



Horsehay Village Golf Club

RULES FOR H.V.G.C. COMPETITIONS



- 1) All Competitions are to be played in accordance with the Royal & Ancient Rules of Golf.
- 2) All competitors must arrive on the tee 5 minutes before their allocated time times for the competition. Failure to be on time will result in a verbal warning.
- 3) It is the responsibility of the competitor to advise the Competition Secretary of their inability to play in a competition. An exception to this rule is family emergencies; however, the Competition Secretary should still be informed as soon as possible. Failure to do so will subject the player to the same disciplinary regulations as a competitor who fails to arrive for the competition.
- 4) Any competitor who fails to arrive for a competition will be subject to the following regulations:
 - a. 1st offence in any 12 month period: A verbal warning.
 - b. 2nd offence in any 12 month period: a final verbal warning
 - c. Any subsequent offence: Potential suspension from future competitions
- 5) Entrants must be current playing members of HVGC unless otherwise specified on the rule card for the competition. Note previous year's membership will cease on 31st December each year.
- 6) Buggies will not be allowed in competitions unless a current Medical Certificate has been presented to and authorised by the Committee or a Buggy Request Form has been completed and approved by the Committee. An exception to this rule is for the visiting team when playing in Friendly matches, provided the visiting team has given advance notice of the need for the use of buggies by specified members of their team.
- 7) The Committee expect, where possible, all competitors to remain for food and announcements following any competition where food has been provided.
- 8) No group will be allowed to start before the first tee time published and no group will be allowed to start later than the last published tee time, unless delayed by play resulting from an earlier tee time. For an early or late tee time within the allocated tee times a request should be made to the Competition Secretary stating the reason. The Competition Secretary's decision will be final.
- 9) The Committee reserve the right to amend the rules of any competition at their discretion. Any changes to the published rules of a competition will be specified on the Entry Form and the Tee Times Notice.
- 10) Additional rules for single and team Knockout competitions. If both players / team cannot agree a match date, the Competition Secretary will book a tee and advise both players / teams of the time and date. If only one player / team is on the tee at the appointed time, he will be declared the winner, unless the other player / team arrives within 5 minutes of the appointed time. In these circumstances the player / team arriving late will be deemed to have lost the first hole and play will start on the 2nd hole (Rule R&A 6-3 applies). If neither player / team is present within 5 minutes of the appointed time, a bye will be awarded to the opponent in the next round. One player / team may concede the match should they be unable to play within the designated time frame. This will be at the discretion of the Competition Secretary. The competition round winner cannot be decided by any other means other than submitting a signed score card for the match or as described above. Disregarding this instruction will mean automatic disqualification from the competition for both players / teams.
- 11a) Some competitions require players to have played qualifying competitions to enter (eg. Kevin Oliver Trophy, Masters etc) Please see individual competition rules (Blue cards or Green Cards) for entry requirements.
- 11b) New members to HVGC who submit 3 cards (or equivalent) to gain a handicap are required to play 3 competitions without being allowed to win and will not pay a competition entry fee. After completing 3 competitions these members are able to enter competitions and win, subject to 11a above.

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