

SENIOR'S COMPETITION RULES

GENERAL

1. All competitions will be played strictly in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf effective 1st January 2023, and any amendment and interpretation by the R&A at any time. This includes Handicap allowances as mandated by England Golf.

The Seniors Committee, or in the case of Club competitions, (e.g. mid-week medal) the Club Competitions Committee, will decide whether Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities will apply to any competition.
2. When available Yellow tees will be used for all Senior's Competitions. This also applies at present to the Mid-Week Medal (which is a Club competition) unless otherwise indicated on the day. Blue Tees may be used in Autumn/Winter, if available, when other tees are closed.
3. In the event of a tie, normal countback rules will apply. For this purpose it will be assumed that the courses have been played in the order that they appear on the scorecard i.e. Stock/Brook, Stock/Manor and Brook/Manor, regardless of the actual sequence they have been played.
4. From March 1st until November 30th (inclusive) all singles competitions will qualify for handicap adjustment unless otherwise stated on the day. At other times of the year it will be decided before play whether any competition is a qualifying round.
5. It is intended to complete all competitions by the annual Presentation Day. However, if this is not possible, any competitions not played by the 30th November will not be played.
6. Before playing in any Senior's competition a player must have a valid handicap with Stock Brook Manor GC. or have a valid handicap certificate from their previous (or home) club.

"New members are not eligible to enter competitions or win prizes unless they have a valid handicap. If a new member takes part in a pair's or team event whilst not having a valid handicap, his partner(s) will also be deemed unqualified to enter the competition or win a prize. No exceptions will be permitted."
7. For any 18 hole competition for Golfer of the Year or Trophy to be played (other than KO competitions) there must be a **minimum number of twenty entries**. If this is not the case the competition will be abandoned and rescheduled for a later date. In regard to KO competitions if the Senior's Committee decides that not enough entries have been secured the competition will be abandoned for that year.
8. All Scorecards, for all competitions, must be legible, accurate and signed correctly, by both player(s) and scorer(s). Non-compliance may result in disqualification.
9. If a "Par Man" needs to be used for any competition it will earn 2 points per hole, apart from on Par 3s when 1 point is earned.
10. Usually prizes (wine and/or beer) are awarded to winners of Competitions but this may vary based on the number of players at discretion of Captain/Competitions Secretary/Main Committee.
11. In the event of any dispute, or query, the final decision will reside with the Senior's Committee

COMPETITIONS

The maximum Handicap Index for each of the 8 qualifying competitions (including the Singles KO) for Golfer of the Year and for any Trophy Competition is 36. This does not preclude anyone with a higher HI competing, but the maximum HI will be applied to scores

For anyone to be able to win a Golfer of The Year, or other Trophy competition, they must have had 6 qualifying rounds in the previous 12 months.

N.B. * Signifies that the competition counts towards the Golfer of the Year**

BOGEY TROPHY ***

Format: 18 Holes, 95% of Course Handicap

Players should apply their handicap allowance according to the stroke index of each hole in the same manner as in a Stableford competition; the scoring system is as follows: -

- a) +1 if the Stableford score is more than 2
- b) 0 if the Stableford score is equal to 2
- c) -1 if the Stableford score is 1 or 0

The total score for the round is the net aggregate of the pluses and minuses over the 18 holes, the winner being the player with the highest aggregate.

FIVE CLUBS TROPHY ***

Format: 18 Holes, Stableford, 95% of Course Handicap

Each player is allowed a maximum of 5 clubs, 4 of his own choice, plus a putter.

FLAG TROPHY***

Format: 18 Holes, Strokeplay, 95% of Course Handicap

Each player is allowed a specific number of shots that is calculated by adding the par for the course to the player's handicap e.g.: -

Par for course	72
Handicap	17
Total shots allowed	89

The object of the competition is to see which player's ball gets furthest round the course once their total shot allowance has been used.

In order to evaluate the top 10 places it is essential that all players record, on their respective cards, the final **playable** position of their own ball and it should be expressed in terms of **distance from the tee, the pin or a course yardage marker** on their final hole. It should be measured as

accurately as possible and verified by the player who is marking the card. **A Laser measuring device is acceptable to determine the distance from the pin.**

To qualify as the final position, the ball must be in play (e.g. not in GUR, lost or out of bounds). If it is not in play then the position recorded should be placed at the point where the ball would be in play if there were another shot (e.g. dropped out of a GUR area or at a point where the ball was last struck if lost or out of bounds). For a ball to be declared 'in play' from within a hazard the ball must be visible. If a ball is declared lost within a hazard then the ball should be dropped according to the rules of golf.

Normally this is a qualifying competition for handicap purposes, in which case all players must complete the 18 holes and record their score regardless of where their ball finishes after their allotted shots have been taken.

"We start this competition from 3 Tees. The 1st, 10th and 15th (See below rationale)

Players completing their 18 holes with shots left over will use these shots from the 1st tee onwards as normal and record their final position.

If a player does not carry shots forward at the end of their 18 holes, then he should record his final position on the hole, paced from an existing measured point on the course. i.e. the tee, the 150 yard markers or the hole. (Don't use fairway or greenside bunkers etc. as a point from which to measure) This will allow the organisers to calculate the finishing distance from the pin, and allocate the top ten positions. A Laser measuring device is acceptable to determine the distance from the pin.

Reasons:

The 3 finishing holes are par fives (the 18th, the 9th and the 14th). Anyone not making it to one of these holes is unlikely to be in the top 10, so it should produce a reasonably fair result for this competition which is part of the Golfer of the Year Trophy for which points are awarded for the top 10 players.

Using 3 Tees to start will result in a faster conclusion to this Competition and as a result more players staying behind in the Clubhouse to applaud the winner.

JOKER TROPHY ***

Format: 18 Holes, Stableford, 95% of Course Handicap

Before commencing play, each player must nominate two holes to be their Joker holes, one on the Front 9 and the other on the Back 9. The player's Stableford points on these two holes will be doubled.

MEMORIAL TROPHY ***

Format: 18 Holes, Stableford, 95% of Course Handicap

The winner is the player with the highest number of Stableford points.

NAMED PAIRS TROPHY

Format: 18 Holes, Four ball Better ball, Stableford, 90% of Course Handicap

Players choose their own playing partner and enter their names on HDiD.

PAIRS KNOCKOUT

Format: 18 Holes, Four Ball Better Ball, Matchplay, 90% of each player's CH, then 100% of diff from lowest handicapped player

A competition will be set up on HowDidiDo (HDiD) / Club V1 several weeks before the scheduled start date. Players wanting to play should enter their names on an individual basis; the pairings will be decided by a draw. This draw will be posted HDiD showing the matches for the first round and the scheduled dates for the completion of all rounds.

The winners from each round will go forward to the next round and it is the winners' responsibility to advise The Senior's Competitions Secretary, or other designated Committee Member, of their result.

It is the responsibility of all players to ensure that each match is played by the scheduled date.

In arranging a date for the match to be played both teams must supply 3 dates that they are available to play. Failure to do this may result in disqualification if a date is not agreed on. If there has been difficulty arranging the match then all players must agree who is to be declared the winner (either by the toss of a coin or a putting competition or whatever way is agreed). **If** this is not possible and the names are not entered into the next round by the scheduled date then **all players will be scratched.**

Failure of a team to show up for the time once the date/time has been established, without 24 hours notice and a valid reason, may result in disqualification.

It is permissible to compete with one player against two players. It is never acceptable to play a match after the scheduled date has passed.

The final may played on the Club Finals Weekend that is customarily on either the last Weekend in September or the first Weekend in October.

Competitors should also familiarise themselves with the Club competition rules governing knockout competitions as these too will be strictly applied.

SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY***

Format: 36 Holes, 95% of Course Handicap*, Stroke Play

(* NB the same handicaps will be used for both rounds regardless of any changes that may occur between 1st and 2nd rounds)

Played over two consecutive Wednesdays (if possible), one round of 18 holes per day. The order of play for the second round, being determined by the result of the first round, i.e. the best scoring player teeing off last.

The winner of the competition is the player with the best-combined NET score for the 36 holes. In the event of a tie, countback will be calculated upon the second round in the traditional manner i.e. best 18 holes, then the last 9, 6, 3, 1 in that order and if there is still a tie the countback will be extended to the first round on a similar basis.

SCRATCH CUP TROPHY

The winner is the player with the best-combined GROSS score over the two rounds of the Senior's Championship competition. In the event of a tie, countback will be based upon the second round and will be calculated in the traditional manner i.e. the best 18 holes followed by the last 9, 6, 3, 1 holes. If there is still a tie, the countback will be extended to the first round on a similar basis.

9 HOLE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP Competition*

Format: 18 Holes, 95% of Course Handicap*, Stableford

(* NB the same handicaps will be used for both rounds regardless of any changes that may occur between 1st and 2nd rounds)

Played over two consecutive Wednesdays (if possible), one round of 9 holes per day. The order of play for the second round being determined by the result of the first round, i.e. the best scoring player teeing off last.

The winner is the player with the best-combined Stableford score for the 18 holes. In the event of a tie, countback will be calculated upon the second round in the traditional manner i.e. best 9 holes, then the last 6, 3, 1 in that order and if there is still a tie the countback will be extended to the first round on a similar basis.

9 HOLE ACCUMULATED POINTS TROPHY (Suspended)

SINGLES KNOCKOUT TROPHY***

Format: 18 Holes, Matchplay, Course Handicap (Max 36) with full difference

A competition will be set up on HowDidiDo (HDiD) / Club V1 several weeks before the scheduled start date. Players wanting to play should enter their names on an individual basis; the pairings will be decided by a draw. This draw will be posted HDiD board showing the matches for the first round and the scheduled dates for the completion of all rounds.

The winners from each round will go forward to the next round and it is the winners' responsibility to advise The Senior's Competitions Secretary, or other designated Committee Member, of their result.

In arranging a date for the match to be played both competitors must supply 3 dates that they are available to play. Failure to do this may result in disqualification if a date is not agreed on.

If there has been difficulty arranging the match then both players must agree who is to be declared the winner, (either by the toss of a coin or putting competition or whatever way is agreed), if this is not possible and a name is not entered into the next round by the scheduled date then **both players will be scratched**. It is never acceptable to play a match after the scheduled date has passed.

Failure of a player to show up for the time once the date/time has been established without 24-hours notice and a valid reason may result in disqualification.

The final may be played on the Club Finals Weekend that is customarily on either the last Weekend in September or the first Weekend in October.

STABLEFORD TROPHY ***

Format: 18 Holes, Stableford, 95% of Course Handicap

The competition is divided into two sections, one for players with Handicap Index of 1-19 and the other for players with Handicap Index of 20-36. A trophy is awarded to the winner of each section.

For the purposes of the Player of the Year trophy, points will be awarded to the top 10 scoring players regardless of their handicaps.

WINTER LEAGUE (Suspended)

GENERAL PLAY

STABLEFORD COMPETITIONS

Format: 18 Holes, Stableford, 95% of Course Handicap

These competitions are played every Wednesday when no other competitions are being played. The winner is the player with the highest number of Stableford points.

If numbers allow, and it is considered equitable by the Senior's Competitions Secretary, two or more Divisions may be played.

SUMMER ECLECTIC COMPETITION

Format: Qualifying Rounds of 18 Holes, Half Handicap as at the date of the round played

An eclectic competition is played over a number of rounds and the best score from any of the rounds for each hole is recorded.

The competition will comprise of qualifying competitions from April to September inclusive. The number of rounds actually played by each player will not be considered; it follows therefore that the more rounds played the better chance there is to win. The winner will be the player with the lowest number of shots taken after the handicap allowance has been deducted.

TEXAS SCRAMBLE

WHEN ALL TEAMS IN A SCRAMBLE HAVE SAME NUMBER OF PLAYERS.

Format: 18 Holes, Handicap Allowance calculated as below

Competition with Teams of 4

The handicap allowance will be 25% of the lowest Course Handicap, then 20%, then 15% and finally 10% of the highest Course Handicap combined. Each team member must take a minimum of 4 tee shots and all 4 players play second and subsequent shots/putts.

Competition with Teams of 3

The handicap allowance will be 30% of the lowest Course Handicap, then 20%, and finally 10% of the highest Course Handicap combined. Each team member must take a minimum of 5 tee shots and all 3 players play second and subsequent shots/putts.

WHEN TEAMS IN A SCRAMBLE HAVE DIFFERENT NUMBER OF PLAYERS.

Format: 18 Holes, Handicap Allowance calculated as below

Teams of 4

The handicap allowance will be 25% of the lowest Course Handicap, then 20%, then 15% and finally 10% of the highest Course Handicap combined. Each team member must take a minimum of 4 tee shots. The owner of each selected ball does not play the next shot until the ball lies on the green i.e., only 3 members hit shots except on the tee and green where all 4 players have a drive/putt.

Teams of 3

The handicap allowance will be 35% of the lowest Course Handicap, then 20%, and finally 15% of the highest Course Handicap combined. Each team member must take a minimum of 5 tee shots and all 3 players play second and subsequent shots/putts. If needed a fourth putt can be taken by the person whose drive was selected (this balances the 4 putts teams of 4 have).

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The selected ball should be lifted, and its position marked by its owner and depending upon whether the ball is on or off the fairway the following rules apply: -

On the fairway: the other team members should each place their ball within 6 inches of the marker but not nearer the hole.

Off the fairway: the other team members should each drop their ball (in **compliance with the Rules of Golf**) within 6 inches of the marker but not nearer the hole; the ball must be re-dropped if it rolls: -

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| a. nearer the hole | b. onto a putting green |
| b. out of a hazard | e. out of bounds |
| c. into a hazard | f. more than two club lengths. |

If after the re-drop the above conditions are still not satisfied then the ball must be placed at the spot where it first struck the course when it was last dropped.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR

The winner is the player who accumulates the most points from the 8 qualifying competitions i.e. those marked *** in the above list. Scoring in these qualifying competitions is as follows: -

Singles Knockout

Winner 12 points; losing finalist 9 points; losing semi-finalists 8 points each; losing quarter finalists 4 points each.

All other competitions

The top 10 players will be awarded 12, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, points respectively.

In any competition, if two or more players have the same scores and cannot be separated by countback, they will be awarded an equal share of the aggregate number of points allocated to the number of places covered by the tie.

In the event of two or more players tying for Golfer of the Year, the winner will be the one who has won the most competitions. If the contenders still remain equal, the one who has achieved second place the most times will be declared the winner (then 3rd, 4th and so on).

Appendix:

The following Club competition rules have not been adopted for the Seniors Section 9-hole competitions on Wednesdays on the Manor Course though the principles of the Handicap Rules are applied:

CLUB RULES:

9-HOLE QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS and HANDICAPS

The three Stock, Brook and Manor courses have approved individual Course Ratings. 9 Hole Qualifying Competitions can be arranged and Handicaps allocated and adjusted based on the scores returned.



ENGLAND GOLF

PLAYING HANDICAP: MANDATORY ALLOWANCES TABLE

FORMAT OF PLAY	TYPE OF ROUND	MANDATORY HANDICAP ALLOWANCE
STROKEPLAY	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Fourball	85%
	Fourball Stableford	85%
MATCHPLAY	Fourball Par/Bogey	90%
	Individual	100%
	Fourball	90%
	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 Stroke Play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Stroke Play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 Stroke Play	100%
	All 4 of 4 Stroke Play	100%
STROKEPLAY	Scramble (4 players)	"25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap"
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
	Total score of 2 match play	100%
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
	4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%

Other recommended Handicap Allowances for Ad Hoc Senior's Competitions

Competition Type	Handicap Allowance
Waltz:	90% of Course Handicap
Yellow Ball:	100% of Course Handicap