



THE HALIFAX, HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

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HHDUGC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR COMPETITIONS AND MATCHES

Section 1 General.

1. All competitions and matches shall be played from Competition Tees, as defined by the **WHS** and **the England Golf Rules of handicapping**, in accordance with:
 - a. The R & A Rules of Golf.
 - b. Of the course on which the event is being played.
 - c. **The HHDUGC would like to advise all competitors that they should have appropriate and current personal golf insurance cover. Do not assume that the Union or the club where you are playing will have cover, as this is not normally the case.**
2. Except for junior League matches, all competitions and matches shall be played from the Men's white Competition Tees and where girls play in any competition, they will play from the Ladies red tees.
3. In the event of a 'sudden death' playoff in team events, Matchplay, foursomes or for promotion, they will commence immediately following the conclusion of the last game, starting from the 1st hole and playing until one player wins a hole outright.
 - a. In team matches each team Captain must list their number 1 player (Lowest **WHS Handicap Index** player available) who shall compete in the playoffs, starting from the 1st hole and playing until one player wins a hole outright. If the number 1 player is not available due to illness, injury, or extenuating circumstance the next lowest **WHS Handicap Index** player available shall be moved up to number 1.
 - b. If bad light or severe weather conditions prevents a Playoff taking place, the match will resume on the same course from where they finished, on the next day or the earliest available date and tee time, to ascertain a winner.
4. Playing members with a **WHS Handicap Index** are entitled to enter all competitions unless stated otherwise in the entry conditions. Senior Members with **WHS Handicap Indexes** are only entitled to enter the Seniors Championship. The definitions of Playing members and Senior members are:-
 - a. **Playing Members** - All full playing members of any age of a Member Club who are eligible to compete in all competitions arranged by that club, in which medal play conditions prevail and for which a competition scratch score is calculated, subject only to the exclusion by virtue of any restrictions or limitations which may be imposed relating solely to either the **WHS Handicap Index** or the age of the players who may compete.
 - b. **Senior Members** - Members of a member Club aged 55 and over, who are only eligible to play Sunday to Friday competitions arranged by that Club (e.g. 5 or 6 day members) in which medal play conditions prevail and for which a competition scratch score is calculated, these members can only play in the Seniors Championship and corresponding Matchplay event subject only to the exclusion by virtue of any restrictions or limitations which may be imposed relating solely to the **WHS Handicap Index** or the age of the players who may compete.
5. **Junior Events**
 - a. Entry is limited to all junior Playing Members who are under the age of 18 on 1st January in the year in which a competition or match takes place are eligible to represent that club in all competitions.



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- b. There is a maximum WHS Handicap Index limit for all juniors of 36 for entry and playing purposes, in all junior events, except for the Academy league, where the WHS Handicap Index limit is 54.
 - c. Boys or Girls will receive course levelling strokes according to whichever Slope rating is higher, in accordance with the **England Golf Rules of Handicapping**, these strokes will be added to the player's gross **Playing Handicap** but will not exceed the maximum **Playing Handicap** limit for the competition.
 - d. In matchplay events players will use the stroke index from the card of whoever is receiving strokes, **(in accordance with the England Golf Rules of Handicapping)**.
 - e. No person over the age of 18 years will be permitted to serve as a caddy for a competitor in any junior competition or for a player in a junior league match, except for the "Junior Academy League". The penalty for breach of this Rule is set out in **Rule 10.3** in the Rules of Golf.
 - f. In all junior competitions, each team must be accompanied by their Junior Organiser, or an appropriate adult, (i.e., a parent, guardian, club member, family member or adult friend). All juniors 12 years of age or under must be chaperoned on the course by their Junior Organiser, or as above, if a team fails to comply with this Rule it will be deemed to have lost the match. If both teams fail to comply, the match will be null and void.
6. In the following paragraphs and sections
 - a. The word 'Player(s)' relates to those Playing Members, Senior Members or Junior Members who are eligible to take part in the competitions or matches as laid down in these Rules and.
 - b. The word 'Club(s)' or 'club(s)' relates to a member club(s).
 7. Players or teams who are disqualified for failure to comply with the provisions of Rule **5.3a** of the Rules of Golf may be barred from entering or playing in further competitions for such time as the Executive Committee may determine. In all competitions a player must complete the specified number of holes or rounds for the competition unless justifiable reason is given **in** writing, email, or text, **to the Competition Secretary** for not doing so. The Executive Committee's decision whether such reason is justifiable or not shall be final.
 8. Entries to individual competitions must be made on the official entry form in accordance with the terms and conditions as stated and be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee where required. The providing of an Email address and mobile number is mandatory for all competitors, and will be kept in strictest confidence, according to all data protection rules.
 - a. The closing date for entry of all competitions will be 12 noon on the Monday prior to the competition taking place. Starting sheets will be published as soon after the Draw as possible on our website, copies of these start sheets can be emailed to clubs on request.
 - b. Any entries received after the closing date and time or without entry fee, where appropriate, will be put on a reserve list in case of cancellation (unless a different method of payment is agreed with the Competitions secretary) Any cancellation after the entry closing date and time the entry fee will not be refunded (except in extenuating circumstances).
 - c. In all competitions player's names must be in the same format as that in which they are held on the computerised handicapping system at their Home Club.
 - d. The definition of home club is the club specified on the player's CDH record, but they will be allowed to represent any club where they are a full playing member in "team" events, but only one club in any season.



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9. Team Championships & Union Four-Ball Better Ball Championship
 - a. Clubs must submit the names, **WHS Handicap Index** and CDH ID numbers of the players in their teams to the Competition Secretary, **in line with Section 1 Rule 8a.**
 - b. For the purposes of creating Starting Sheets for Team Championships, players from each team, with minor exceptions or requests, will be placed in consecutive games in ascending handicap sequence.
10. In accordance with Rule **5.3a** of the Rules of Golf, Players must start at the time established by the Committee. No changes to these times will be permitted without the prior consent of the **Competition Secretary.**
11. Unless otherwise provided in the conditions of a particular Strokeplay competition.
 - a. Ties in 36-hole competitions will be settled according to the total of the scores for the holes as set out in the table below, taking the scores for Round 2 prior to those for Round 1 in the order as numbered

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	1 to 18	10 to 18	13 to 18	16 to 18	18	4 to 9	7 to 9	9
Round		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	-	10 to 18	13 to 18	16 to 18	18	4 to 9	7 to 9	9

- b. Ties in 18-hole competitions will be settled according to the totals of the scores for the holes as set out in the above table that relate to Round 1 taken in the order as numbered. If a tie still arises, players or teams with the same scores shall be declared joint winners.
12. No player may receive more than one individual prize in any competition, except for trophies in adult competitions that are specifically for juniors.
13. Prize presentations will be held at the time and place as stated on the 'Competition Details' that are distributed to clubs at the commencement of the season. In the case of those presentations that are held at the conclusion of a competition, trophies and/or vouchers will be withheld from:
 - a. Clubs who do not send a representative; or
 - b. Individuals who do not attend or send a representative to act on their behalf.
14. Ride on Buggies and Caddies.
 - a. Caddies are allowed in all events, except for JUNIORS ONLY events, see Section 1 Rule 5e.
 - b. The use of ride on buggies is generally prohibited. Players should always walk unless, following application to the **Competition Secretary**, permission has been granted to use a ride on buggy. Such permission will only be given in exceptional circumstances.
 - c. An application to use a ride on buggy by a person who is disabled within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 must be made by the Player themselves and be supported by a medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner certifying that the Player is a disabled person within the meaning of the Act or has an illness or injury that would deem them unable to play golf without the use of a ride on buggy.
 - d. The application must also be accompanied by an appropriate insurance certificate covering the player and his use of the buggy.



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- e. All applications will be subject to the Rules of the Host Club, course conditions and any health and safety restrictions.
 - f. **Disclaimer. Any buggy hired from a club professional, hire company, owned, or loaned to the player, or any other method, is the responsibility of the professional and/or the hirer and/or the player, and the HHDUGC will accept NO responsibility whatsoever for accident, injury, damage, or loss.**
15. The Executive Committee reserve the right to: -
- a. Create and/or amend starting times.
 - b. Accept or refuse an entry without giving any reason for such decision.
 - c. Alter the format of an event if it becomes necessary to do so to achieve a result.
 - d. Deal with any breaches of these Rules by Member Clubs, Players, or teams in such a manner as they deem appropriate. The decision of the HHDUGC executive will be final.
16. Distance Measuring Devices.
When a Local Rule permitting the use of distance-measuring devices is in effect, there is only a breach of Rule **4.3a** of the Rules of Golf if a player uses the device for some purpose that is prohibited by that Rule.
17. In all Matchplay events (including Foursomes), players are expected to complete all rounds of a competition, in accordance with Section 1 Rule 7. Breach of this Rule may also result in the player and/or their club being penalised, in accordance with: - **Section 3, Rule 7a and b.**

Section 2. Scratch, Handicap and Junior Leagues

1. **Rules applicable to all leagues**
 - a. Each Member Club shall be entitled to enter one team (except for the Junior Academy League).
 - b. Each team will play home and away matches as set out in the fixture list.
 - c. Team Captains MUST enter the members of their team in order of **WHS Handicap Index** on the result card BEFORE play commences and pairings taken accordingly, **in the event that two players have the same handicap index, team captains may play these players in any order they choose.** If subsequently any player does not play with the person they are paired with on the card, their match will be null and void. If a player(s) listed on the result card is not present when called to tee off, that match will make way for the remaining matches to tee off. If the missing listed player turns up by the allotted time set out in **Rule 7 of this section**, the match can be played with no penalty. If the missing listed player does not turn up by the allotted time, that match will be awarded to their opponents. If a team arrives for a match knowing they cannot field a full team, their team Captain will list the players they have available in **WHS Handicap Index** order as above, and the opposition will be awarded the other matches, provided they have sufficient players listed and present (**unless they have been notified as below**).
 - d. If a team contacts the opposition informing them that they will be a player(s) short by: - Email or text, then providing the opposition acknowledge receipt of this information by one of these formats, the opposition can claim the points for such match(s) without their players(s) having to be in attendance, therefore preventing unnecessary travel for either



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team. For the purposes of this Rule, each league is a separate event and Players are not entitled to represent more than one club in the same league in a season.

- e. The home Team Captain at each match is responsible for informing the League Secretary of the result by submitting their match results, along with a copy of the result card via our website league scorecard submission page, within 24 hours of the match taking place. Failure to do so will result their points being forfeit. In such circumstances, the opposition team will only be awarded the points they won in the match. Upon submission, both Team Captains will receive email confirmation that their result has been submitted successfully. If no confirmation is received within 12 hours, you should contact the League Secretary and the union Website Administrator to make them aware. Upon receipt of completed results cards, the results and league tables on the union website will be updated within 24 hours. If results cannot be submitted via the website, results should be submitted via email to the League Secretary. Both teams should retain a copy of the signed result card in case of subsequent disputes or queries.
 - f. Points will be given for each game in a match, 2 for a win, 1 for a halved game.
 - g. All matches must start between 5.30pm and 6.15pm in accordance with **Rule 5.3a** of the Rules of Golf. If a player fails to be present and ready to play a game, he shall be recorded as having lost.
 - h. The League Organiser **MUST** be informed of any dispute within 24 hours of the match taking place.
 - i. Rearranged matches may be played with mutual agreement of both clubs and the League Organiser, within 7 days before or 7 days after the original fixture date; matches not played within this time frame will be null and void. If the home club cannot host the match on the date set out in the fixture list, or the match is postponed due to the state of the course or the weather on the night of the fixture, then the match **MUST** be played within 14 days on a mutually agreeable date or failing agreement on a date set by the league Organisers, the League Organiser **MUST** be informed immediately of any postponements. Any infringement of this Rule may render the match null and void.
 - j. Ties for promotion, relegation or 2nd place shall be decided by reference to:
 - (1) the highest number of away points; or if still a tie
 - (2) the combined result of the home & away matches between the Clubs; or if still tied.
 - (3) by a 'Playoff' over a neutral course selected by the Executive, if still tied.
 - (4) by 'sudden death' playoff, see **Section 1, Rule 3**.
2. **Rules applicable to Scratch and Handicap Leagues**
 - a. Senior Members **see Section 1 Rule 4b**, are not entitled to play in league matches.
 - b. The leagues shall be divided into four divisions.
 - c. At the end of the season promotion and relegation will be two up and two down
 - d. The winners of each Division will receive the Divisional Shield.
 - e. All matches will be played over 18 holes.
 3. **Rules applicable to Scratch Leagues**
 - a. Each team in all divisions shall consist of 4 players and will play off scratch.



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4. Rules applicable to Handicap Leagues

- a. Each team shall consist of four Players, with **WHS Handicap Index** of one not less than **5.5**, one not less than **8.5**, one not less than **11.5** and one not less than **14.5**.
- b. In each pairing the higher Course Handicap player will take FULL difference of Course Handicap from the other player in his pairing, with the maximum strokes received of 2.

5. Rules applicable to Junior Leagues and Junior Academy Leagues

- a. There will be no promotion or relegation between the "Junior League" and the "Junior Academy League".
- b. Each league will be divided into a maximum of 4 divisions, with the actual number being dictated by the number of entries-
- c. Matches shall take place on Fridays with games starting between the times as prescribed in **Rule 1g in Section 2** of these Rules, or such other times as shall be agreed between the two junior organisers, and with agreement of the League organiser.
- d. Players can be any combination of junior boys and girls.
- e. Clubs must agree that they will have the necessary number of players available every week except in extenuating circumstances.
- f. **Refer to Section 1, Rule 2 and 5a, b, and c for tee, course levelling strokes, card, and stroke index information.**

6. Rules applicable to Junior Leagues

- a. Teams shall consist of 4 players and matches will be played over 18 holes.
- b. The handicap allowance to the higher **Course Handicap** golfer will be the full difference between the **Course Handicaps** of the players, with a maximum permitted **WHS Handicap Index** of 36.
- c. Strokes will be taken according to the stroke indexes on the 18-hole scorecard.
- d. Boys will play from the Men's white tees and Girls from the Ladies red tees.
- e. Overall Winner.
 - (1) A four-team knockout competition will take place to determine the overall winner, who will receive the Championship Shield.
 - (2) The teams involved will be the top four teams in the final league table.
 - (3) To be eligible for the knockout competition, players must have played a minimum of 2 Junior league matches.
 - (4) The semi-finals will be between the 1st and 4th placed teams and the 2nd and 3rd placed teams.
 - (5) The final will be between the winners of the semi-final matches.
 - (6) If any matches in the semi-final or final end in a tie there will be a sudden death playoff.
See **Section 1 Rule 3**

7. Rules applicable to Junior Academy Leagues

- a. Clubs with teams in the "Junior League" may also enter a team in the "Junior Academy League", providing they meet the criteria and have sufficient players.



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- b. Teams shall consist of 3 players of any WHS Handicap Indexes up to a maximum of 54. And matches will be played over any 9 holes that are convenient for the clubhouse and determined before the first match tees off.
- c. The handicap allowance to the higher **Course Handicap** golfer will be **50%** of the full difference between the **Course Handicaps** of the players, using the stoke indexes of the 9 holes played.
- d. Boys will play from the Men's yellow tees and girls from the Ladies red tees, a shorter course if available may be used for the higher WHS Handicap Index players.
- e. Appropriate adult as defined in section 1 Rule 5f, may accompany these players and can caddy. The caddy can give advice if requested by the player concerned.

Section 3. Scratch, Handicap and Junior Foursomes

1. Rules applicable to all foursomes

- a. There will be an 18-hole foursomes strokeplay qualifying competition, for all 3 categories (Scratch, Handicap and Junior). with the top 8 pairs in each category qualifying for the foursomes Matchplay knockout competition. A draw will then be made as set out in **Committee Procedures Section 5F** in the Rules of Golf. for the quarter finals of each Matchplay competition. Men and Junior boys in both the Qualifying and Matchplay stages will play from the men's white tees, whilst junior girls will play from the ladies' red tees. In addition, all the following rules will apply.
- b. **See Section 1, Rule 2 and Rule 5b, for tee, and course levelling information for juniors.**
- c. The Quarter finals, Semi-finals and final will be foursomes **Matchplay**.
- d. Except for the finals which will be 36 holes, matches will be played on neutral courses over 18 holes, by the "play by dates" set out in our fixtures by the competitions committee and displayed on the HHDUGC website.
- e. Any matches not played by these given dates will be disqualified. If any pair cannot agree a date and/or time to play, the Competitions Secretary must be informed and he will set a date, time and course when it must be played or the missing pair will be disqualified. There will be no extension of the "play by dates". The finals will be played over 36 holes on a nominated date and course.
- f. If a team is not present and ready to play within the prescribed time agreed the match will be given to the opposing team. If neither team is present and ready to play within the prescribed time, they will both be eliminated.
- g. If a team completely fails to present itself for a match, the executive reserve the right to penalise the member club, by having its entitlement to entry into the following year's competition reduced so that:
 - (1) If entitled to enter two teams it will only be entitled to enter one team: or
 - (2) If entitled to enter one team it will not be entitled to enter a team.
- h. All matches must be played to a conclusion. If bad light or adverse weather conditions prevent a match being completed, it must be continued from where play was stopped and



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played to a conclusion the following day, as set out in Section 1 Rule 3b, and the Competition Secretary must be informed,

- i. Subject to **Rules 1f and 1g of this Section above**, and the relevant foursomes handicap limits specified in **Rules 2 to 4 of this Section below**, member clubs are entitled to select any two eligible players to represent them in the Scratch, Handicap or Junior Foursomes.
 - j. For the purposes of this Rule each of the three Foursomes categories is a separate event and players are not entitled to represent more than one team in the same event in a season.
 - k. The winners must report the results to the **Competition Secretary** within 48 hours, or 2 working days of the match taking place if played on a Friday.
 - l. If the result of a match, a postponement or a replay is not reported in accordance with the above Rules, both teams will be eliminated. This Rule will be strictly enforced.
2. **Rules applicable to Scratch Foursomes**
- a. The maximum permitted entry is 32 teams for the Qualifier, made up of one team from each Member Club who wish to enter, plus a second team from those clubs who are in the leading 9 eligible positions at the end of the previous year's scratch leagues.
 - b. The Qualifier and Matchplay stages will be played off scratch.
 - c. The winners will receive a trophy to hold for a year. Vouchers will be given to the winners and the runners up.
3. **Rules applicable to Junior Foursomes**
- a. Each Member Club may enter up to two teams.
 - b. The maximum permitted entry is 32 teams for the qualifier. If the number of entries exceeds this, a ballot will be held to decide which of **the second** teams are to be excluded.
 - c. In the Qualifier a stroke allowance of **50%** of the combined **Course Handicaps** will be given to each team.
 - d. In the matchplay stages a stroke allowance of **50%** of the difference between the combined **Course Handicaps** will be given to the team with the highest combined **Course Handicaps**.
 - e. The winners will receive a trophy to hold for a year and vouchers will be given to the winners and the runners up.
4. **Rules applicable to Handicap Foursomes**
- a. The maximum permitted entry is 32 teams for the Qualifier, made up of one team from each Member Club who wish to enter, plus a second team from those clubs who are in the leading 9 eligible positions at the end of the previous year's handicap leagues.
 - b. The Qualifier and Matchplay stages will be played off handicap. **WHS Handicap Indexes** must be in the range of Section 2 Rule 4 to enter, with the **WHS Handicap Index** on the day of the match determining a player's eligibility to play.
 - c. In the Qualifier, a **Handicap Allowance** of **50%** of the combined **Course Handicaps** of each team will be given.
 - d. In the Matchplay stages, a stroke allowance of **50%** of the difference between the combined **Course Handicaps** of each team will be given.
 - e. The winners will receive a trophy to hold for a year. Vouchers will be given to the winners and the runners up.



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Section 4. Individual Competitions

1. INDIVIDUAL STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. Competition Format - Stroke play over 36 holes off scratch.
- b. Entry will be limited to 81 Players with a maximum WHS Handicap Index of 10 or below at the time of entry.
- c. If more than 81 entries are received a ballot will be held to decide which of the higher handicap Players are to be excluded.
- d. The Player who returns the lowest gross score will be the "Stroke Play Champion" and hold the 'P S Cockcroft Trophy' for a year and will receive an inscribed memento.
- e. The Junior Player who returns the lowest gross score will hold the 'Jubilee Trophy' for a year see **Section 1 Rule 12**. Vouchers will be given for the three lowest gross scores over 36 holes, the Jubilee Trophy Winner, and the best individual gross score in the 1st round of 18 holes and best individual gross score in the 2nd round of 18 holes.
- f. The leading 16 Players who return the lowest gross scores will qualify for the 'Match Play Championship'. Any player who is unable to compete in the 'Match Play Championship' will be excluded in determining the leading 16 Players.

2. MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. The 16 qualifiers will compete off scratch over 18 holes, except for the final which will be played over 36 holes.
- b. The draw will be made on the basis as set out in **Committee Procedures Section 5F** in the Rules of Golf.
- c. The winner will be the 'Match Play Champion' and will hold the Championship Trophy for a year and will also receive an inscribed memento.
- d. Vouchers will be given to the winner and the runner up. and the two losing semi-finalists.

3. JUNIOR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. Competition Format - Stroke play over 18 holes.
- b. Clubs may enter as many players as they wish with a WHS Handicap Index of 36 or less.
- c. Entry will be limited to 81 Players. **Refer to Section 1, Rule 2 and 5a, 5b and 5c for tee and course levelling and card information.**
- d. If more than 81 entries are received a ballot will be held to decide which of the higher handicap Players are to be excluded.
- e. The Player who returns the lowest gross score will be the "Junior Stroke Play Champion" and will hold the "Lightcliffe Tankard for the year.
- f. The player who returns the lowest net score will hold the "Lightcliffe Trophy" for a year.
- g. Vouchers will be given for the two lowest gross scores and the two lowest net scores.
- h. The leading 8 Players who return the lowest gross scores will qualify for the "Junior Matchplay Championship".
- i. Any Player who is unable to compete in the "Junior Match Play Championship" will be excluded in determining the leading 8 players. Any player agreeing to play in the Matchplay and then not playing, unless in extenuating circumstances will not be allowed to play in this event the following year in accordance with Section 1 Rule 16.

4. JUNIOR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

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- a. The 8 qualifiers will compete off scratch over 18 holes except for the final which will be played over 36 holes. The draw will be made on the basis as set out in **Committee Procedures Section 5F** in the Rules of Golf.
 - b. The winner will be the 'Junior Match Play Champion' and will hold the 'Junior Match Play Salver' for a year. Vouchers will be given to the winner and the runner up. And the winner will receive an inscribed memento.
5. **HANDICAP STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**
- a. Entry is subject to the requirements set out in Section 1, Rule 8 of these rules.
 - b. Competition format is Individual Handicap Strokeplay, with a maximum and minimum **WHS Handicap Index** limit for entry and playing purposes of 5.5 to 15.4.
 - c. There is no number limit on entry, but if we are oversubscribed, we will ballot out the number of players we require to get to an acceptable level, the ballot will be totally random and will be overseen by our President, all players balloted out will be put on a reserve list in case of cancellations.
 - d. For the purposes of determining eligibility, **WHS Handicap Indexes** will be those that are applicable as of 9.00am on the Monday prior to the weekend on which the competition is to be played. Subsequent adjustments will not affect eligibility, and a player's **Playing Handicap** on the day of the competition will be used to determine the lowest individual net score.
 - e. The player with the lowest individual net score will hold the "HHDUGC Handicap Strokeplay Championship Trophy" for one year.
 - f. Vouchers will be given to the 4 lowest net scores and the 3 ball with the lowest aggregate net score, these 3 balls will be as they are drawn to play.
6. **SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP**
- a. Competition Format - Stroke play over 18 holes.
 - b. Entry is limited to all Players who are aged 55 or over on the day of the competition, and for this competition only, 5, 6 and 7-day members are entitled to play.
 - c. Dependant on the venue, entry may be limited to such a number as the Executive Committee determine.
 - d. If the number of entries exceeds any such limit a random ballot will be held to decide which of the Players are to be excluded.
 - e. The Player returning the lowest gross score will be "The Seniors Stroke Play Champion" and will hold the "Championship Trophy" for a year.
 - f. Any three Players from the same club who return the lowest aggregate gross score will be the Senior Team Champions and will hold the "Senior Team Trophy" (presented by Mr. G. Horrocks-Taylor) for a year. In the event of a tie, the Senior Team Champions will be decided by reference to the lowest individual gross score in each team.
 - g. Vouchers will be given for the three lowest gross scores, and the lowest net scores in each of the age categories 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and 70 plus.
7. **SENIORS MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**
- a. The top 8 available players in the Seniors stroke-play championship will qualify for the Seniors Matchplay Championship and will play off scratch over 18 holes on neutral courses

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- and using play by dates decided by the competition organisers at the start of the season. Any Player who is unable to compete in the 'seniors Match Play Championship' will be excluded in determining the leading 8 players.
- b. The Final will be played over 18 holes on the Matchplay Finals day, morning, or afternoon whichever the players prefer and agree, if players cannot agree the Competition Secretary will decide, and will also be decided by sudden death playoff if matches are tied, See **Section 1 Rule 3a.**
 - c. The draw will be made on the basis as set out in **Committee Procedures Section 5F** in the Rules of Golf.
 - d. The winner will be the 'Seniors Match Play Champion' and will hold the "Seniors Match Play Trophy" presented by "John Lawrence" in memory of "J H Hanson" for a year. Vouchers will be given to the winner and the runner up, and the winner will also receive an inscribed memento.

Section 5. Team Competitions

1. SCRATCH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. Each Member Club may enter one team of 3 Players. Entry is subject to the requirements set out in **Section 1 Rule 8** of these Rules.
- b. Competition Format: - Stroke play over 36 Holes with all 3 scores to count, with a maximum WHS Handicap Index limit of 10 for entry.
- c. The team that returns the lowest aggregate gross score will hold the "Founders Trophy" for a year.
- d. Vouchers will be given to each member of the teams that return the three lowest aggregate gross scores, and the player with the lowest individual gross score round 1, the lowest individual gross score round 2, and the lowest individual gross score for 36 holes.

2. JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. Competition Format – Stroke Play over 18 holes off scratch.
- b. Each Member Club may enter up to 3 teams of three Players. In the event of being oversubscribed a ballot will be held to determine which of the 3rd teams will be eliminated. Entry is subject to the requirements set out in Rule 8 in Section 1 of these Rules. **Refer to Section 1, Rules 2 and 5a, 5b and 5c for tee and course levelling and card information.**
- c. There is a maximum **WHS Handicap Index** limit for entry and playing purposes of 36.
- d. The team returning the lowest aggregate gross score based on all 3 scores to count, will hold the "Junior Team Championship Trophy" for a year. **And will be eligible to play in the County Qualifying Competition for the E.G.U. Junior Champion Club Tournament.**
- e. The team returning the lowest aggregate net score based on all 3 scores to count will hold the "D. A. Gordon Trophy" for a year.
- f. Vouchers will be given to each member of the teams that win the two trophies, the Player who returns the lowest gross score and the Player who returns the lowest net score.

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3. **HANDICAP TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

- a. Competition Format - 18 holes stroke play off scratch. Each Member Club may enter one team of 4 Players. **WHS Handicap Index** limits are those applicable to the Handicap League as set out in Section 2 Rule 2.4 of these Rules. Entry is subject to the requirements set out in Section 1 Rule 9 of these Rules. For the purposes of determining eligibility, **WHS Handicap Indexes** will be those that are applicable as at 9.00am on the Monday prior to the weekend on which the competition is to be played. Subsequent adjustments will not affect eligibility and **Playing Handicaps** on the day of the competition will be used to determine the lowest individual net score.
- b. The team that returns the lowest aggregate gross score will hold the Jack Sykes Trophy for a year. Vouchers will be given to each member of the teams that return the three lowest aggregate gross scores and the Player who returns the lowest individual net score.

4. **NINE HOLE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP**

- a. Competition Format - Stroke play over 18 holes.
- b. Each Member Club whose course has nine or fewer holes may enter a team of three, with all 3 scores to count.
- c. There is a WHS Handicap Index limit for entry and playing purposes of 24.0 or below. Entry is subject to the requirements set out in Rule 8a in Section 1 of these Rules.
- d. The team that returns the lowest aggregate net score will hold the 'Nine Hole Championship Shield' for a year.
- e. The Player who returns the lowest individual net score will receive a silver salver to hold for a year.
- f. Vouchers will be given to each member of the teams that return the two lowest aggregate net scores, the Player who returns the lowest individual gross score and the Player who returns the lowest individual net score.

Section 6. Four-Ball Better Ball Championship.

1. This is a Four Ball Better Ball Stableford competition over 18 holes with **85%** handicap allowance.
 - a. The WHS Handicap Index limit for entry and playing purposes is 24.0.
 - b. Each Member Club may enter a maximum of three teams, except for the top three teams in the previous year's competition, who may enter four teams.
 - c. Entry is subject to the requirements set out in **Section 1 Rule 9** of these Rules.
 - d. The team returning the highest points score will receive a trophy to hold for a year. Vouchers will be given to the teams who return the four Highest point scores.