner.

A dinner to be attended by Gentlemen only will be held on a suitable day each year at a suitable venue, the date to be announced by the Competitions Committee. During and after dinner, sweepstake counterfoils and the names of the players are to be drawn one for one and entered in a tally sheet. The player will immediately be auctioned to the highest bidder. This will continue until all the players have been drawn and auctioned. Ticket-holders will receive half the auction price of each player for whom tickets are held. It is recommended that a clear plastic revolving drum is used for the raffle tickets and that one respected individual is co-opted for the evening to make the draw of both the player and the raffle ticket.

The draw for the competition will be made the next day after the Hangover Cup. Only Creasy Cup dinner attendees may play in this competition.

A sheet will be placed in the Golf Clubhouse showing details of the auction and advising all amounts of money due to and from Members.

A player has the option to purchase from the owner a half-share in him but this option MUST be claimed before playing his first game. He will signify his intention by signing the sheet and the financial arrangement is personal between himself and the owner.

Prize money is to be assessed in the following way:

For owner/joint owner of Winner – 50% of half the total auction money

For owner/joint owner of Runner-up – 30% of half the total auction money

For owner/joint owner of each Semi-Finalist – 10% of half the total auction money

Apart from the competition money, the winner and runner-up will be presented with a token trophy commemorating their win. The balance of the competition fund is to be credited to the accounts of the RMGC to assist in furthering the cause of golf in Malta.

Ticket holders and Owners are at liberty to sell their holdings or part of their holdings at any time but the financial implications are a personal matter and debits and credits are to be collected and paid in accordance with the sheet.

5.8.2 GLOVER CUP

- Gents' 4BBB Match play knockout.
- Choose own partner.

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- Maximum Handicap Allowance: 28.
- Played $\frac{3}{4}$ Handicap Difference off back marker.
- A club trophy is available.

5.8.3 R&A TROPHY

- Individual Match play knockout.
- No Handicap limit.
- Full Handicap difference.
- A club trophy is available.

5.8.4 RMGC FOURSOMES CHALLENGE CUP

- Gents' Foursomes Match play knockout.
- Choose own partner.
- Maximum Handicap Allowance: 28.
- Played $\frac{1}{2}$ difference of combined handicaps.
- A club trophy is available.

5.9 MIXED KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

5.9.1 NCR Trophy

- Mixed 4BBB Match play knockout.
- Choose own partner.
- Maximum Handicap Allowance: Ladies 36; Gents 28.
- Played $\frac{3}{4}$ Handicap Difference off back marker.
- A club trophy is available.

5.9.2 RUNDLE GOLF CUP

- Mixed Foursomes Match play knockout.
- Choose own partner.
- Maximum Handicap Allowance: Ladies 36; Gents 28.
- Played $\frac{1}{2}$ difference of combined handicaps.
- A club trophy is available.

5.10 MIXED COMPETITIONS

These competitions are usually played on public holidays.

5.10.1 INSPIRE TROPHY

- Individual Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.

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- Players pay an entrance fee towards INSPIRE.
- Sponsor's Prize to Winner.

5.10.2 HOLLAND & BARRETT (Trust House Forte) Trophy.

- Played on December 8th.
- Played in teams of four players.
- Mixed Shambles Teams of Four.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up Teams.

5.10.3 ALEX MANGION MEMORIAL SHIELD

- Individual mixed Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Players offer € 0.30 per Stableford point towards Sliema Lions (minimum € 8:00).
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.10.4 STARS AND STRIPES TROPHY

- Mixed Greensomes medal competition.
- Teams must be mixed (two females or two males cannot play together).
- Matched draw to ensure that each team is of equal ability (i.e. low handicappers play together, etc.).
- 3/8 handicap of partners.
- Partners must put in a minimum of 6 drives each.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-up Team.

5.10.5 SWISS CUP

- Four ball aggregate Stableford – Choose your own partner.
- Full handicap allowance.
- This is a sponsored competition played in mid-August. The sponsor is Mr Hermann Straub who resides in Switzerland and comes to Malta for his holidays in August. Liaise with Brig. J. Spiteri – friend of Mr Straub.

5.10.6 VICTOR PACE MEMORIAL PLATE

- Individual mixed Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

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5.10.7 DEMAJO GROUP CHALLENGE CUP

- Format to be decided.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-up.

5.11 RUNNING COMPETITIONS

5.11.1 BALL SWEEP

A Ball Sweep is an integral part of most competitions, not Majors. A player or team of players wins the ball sweep by holing out in two strokes on any golf hole. It is a separate event from the main competition where the funds raised for that round's ball sweep competition are used to buy golf balls and the pot of golf balls is divided fairly between all twos holed on the day itself. A two holed on a Par four is an eagle but is treated exactly the same as a two holed on a Par three or an albatross on a Par five.

- 1) All players are automatically entered into the ball sweep when they pay their competition fee, which consists of an entry fee and a ball sweep contribution. It is not possible to opt out.
- 2) The ball sweep can be paid out even if the player is disqualified or submits a nil return card. The score must be recorded on a scorecard to be counted.
- 3) The ball sweep can only be 'paid out' in balls if the main competition is completed on the day and scorecards are collected in and processed. If a Competition is cancelled the balls are not distributed but held in reserve.
- 4) If no twos are scored in any competition round the balls are not distributed but held in reserve.
- 5) A hole-in-one scored in a competition round, whether with a ball sweep or not, receives a maximum of 48 balls. The ball sweep competition is not affected by any hole-in-one scored. A hole-in-one achieved not in a competition does not receive any balls.
- 6) The Competition Committee will hold a reserve of balls to cover the hole-in-ones and any other contingency.
- 7) The golf balls are bought from the Pro-Shop and the exact brand and model will depend on available stocks.

5.11.2 ORDER OF MERIT

- The RMGC computer handicapping software, "CLUB 2000", contains a facility for the definition and automatic allocation of Order-of-Merit points to competition leaders.

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- The first 20 placed competitors in a QUALIFYING competition are allocated points ~ 20 points to the winner, 19 points to the runner-up, then 18, etc. The overall winner gets an additional 5 points.
- Points are allocated on an EQUAL basis to the top twenty finishers in all QUALIFYING competitions during the official golf season. EQUAL points means that tying players all get the same number of points, e.g. 1st, 2nd and 3rd all tied on net 64 in a monthly medal ALL get 20 points, 4th gets 17 points, etc. Scores for best back nine are not taken into consideration for the purposes of the Order-of-Merit.
- In a competition where there is more than one division (as in Monthly Medals) points will be allocated to the overall score ignoring divisions.
- Points will be awarded for overall results for major competitions played over more than one day, e.g. Wedgwood Trophy, The Championship, etc. The number of points awarded will be multiplied by the number of rounds played. i.e. for a two round competition the points will be 40 for best score 38 for second, etc, with 10 additional points for the overall winner. Three round competitions will be 60 points for the winner, 57 for second, etc, with 15 additional points for the overall winner.
- No additional points will be awarded for a qualifying competition played within another qualifying competition (e.g. Veterans' Cup played with Monthly Medal – points will be given for Medal results only).

Order-of-Merit standings are taken into consideration in team selection for the annual Malta vs The Rest match (see 5.3.2).

The OFFICIAL GOLF SEASON starts with the September Monthly Medal and ends with the RMGC Championship in May. The QUALIFYING competitions are all individual stroke play competitions unless otherwise notified.

5.11.3 ECLECTIC

The Eclectic score is the best gross score that a player registers for a particular hole over the whole golf season. Only the qualifying rounds are eligible for Eclectic considerations. The first Eclectic score is thus the Monthly Medal played in September. The gross score for each hole played in this Medal round is thus noted on the Eclectic score sheet. In subsequent rounds only improvements on each hole are recorded. This procedure is continued until the end of the golf season and, that is, until the final day of the Championship.

At the end of the golf season, adding the best scores of each hole forms the results. The winner of the eclectic is the player with the best gross score.

It is possible to also form the net eclectic score at full handicap allowance or at a fraction of the handicap allowance. This should be liaised with the Handicaps Secretary.

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5.12 ALTERNATIVE DAY

For some competitions additional tee times will be made available on an alternative day. Currently this is Friday Morning for most of the Men's Saturday Competitions, excluding the Monthly Medal.

These additional slots are intended to be for those people who cannot play on Saturday Mornings for whatever reason or when the Saturday field is full. This option is constantly under review and will be withdrawn if abused. It may also be withdrawn if tee times are booked for other reasons.

If the alternative day is abandoned due to weather conditions then the main competition day proceeds as normal. If the main day is abandoned due to weather conditions then the whole competition is deemed abandoned regardless of whether the alternative day has taken place.

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6 COMPETITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE LADIES' SECTION

There follows a description of all the competitions administered by the Ladies' Competition Committee. With the exception of the majors the exact format of the competitions and/or the number of prizes are subject to change by the Competition Committee from time to time to balance the competition calendar. Not all of the competitions listed will necessarily be played each season.

Where flights are placed in divisions the current sections are:

Division 1	:	Handicaps	0-22
Division 2	:		23-36
Division 3	:	Club Handicaps	(37+)

6.1 LADIES' SECTION MAJOR COMPETITIONS

6.1.1 THE NOKIA CHAMPIONSHIP CUP - Qualifying

- The format for this competition is Scratch Medal and it is open to all Lady Golf Members in Divisions 1 and 2. It is played over 2 consecutive days the winner being the one with the lowest gross aggregate scores combined over the 2 days.
- At the end of Day 1, 10 of the top scores plus ties* play in Day 2 of the Championship. The rest of the players are entered for the Moya Hann irrespective of handicap and compete in the same way. i.e. the player with the lowest gross aggregate scores over the 2 days wins that competition.
- There is a matched draw on Day 1 and the scores for Day 1 determine the start times on Day 2. Day 1 the lower handicap ladies go out first while Day 2 the ladies with the highest scores go out first.
- In the event of a tie, the result shall be decided in accordance with 2.2.12.
- This competition qualifies for double Order of Merit points on aggregate score awarded on Day 2 (double points for 10 ladies) and is combined with the Moya Hann for Order of Merit purposes.
- *The figure of '10 and ties', applies for the current numbers of lady players but may be reviewed in future years.*

6.1.2 THE NOKIA MOYA HANN TROPHY - Qualifying

- The format for this competition is Scratch Medal played concurrently with the Championship Cup.
- Those who do not qualify for the Championship on Day 1 play in the Moya Hann on Day 2 irrespective of handicap.
- On Day 2 they are matched according to the scores of Day 1, with the highest scorers going out first.
- Order of Merit points on aggregate score awarded Day 2 – see note above
- Club Handicaps not eligible
- Eclectic

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- No Saturday play

6.1.3 MEDAL HANDICAP CUP - Qualifying

- This format for this competition is stroke play medal and is played over 2 days.
- It is played in 2 divisions, Div 1 and, Div 2. Club Handicaps are not eligible
- The draw is random within divisions.
- Prizes are awarded to the Winner and Runner up in each division
- Double Order of Merit points on aggregate score awarded Day 2
- Eclectic
- No Saturday play

6.2 OTHER (LADIES' SECTION) COMPETITIONS

6.2.1 MONTHLY MEDAL - Qualifying

- Usually played on the first competition day of the month. It is played in 2 divisions, Div 1 and Div 2. Club Handicaps may play in a Stableford competition behind the Medal field.
- Prizes are awarded to the Winner & Runner up in the 1st division and to Winner & Runner up in the 2nd division.
- Order of Merit points
- Eclectic
- Previous Saturday play allowed

6.2.2 STABLEFORD COMPETITIONS - Qualifying

- These are normally played in 3 divisions Div 1, Div 2 and Club Handicaps; however, occasionally a general sign up format may be used.
- Prizes are normally awarded in each division but sponsored competitions may require an overall winner and runner up.
- Order of Merit points
- Eclectic
- Previous Saturday play allowed sponsor permitting

6.2.3 THE SPRASS MAYER PLATE – non Qualifying

- Match play format decided by Captains over 18 holes. The Lady Captain and her Vice-Captain draw the teams and notify their players. These two ladies sort their teams into pairs and allocate a start time to each. On the morning of the competition the 2 start sheets are put on the notice board. The element of surprise adds to the occasion. Traditionally, the Captain's team wears blue and the Vice-Captain's team white.
- The players of the winning team (Captain's or Vice-Captain's) are rewarded with a ball.
- The competition is usually followed by a glass of wine supplied by the Captain and Vice Captain.

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6.2.4 LADY CAPTAIN'S DAY - Qualifying

Competition format chosen by Lady Captain. Usually a qualifying competition. Prizes bought by Lady Captain.

6.2.5 EMIRATES SHIELD – Qualifying – organised by the MGA

- Divisions 1 and 2 only
- The Format for this competition is over 2 days with the final round mixed played on Sunday
- The Format is aggregate medal (2 days) full Handicap.
- The draw is random
- Order of Merit points on aggregate score awarded Day 2
- Eclectic
- Ladies 2 entitlement shots added to handicap

6.2.6 GO TROPHY – Qualifying

- Competition sponsored by GO plc
- The format is Stableford with a maximum playing handicap of 36.
- The draw is random in two divisions Div 1 & Div 2.
- Prizes are provided by the sponsor
- Order of Merit
- Eclectic

6.2.7 OLIVER WEBER - Qualifying

- Competition sponsored by Oliver Weber costume jewellery.
- Stableford with prize for Overall Winner and Runner Up. A 3rd prize is drawn.
- Div 1, Div 2 eligible only
- Order of Merit
- Eclectic

6.2.8 TITLEIST - Qualifying

- Competition sponsored by Ray Calleja
- Stableford with prize for Overall Winner
- Div 1, Div 2 eligible only, Club Handicaps play for separate prize
- The draw is random
- Order of Merit
- Eclectic

6.2.9 LIVINGWELL - Qualifying

- Competition sponsored by Livingwell gym
- The format for this competition is Stableford.
- The draw is random Handicaps 0-36. Club Handicaps play for separate prize.

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- Order of Merit
- Eclectic

6.2.10 LADY THORP TROPHY - Qualifying

- Competition sponsored by Lady Thorp (past Lady Captain 1973-74)
- The format is Stableford
- The draw is random Handicaps 0-36, Club Handicaps play for separate prize.
- Three or four prizes are awarded, the number depending on the number of competitors.
- Order of Merit
- Eclectic

6.2.11 THE MARY BARTOLI TROPHY - Qualifying

- The competition is sponsored by Cecil Bartoli in memory of his wife Mary who was a valuable and well loved member of the ladies section until she passed away in 1997.
- The format for this competition is Stableford.
- The draw is random Handicaps 0 - 36. Club Handicaps play for separate prize
- The sponsor gives a prize to the overall winner and runner-up
- Order of Merit
- Eclectic

6.2.12 THE MOLLY HAMILTON ROSE - Qualifying

- The competition is sponsored by BusinessMeetingsMalta.
- The format for this competition is Medal.
- The draw is balanced in 2 divisions. Div 1 and Div 2. Club Handicaps are not eligible to play in this competition but may play separate Stableford behind the medal field.
- Prize for Overall Winner and Runner Up are given at the Club at a prize giving lunch.
- Order of Merit
- Eclectic
- The proceeds for this competition go to a charity selected by the Lady Captain

6.2.13 HAMILTON-HILL TROPHY - non Qualifying

- Sponsored by Andrea Hamilton Hill (Lady Captain 2008-2009)
- Choose your own partner
- Full Handicap allowance (no club hcps)
- Best Aggregate Stableford result per team
- Prize for Winning Pair and Runners Up

6.2.14 PAST LADY CAPTAIN'S COMPETITION - Qualifying

- Competition sponsored by Jenny Scicluna (Lady Captain 2001-2002)
- Past Lady Captains eligible to enter. Current Lady Captain may play but cannot win the competition. Stableford competition followed by lunch for all past Lady Captains.

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6.2.15 HOMES OF QUALITY - Qualifying

- Competition sponsored by Homes of Quality, the Salts
- The format for this 2 Day mixed competition is Stableford.
- The draw is random Div 1 and Div 2. Club Handicaps may enter own Stableford competition on Day 1 subject to course availability
- Best 72 scores from Men's Section and Ladies play on Day 2
- Order of Merit points awarded on Day 2
- Eclectic

6.2.16 BARCLAYS BOGEY - Qualifying

- Competition sponsored by Barclays Wealth
- The format for this competition is Bogey
- The draw is in 3 divisions, Div 1, Div 2 and Club Handicaps
- Prizes are awarded to Overall Winner from Div 1 & 2 and Best Scores in Div 1, 2 and Club Handicaps Section
- Order of Merit
- Eclectic

6.2.17 THE SENIORS' CUP - Qualifying

- This competition is sponsored by Millie Hampson
- Those players over the age of 60 play a Stableford competition and have extra points awarded according to age, 65+ get 1 extra shot, 70+ get 2 extra shots etc to a maximum of 4 shots.
- This is a random draw.
- Two prizes are given.
- The rest (Div 1, 2 and Club Handicaps) play Stableford
- Order of Merit points awarded after combining both sections
- Eclectic

6.2.18 MEDAL WINNERS' SHIELD - Qualifying

- This competition is open only to those who have won a Monthly Medal during the course of the year or the Medal Handicap Cup Winners.
- The draw is random. Play is in 2 divisions Div 1, Div 2
- There is a prize given to the Winner in each division.
- Order of Merit points
- Eclectic

The rest play a Stableford – qualifying and eclectic but no order of merit points awarded.

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6.2.19 BLONDES V BRUNETTES

- Competition introduced by past Lady Captain, Andrea Hamilton Hill in conjunction with Nigel Stibbs, Barclays Wealth who sponsored the competition in the first year.
- The format follows the format of the Solheim Cup. The Blondes are the 'other' nationals and the Brunettes the Maltese. Those with dual nationality should decide which team they are going to play for as in future years they will not be able to defect.
- The teams will be taken from the top of the Order of Merit plus 2 wild cards on each team. (Number of wild cards may be changed in Committee)
- Team Captains will be the Lady Captain and the members of the other team will elect their own captain.
- The format will be Foursomes on Day 1 and 4BBB on Day 2. A Stableford competition will run on Day 2 for those who are not in the match play competitions. The winner of the Stableford will contribute 1 point to their side. The numbers have to be balanced so some 'other' nationalities may be drawn to play for Malta but this does not commit them in future years.
- A prize-giving lunch is held after the competition on Day 2.

6.3 LADIES' SECTION RUNNING COMPETITIONS

6.3.1 THE ECLECTIC COMPETITION

- This is four running competitions that are played over a given number of weeks in the Autumn and in the Spring each year. It is a competition in which each individual plays against the Course and tries to improve her score on each round. The competition is sponsored by BusinessMeetingsMalta.

How it is played:

- The first round coincides with a Medal Round and the score for each hole is noted on the Eclectic Score Sheet.
- In subsequent rounds only improvements on each hole are recorded.
- At the end of the specified period the 18 holes show each player's best efforts.
- The results are formed by adding the best scores on each hole at the end of the competition period.
- Prizes for 18 hole eclectic net (5/8 of handicap) and 18 hole eclectic gross. Winner of net eclectics is awarded the appropriate trophy.

6.3.2 THE HIKAKE PLATE

- The competition is sponsored by Margaret Parnis England (Lady Captain 2004-05)
- The format for this competition is match play foursomes.
- It is a knock out competition played between October and May with a Random draw for the first round.
- Maximum handicap 36, Club Handicaps not eligible to enter
- The handicap allowance is 1/2 difference between the combined handicaps.

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6.3.3 GEORDIE CUP

- The format for this competition is 4BBB match play
- It is a knock out competition played between October and May with a Random draw for the first round.
- Club Handicaps are not eligible to enter
- The handicap allowance is $\frac{3}{4}$ difference from the lowest handicap player.

6.3.4 THE VANSITTART-NEAL CUP

- The format for this competition is Match play singles.
- Competitors play off a maximum handicap allowance of 27 and the allowance is full difference from the lower handicap player.
- The draw is random for the first round and thereafter the competition is knockout.
- This is played between October and May.
- Club Handicaps are not eligible to enter

6.3.5 28+ SINGLES MATCH-PLAY

- The format for this competition is Match play singles
- Only Competitors with a handicap of 28 or more may enter this competition
- The handicap allowance is full difference from the lower handicap player
- The draw is random for the first round and thereafter the competition is knockout
- This is played between October and May
- Club handicaps may enter

6.3.6 THE MOST IMPROVED GOLFER

- This award is sponsored by the Royal Malta Golf Shop
- This award is presented to the player who has made most improvement during the year in terms of percentage reduction in handicap.
- The qualifying players should have handicap of 36 or less and must have played in at least 10 qualifying competitions.

6.3.7 THE PAR COMPETITION

- The competition is sponsored by Maureen Borg (Lady Captain 1990-91)
- This is for members of the Bronze division (23 – 36) and Pars are counted in every qualifying competition during the year. 1st and 2nd prizes are given to the overall winners

6.3.8 THE BIRDIE COMPETITION

- The competition is sponsored by Beverley Hall (Lady Captain 2007-08)
- This is open to both divisions. All the Birdies scored during the season are recorded and a prize given the top scorer in division 1 and division 2.

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6.3.9 ORDER OF MERIT

All ladies' qualifying competitions played in the season from the 1st Monthly Medal in October to the Championship Cup qualify for Order of Merit. There are 10 points allocated to the competition and when a competition is played in 2 Divisions points are allocated according to overall results. Competitions that qualify for Order of Merit are indicated on the fixture list.

6.4 MIXED COMPETITIONS

6.4.1 FENSTON

ENTRANCE

The entrance fee for the competition must be paid before the draw is made.

If any round is cancelled and not reinstated later in the year the entrance fee for that round/s will be refunded at the end of the competition. It is advised that not more than 2 members of the same team may play in the same flight.

No late entries will be allowed after the draws are made, even if teams have an uneven number of players.

Teams will compete against each other by using the best 5 scores of their team. (The number of best scores may be altered for the current year, if necessary, depending on the number of players in each team.)

The Competition is a Stableford league format and will be played once a month weather conditions allowing. (Should there be any cancellation of a round due to bad weather conditions two rounds may have to be played within a month to make up.)

If entrants exceed 90 players, those with a club handicap will be asked to play on Saturdays throughout the competition.

TEAM SCORING

The best 5 scores of each team will count for the Team's aggregate score for that round. Points will be awarded for each placing; eg 6 points for a win, 5 points for second place etc. If any team (or teams) is unable to return 5 scores before the competition results are posted, the result will be considered incomplete and that team/teams will be awarded the statutory 1 point.

In the event of a tie at the end of the whole competition, extra points will be awarded to the teams who are tied for any 1st 2nd and 3rd places in all of the rounds in order to decide the winner. 3pts for 1st, 2 points for 2nd and 1 point for 3rd.

PRIZES

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A prize of €12.00 is awarded to each member of the winning team who played that round. A prize of €12.00 is also awarded to the highest scorer of the day. Only Team members qualify for the top score of prize and the prize draw. At the end of the competition a prize will be awarded for the 2 individual top scorers – i.e. the best over-all individual score for the whole competition – category Men & Ladies.

A Team member must play a minimum of 3 rounds to qualify for a prize regardless of being in any winning team.

Prizes for each round are presented the following month. Once the draw has been made no new entrants will be considered unless there is agreement from all the sponsors and organizers.

Reserves – none allowed

The above rules may only be changed by the Ladies Section Committee after consultation with Mr & Mrs S Borg as representatives of the donor of the Trophy. In the event of any dispute during the course of the competition, the final decision will lie with the Ladies Competitions Secretary.

6.4.2 PLAYMOBIL

Format:

Four ball better ball Match play over 45 holes (2 and a half rounds) and a 3 hole shootout.

Teams:

Each team consists of up to five two-player pairs. Pairs may be chosen; the teams will be drawn. The number of players is restricted to a maximum of 80.

Competition:

Each pair plays five 9-hole-better-ball matches over a period of 3 days.

One round of 18 holes will be counted as two 9 holes matches.

The player with the lowest handicap (back marker) in each flight (consisting of two teams) plays off scratch (handicap zero) and the other 3 players get half the difference.

Points:

Each pair gets as many points per match as it has won holes against the other pair. The match winning pair gets an additional point. In case of a draw each pair gets ½ point. I.e.

Each hole won	1 point
Draw	½ point
Each 9-hole match won	1 additional point
Draw	½ additional point

Scorecard:

The better net score for each hole is to be recorded per pair and all 18 (or 9) holes have to be completed. The organiser will calculate the points (if the players have difficulty).

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Should a player drop out, his or her partner can still continue as a one-player team, but the opposing pair will only be allocated $\frac{3}{4}$ of the points won. If both players drop out, the outstanding match will be cancelled and the opponents get 10 points. The team that dropped out cannot claim any prizes.

Shootout:

The final winning pair will be determined between the winning pairs of each team in a 3-hole shootout. The shootout will take place after the final nine holes and will be played on holes 1, 17 and 18. The format of the shootout will be foursomes, taking into consideration the normal handicap allowance ($\frac{1}{2}$ of the combined).

All winning teams go to tee one. 9 balls will be played. The four teams with the best 4 net scores qualify to play the 17th hole. The two teams that win the 17th hole will continue to hole 18 to play out for the final result.

If 2 or more teams have the same net score and one or more of these have to drop out, the organiser will determine a point on the fairway or on the putting green or in a hazard where one player of each tied team has to play a stroke or strokes to determine which team will go through to the next shoot out hole.

6.5 RULES SPECIFIC TO LADIES' COMPETITIONS

6.5.1 SATURDAY PLAY

Any Lady golfer with a valid handicap may play in any individual non-drawn, non-Major, stroke play competition on Saturday preceding the Thursday competition, whether sponsored or not, with the proviso that if you sign up for the Saturday beforehand and you are unable to play for any reason, you cannot re-enter for the following Thursday and the competition fee is still payable.

If the Thursday competition is abandoned due to inclement weather then the whole competition is deemed abandoned. If no play is possible on the Saturday due to inclement weather the Thursday competition will proceed as normal.

This decision was made in order to allow players who have an unavoidable commitment on a Thursday the possibility to still enter a competition. Saturday players should nominate someone to accept their prize, should they win any prize, especially in a sponsored competition.

The Committee will keep this option under review and the concession may be withdrawn if it is abused.

6.5.2 BALL SWEEP COMPETITION

Definition – Holing out in 2 strokes. A separate event from the main competition where the funds raised for that round's ball sweep competition are collected to buy golf balls and the 'pot'

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of golf balls is divided fairly between all 2s holed on the day itself. A 2 holed on a Par 4 is an eagle but is treated exactly the same as a 2 holed on a Par 3 or an albatross on a Par 5.

- 8) All players are automatically entered into the ball sweep when they pay their competition fee, which consists of an entry fee and a ball sweep contribution. It is not possible to opt out.
- 9) The ball sweep can be 'paid out' in balls even if the player is disqualified or submits a nil return card. The score must be recorded on a scorecard to be counted.
- 10) The ball sweep can only be 'paid out' in balls if the main competition is completed on the day and scorecards are collected in and processed. If a Competition is cancelled, each player will receive 1 ball back from the ball sweep to be collected and signed for. Any balls not collected immediately after the cancelled competition will go into the Hole in One nest.
- 11) If no 2s are scored in any competition round, a small percentage of the balls will be set aside to ensure there is a minimum stock of 36 balls at any one time to reward a Hole-in-one scored in a competition round. The remaining balance of the balls will be drawn by lot in sleeves of 3 and returned to the players of that day, not necessarily on the same day.
- 12) A hole-in-one scored in a competition round, whether with a ball sweep or not, receives a maximum of 36 balls. The ball sweep competition is not affected by any hole-in-one scored. A hole-in-one achieved not in a competition does not receive any balls.
- 13) It is expected also that the Committee will hold a small stock of golf balls to allow for occasional contingencies such as late observation of a 2 on a card or a miscalculation, for example. Any lady member may enquire of the Committee what this small stock consists of, generally it would not exceed 24 balls, separate to the hole-in-one stock, accrued over a period of time.
- 14) The golf balls should be of a 'reasonable' quality known brand but the Committee may alter the brand to allow the 'pot' of balls to be fairly divided between ball sweep winners.
- 15) If only 1st Division (0-22 inclusive) players win the ball sweep they will be given all the balls. If a 1st Division and a 2nd Division player(s) wins the 1st Division player(s) will receive 1/3rd of the balls and the 2nd Division player(s) will receive 2/3rd.

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