



**POLLOK GOLF CLUB**

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## **Introduction**

This Competition Manual has been produced by the Match & Handicap Committee to provide Members with more detailed information on the various competitions held throughout the golf season. It includes the procedures for entering and completing medal competitions, general rules, and the new procedures for match play competitions.

Whether a Member of the Club is new or a seasoned campaigner, a variety of events can be found in which to participate. This Manual will be reviewed regularly and any feedback from Members which would be worthy of consideration should be referred to a current Match & Handicap Committee Member.

All competitions shall be played in accordance with the R & A Rules of Golf, taking into account Local Rules, shown on the Club scorecard, and any temporary rules shown on the notice board. Exceptions to these rules may arise from time to time for special competitions or where it is necessary to make last minute changes on the day of play.

All Members are expected to familiarise themselves with the rules of golf. All competitions are now played in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf (January 2019), hard copies of which are available from the R&A, St. Andrews. Additionally, the R&A has produced The Official Rules of Golf 2019 App which is available free on iPhone, iPad and Android from the App Store or Google Play.

Competitors who are unable to fulfil their obligations for any reason in either Medal competitions or Match Play competitions must ensure that they give a minimum of 24 hours prior notice to at least one of the following:

- Competition Starter
- Match Play Opponent
- General Manager or Club Administrator.

## **Handicap Index**

Under the World Handicap System ( WHS ), players previously holding a handicap, whether or not competitive, will now have a Handicap Index. This index can be converted to a Course Handicap for any course which has a Slope Rating and a set of rated tees. This Handicap Index will be adjusted immediately following completion of any Qualifying or General Play Score submitted for handicap purposes whether at Pollok or any other course.

In submitting a General Play scorecard for handicap purposes, the Member is required to pre-register on the Player Entry screen and on completion enter their score in a similar manner to Medal Competitions.

Players who do not have a Handicap Index are not entitled to enter any competitions (home or away) for which a Handicap Index is required. At Pollok, this includes the Mann Cup, the

Summer Fourball and all other matchplay competitions.

## **Away Scores**

All affiliated golf clubs are now registered on the Scottish Golf WHS platform which controls the Central Database of Handicap (CDH) system. This eliminates the need to manually notify Pollok when a Member enters a competition or a General Play score at any other course. It is important to ensure that other Clubs have the Member's 10-digit CDH number in their systems. Similarly, if a Member enters an Open competition at an Away course it is their responsibility to provide the organising committee of the hosting club with their CDH number. If a Member is unsure as to their CDH number, it can be found in the Members Section of the Pollok website under "My Golf".

## **Medal Competitions**

### **Entry**

For Saturday and Tuesday Medal Competitions, the online **Entry Sheet** will open 2 weeks before the competition date, and entries may be edited, amended, or cancelled up to the day before the Competition.

Casual play is permitted during Medal competitions – including fourballs on Tuesdays and on Saturdays but only after 14.30.

**All Medal Competitions must be played in groups of either 2 or 3 players. No other variation is permissible.**

### **Registration of Entrants**

All Members entering a medal must, on the day of the competition, sign in via the Players Entry Screen on the Starter's desk. On Saturday medals, this will be under the supervision of the official Starter. If the HandicapMaster system is not available, then manual entry sheets will be available.

The Starters / Caddiemasters will note the names of pre-registered entrants who call off on the day of the Competition or miss their allocated starting time. Offenders will be contacted by a member of the Match & Handicap Committee and warned as to their future conduct. Repeat offenders will be suspended from the following competition.

In addition, '**no shows**' will be deemed to have missed their starting time R & A Rules, **(Rule 5.3a)**, will be **disqualified from the competition** and receive a letter from the General Manager. They will also be suspended from playing in the next similar competition. A '**no show**' is defined as a Member who has pre-registered but who has failed to turn up without having cancelled in accordance with the above requirement.

## **Completion of Round**

At the completion of a round, players must ensure that their scorecard is signed by the player and marker and should ensure that the score is entered into the computer situated on the Starter's desk. As with signing in, this is achieved using the player's P.I.N. number, then entering gross scores for each hole and checking that the gross and net total scores (or stableford points) agree before pressing the accept button. Cards must then be placed in the appropriate handicap section of the box provided. For Medal Competitions, players are divided into three handicap categories:

<b>Class I</b>	<b>10 or less</b>
<b>Class II</b>	<b>11 - 16</b>
<b>Class III</b>	<b>17 or more</b>

All scores for each hole (including No Returns, enter 0 ) must be entered into the computer. Incomplete or incorrect scores may result in disqualification. The R & A Rules of Golf 3.3 covers these issues.

When all scorecards have been returned, a Member of the Match & Handicap Committee will close the medal and post the results on Mastersscoreboard and the Club website. For Saturday competitions this will normally be on the Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Tuesday medals will normally be closed by Wednesday evening, and similarly, Sunday medals by Monday evening.

**Failure to return score cards or to enter the scores into the computer causes the closure of the competition to be unnecessarily delayed and must be avoided.**

## **Sweep**

All medals and certain other competitions will have an optional sweep. The cost for this year will be £2 per single player. Allocation of the sweep cash will be carried out by the clubhouse staff (usually the caddiemaster) the day after each medal or competition and will be disbursed by him to the winning Members.

To enter a sweep, Members should place the correct amount of money in one of the brown envelopes available on the Starter's desk, or on the entry desk for midweek competitions. List the name/names and date on the envelope and put it into the brown sweep box provided.

## General Rules

Before playing a Medal Competition, a competitor must not practise on the course or test the surface of any putting green other than the practice putting green. They can however practise on the designated practice areas between the third and fourth fairways and to the left of the eighteenth fairway.

The last tee off time for a Saturday medal is 15.30 (earlier for March medal).

All Medal Competitions unless otherwise stated will be qualifying competitions and are listed on the Club's Fixture Teamup Diary and the Club website. Results from non-qualifying competitions may be used by the Match & Handicap Committee for applying a handicap review, see WHS Rules of Handicapping Appendix D.

Members without a Handicap Index may obtain an Initial Handicap Allocation from the Match and Handicap Committee on returning qualifying cards totalling 54 holes, in any permutation of 18-hole and 9-hole cards, from Competition or General Play rounds, dated and signed by the player and the marker. Members must also ensure that gross scores, including any no returns, are shown and indicate which tee placements have been utilised. At the completion of each round the Member must write "FOR HANDICAP" on the card and deposit it in the scorecard box. A Member of the Match & Handicap Committee will allocate the handicap as soon as possible following the final card being submitted, via the Scottish Golf VMS platform.

The 2019 Rules changes rely upon increased integrity from players, and it is the responsibility of all Members to ensure that both they, and the player whose card they are marking, play within the Rules and within the spirit of the Rule changes.

When submitting a General Play scorecard for handicap purposes, the Member is required to pre-register on the Player Entry Screen and on completion to enter their score in a similar manner to Medal Competitions.

A Competition in any class is void for the purpose of the Club presenting a prize if there are fewer than six entries. However, sweep money will still be distributed.

Members are required to acquaint themselves with the terms of the **WHS Rules of Handicapping, effective January 2020**, a copy of which is available on the Club website and in the Clubhouse by the Competitions Noticeboard.

The R&A, in their 2019 Rules, have updated their Pace of Play Manual, in which they encourage "Ready Golf" to be adopted in stroke play (not match play) competitions. The concept is to allow players to act sensibly to ensure that playing out of turn, while encouraged, does not endanger other players. If the following key points are borne in mind, it should be possible at Pollok for a three ball to complete a Medal round in under 3 hours 30 minutes, i. e. complete each hole in under 12 minutes. It is hoped that each game will try to monitor its own progress using the following guidelines:-

## **Key Points for all players**

- **Keep up with the game ahead, not ahead of the game behind.**
- **Walk directly and at a good pace to your ball.**
- **Keep practice swings and pre-shot routines to a minimum.**
- **Hit a shot out of turn if it is safe to do so.**
- **Hit a shot before helping a player search for a lost ball.**
- **Play a Provisional Ball if you suspect that you might not find your ball.**
- **Putt out of turn to avoid unnecessary delay on the green.**
- **Move off the green as soon as all players in the group have holed out.**
- **Mark scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player on the tee marks the card immediately after teeing off.**

**Players who are more than one hole behind the game in front must invite the players following to pass through and to give way if they accept.**

Any player playing a full round has priority over players playing a shorter round.

## **Course Becoming Unplayable During A Competition**

This situation is governed by the R & A Rules of Golf – Rule 5.7. Members should familiarise themselves with these Rules before coming to a decision. The following guidelines are based on actual, past experience at Pollok. These guidelines recognise the reality that, other than during lightning storms, the most usual reason for the course becoming unplayable is due to flooding and that this will more than likely occur first at the far end of the course.

In these circumstances, the following procedure should be followed:

1. When a player is unable to gain relief from temporary water in the General Area or when the area surrounding the hole is completely flooded, they can elect:
  - a. To abandon their game; or
  - b. To mark their ball and await a Council decision
2. In such circumstances the player must report the situation either to a Member of Council on the course or to the General Manager.
3. The Member of Council or the General Manager should immediately inspect the affected area and decide whether play should be suspended.
4. If play is suspended, every effort will be made to advise all Members still playing, although play could continue in parts of the course not affected at the discretion of the players.
5. The Member of Council or the General Manager will decide if play can be resumed. This decision will be taken only if the final group can complete their round in reasonable light. If this is not possible then play will be abandoned. A decision to abandon play can be taken by a Member of Council or the General Manager at any time.
6. When play is abandoned in the Spring, Summer or Autumn Meetings then:
  - a. The next earliest alternative date will be identified immediately for the competition to be re-run including, if necessary, re-scheduling other



- minor competitions.
- b. The same draw will stand unless Members notify the General Manager of their intention to withdraw.
  - c. Sweep money will be held over to the revised date. Any Member who cannot play and insists on having his sweep money refunded should be given the money back.
  - d. Notification of the revised arrangements should be prominently displayed on the notice board.
7. When play is suspended in a minor competition, the Council at its next meeting will consider whether to re-arrange it or not. If it is not re-arranged, sweep money will be returned.
  8. When play is suspended in a normal Medal Competition, it will not be re-arranged. Sweep money will be returned.

## **Main Medal Competitions**

### **Spring Meeting**

Usually held in the middle of May, this is a Qualifier for the Club Championship and the George Duthie Shield. The lowest Scratch score wins the **Sir John Stirling Maxwell Trophy**. The overall winner wins the **Turner Johnston Salver**.

### **Summer Meeting**

Usually held in late June, this is the Qualifier for the Senior Championship. The overall winner wins the **Pollok Quaich**.

### **Autumn Meeting**

This is usually held in late Summer. The overall winner wins the **Centenary Trophy**.

## Nine Hole General Play Cards

A designated Nine-Hole Course has been rated in accordance with the USGA Course Rating System™ under the authorisation granted to Scottish Golf. The format for Nine-Hole Qualifying Scores is Stableford. The Course Rating for the designated Nine-Hole course are detailed below :-

Yellow Tees	3031 Yards	34.7
Red Tees ( Men )	2823 Yards	33.6
Red Tees ( Ladies )	2823 Yards	36.4

When playing in a Nine-Hole General Play round, players must not play the 17<sup>th</sup> hole after they finish the 16<sup>th</sup> hole. They must proceed straight to the 18<sup>th</sup> tee. The playing of the 17<sup>th</sup> hole will be deemed as practising and will result in disqualification.

Qualifying Rounds may only be played from the tees listed below and conducted in accordance with Clause 22 of the CONGU® Unified Handicapping System:

Tees	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	16	18
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## Match Play Competitions

### General Rules

The **Entry Sheet** for Match Play Competitions will be posted on the notice board and the online booking module for a period of **Four Weeks** prior to the draw being made. The entries will then close, and the Entry Sheet removed. The draw will be made soon after this date and posted on Mastersscoreboard and the Club website.

**In order to enter Knock-out Competitions, Members must have a WHS Handicap Index.**

Members email addresses and phone numbers are listed in the Members Section of the Pollok website and in the relevant folder at the Competitions Noticeboard. It is the responsibility of all Members to ensure these telephone numbers and email addresses are correct.

Losing individual competitors or partnerships are responsible for entering the names of the winning player or partnership on the next round of the Draw on the Player Entry screen.

All matches are to start at the first hole and must be played in strict sequence together with any additional holes. They are to be played over 18 holes and in the event of a match being tied after 18 holes, the tie should be settled by extra holes. In keeping with Rule 3.2a (4) of the 2019 Rules of Golf, extra holes will be one hole at a time i.e. sudden death. If extra holes are not an option in the event that the extended match cannot be continued and only if the tie can be replayed within the stated time-scale for the round, then a replay can be

arranged. If neither extra holes nor a replay is possible then the tie should be settled by a cut of cards or toss of a coin.

## **Challengers**

The First Named Player or Partnership in each match is/are the Challenger(s).

It is the responsibility of the Challenger(s), within one week of the opening date of the round to be played, or within one week of their opponents being known, whichever is the later, to offer at least three dates for the tie to be played. One of these dates should be in a weekend and the three dates should be over a period of at least 10 days. If the Challenger(s) do not make contact with their opponents within this required period, the opponents should then make contact with the Challenger(s) to try and arrange the tie.

The primary responsibility for resolving the match date rests with the players. However, should either player/partnership find it impossible to come to an agreement and/or feel aggrieved, they should report the facts to the Match & Handicap Convener ASAP but certainly before the final date for tie to be played. If the tie remains un-played by the closing date of the round and no contact has been made by the challenger(s) with the Match & Handicap Convener, he/she will award the tie to the non-challenger(s).

## **Extensions**

Extensions are unlikely to be given unless the course has been closed for any period of bad weather, or in the event of illness or holidays in which case the Match & Handicap Committee may grant a reasonable extension if a request has been made prior to the closing date for the round. If this situation occurs, the opponents in the next round should be advised of the delay. Any extension will be at the discretion of the Match & Handicap Convener, and under no circumstances will this exceed 7 days.

Unless there is a particular competition condition to the contrary, all competitions shall be played with the Handicap Indexes most recently published by Scottish Golf.

## **Finals Day**

It is a tradition at Pollok Golf Club to play the finals of all knock-out competitions on Finals Day. **Finals Day this year will be Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.** All players entering the competitions are encouraged, if successful, to play the final on Finals Day. A Member who is aware that they will not be able to attend the designated Finals Day should not enter the competition. If, after qualifying for the final, a player's commitments change and they are **unable to play on Finals Day, the player must notify the Match and Handicap Convener** as soon as possible, when an extension may be given. Finals of all competitions must be played by 30th September.

## **The Victory Cup - Club Championship.**

The Qualifiers will be the Current Champion plus the fifteen players who recorded the two lowest scratch score totals from three nominated medals i.e. the Spring Meeting on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May together with two other nominated medals on 14<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> May.

In the event of cancellation of the medal on either 7<sup>th</sup> May or 14<sup>th</sup> May, the medal on 21<sup>st</sup> May will be substituted as a nominated medal.

Matches will be played over 18 holes on the following dates:

First Round -	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Quarter Finals -	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Semi Final -	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Final -	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June

The prize for winning the Victory Cup is:

**The Victory Cup** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge) and  
**Recognition on the Club's Champions Board.**

## **The Mann Cup**

This is a Knockout Competition open to Ordinary and Life Members. The handicap allowance will be full difference **with a maximum allowance of 18**. Matches to be played over 18 holes from the White Medal Tees (Gentlemen) / Red Tees (Ladies).

In the event of a match being tied after 18 holes, the tie should be settled by extra sudden death holes, failing which by replay, but only if the tie can be replayed within the stated timescale for the round.

If neither extra holes nor replay are possible then the tie should be settled by a cut of cards or toss of a coin. In the event of extra holes being played, strokes should be taken as per the appropriate card.

Entry Sheets will be placed on the notice board by the 1<sup>st</sup> March with entries to close on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. The draw will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and posted on the notice board and website shortly after this date.

The prize for winning the Mann Cup is:

**The Mann Cup** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge)

## **The John J Campbell Memorial Trophy (Summer Fourball)**

This is a Fourball Knockout Competition open to Ordinary and Life Members. The matches will be played over 18 holes from the White Medal Tees (Gentlemen) / Red Tees (Ladies) under 90% difference of handicap from lowest handicap.

In the event of a match being tied after 18 holes, the tie should be settled by extra sudden death holes, failing which by replay, but only if the tie can be replayed within the stated timescale for the round. If neither extra holes nor replay are possible then the tie should be settled by a cut of cards or toss of a coin. In the event of extra holes being played, strokes should be taken as per the appropriate card.

Entry Sheets will be placed on the notice board by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March with entries to close on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. The draw will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and posted on the notice board and website shortly after this date.

The prize for winning the John J Campbell Memorial Trophy is:

**The John J Campbell Memorial trophy** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge)

## **The Plate Competition**

This is a Knockout Competition open to Ordinary and Life Members who are knocked out of the Mann Cup in the preliminary or first rounds. The matches will be played over 18 holes from the White Medal Tees (Gentlemen) / Red Tees (Ladies) **with full difference of handicap (maximum allowance 18)**.

In the event of a match being tied after 18 holes, the tie should be settled by extra sudden death holes, failing which by replay, but only if the tie can be replayed within the stated timescale for the round. If neither extra holes nor replay are possible then the tie should be settled by a cut of cards or toss of a coin. In the event of extra holes being played, strokes should be taken as per the appropriate card.

Entry Sheets will be placed on the notice board after the completion of the Mann Cup first round and will be removed after a period of three weeks. The draw will be made soon after this date and posted on the notice board and the club website. **Any player knocked out of the Mann Cup in the preliminary or first round must re-enter for the Plate Competition if they wish to compete.**

The prize for winning the Plate Competition is:

**A Plate engraved with the winner's name** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge)

## **The Senior Championship**

This is a Knockout Competition open to Ordinary and Life Members who have reached the age of 55 by the date of the Summer Meeting. The Fifteen lowest gross scores at the Summer Meeting will qualify together with the present Senior Champion.

Players eligible and wishing to qualify must mark their cards for the Summer Meeting with the letter **S** when returning their score cards. The format will be scratch match play over 18 holes, from the White Medal Tees (Gentlemen) / Red Tees (Ladies).

In the event of a match being tied after 18 holes, the tie should be settled by extra sudden death holes, failing which by replay, but only if the tie can be replayed within the stated timescale for the round. If neither extra holes nor replay are possible then the tie should be settled by a cut of cards or toss of a coin.

The draw will normally take place two days after the Summer Meeting and will be posted shortly thereafter on the notice board and Club website.

The prize for winning the Senior Championship is:

**The Senior Championship Trophy** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge).

## **The Cormie Cup**

This is a Knockout Competition open to Ordinary, Life and Restricted Members who are aged 65 and over as at the date entries close. The matches to be played over 18 holes from the Yellow Medal Tees (Gentlemen) / Red Tees (Ladies) with full difference of handicap.

In the event of a match being tied after 18 holes. the tie should be settled by extra sudden death holes, failing which by replay, but only if the tie can be replayed within the stated timescale for the round. If neither extra holes nor replay are possible then the tie should be settled by a cut of cards or toss of a coin. In the event of extra holes being played, strokes should be taken as per the appropriate card.

Entry Sheets will be placed on the notice board by the 26<sup>th</sup> April with entries to close on the 31<sup>st</sup> May. The draw will take place within two days of entries closing and posted on the notice board and website shortly after this date.

The prize for winning the Cormie Cup is:

**The Cormie Cup** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge)

## **The George Duthie Shield**

This is a Knockout Competition open to Ordinary and Life Members who are aged 60 by the date of the Spring Meeting. The Fifteen lowest scores at the Spring Meeting will qualify together with the current holder.

Players eligible and wishing to qualify must mark their Spring Meeting cards with the letter **D** when returning their score card. The matches to be played over 18 holes from the White Medal Tees (Gentlemen) / Red Tees (Ladies) with full difference of handicap.

In the event of a match being tied after 18 holes the tie should be settled by extra sudden death holes, failing which by replay, but only if the tie can be replayed within the stated timescale for the round. If neither extra holes nor replay are possible then the tie should be settled by a cut of cards or toss of a coin. In the event of extra holes being played, strokes should be taken as per the appropriate card.

The draw will take place within two days after the Spring Meeting and posted on the notice board and website shortly after this date.

The prize for winning the George Duthie Shield is:

**The George Duthie Shield** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge)

## **The Senior Centenary Foursomes**

This is a Foursomes Knockout Competition open to Ordinary, Life and Restricted Members who have attained the age of 65 by the date the entries close. The matches to be played over 18 holes from the Yellow Medal Tees (Gentlemen) / Red Tees (Ladies) with Half Combined Difference of Handicap.

In the event of a match being tied after 18 holes, the tie should be settled by extra sudden death holes, failing which by replay, but only if the tie can be replayed within the stated timescale for the round. If neither extra holes nor replay are possible then the tie should be settled by a cut of cards or toss of a coin. In the event of extra holes being played, strokes should be taken as per the appropriate card.

Entry Sheets will be placed on the notice board by the 26<sup>th</sup> April with entries to close on the 31<sup>st</sup> May. The draw will take place within two days of entries closing and posted on the notice board and Club website shortly after this date.

The prize for winning the Senior Centenary Foursomes is:

**A Quaich with the winners' names engraved on it** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge)

## The Winter Foursomes

This is a Foursomes Knockout Competition open to Ordinary and Life Members. The matches to be played over 18 holes from the White Tees (Gentlemen), Red Tees (Ladies) if still in force, otherwise from green tee boxes. The handicap allowance to be half the combined difference.

In the event of a match being tied after 18 holes, the tie should be settled by extra sudden death holes, failing which by replay, but only if the tie can be replayed within the stated timescale for the round. If neither extra holes nor replay are possible then the tie should be settled by a cut of cards or toss of a coin. In the event of extra holes being played, strokes should be taken as per the appropriate card.

During the winter months if a shortened course is in play it is at the discretion of the competitors to play the reduced number of holes for the match or to fashion 18 holes from the holes in play.

Entry Sheets will be placed on the notice board by the 1<sup>st</sup> September with entries to close on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. The draw will take place within two days of entries closing and posted on the notice board and Club website shortly after this date.

The prize for winning the Winter Foursomes consists of:

**The Winter Foursomes Trophy with the winners' names engraved on it** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge)  
**In addition, the winners will represent Pollok in the following year's Daily Mail Foursomes Competition.**

## The Winter Singles Competition

This is a Knockout Competition open to Ordinary and Life Members. The matches to be played over 18 holes from the White Tees (Gentlemen), Red Tees (Ladies), if still in force, otherwise from green tee boxes. A handicap allowance **of full difference up to a maximum of 18.**

In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes, the tie should be settled by extra sudden death holes, failing which by replay, but only if the tie can be replayed within the stated timescale for the round. If neither extra holes nor replay are possible then the tie should be settled by a cut of cards or toss of a coin. In the event of extra holes being played, strokes should be taken as per the appropriate card.

During the winter months if a shortened course is in play it is at the discretion of the competitors to play the reduced number of holes for the match or to fashion 18 holes from the holes in play.

Entry Sheets will be placed on the notice board by 1<sup>st</sup> September with entries to close on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The draw will take place within two days of entries closing and posted on



the notice board and website shortly after this date.

The prize for winning the Winter Singles is:

**The Winter Singles Cup with the winner's name engraved on it** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge)

### **Ladies – v - Gentlemen Match Play**

White Tees - Course Rating – 70.5  
Yellow Tees - Course Rating – 69.1  
Red Tees - Course Rating - 72.7 Ladies; 66.8 Gentlemen

In a Lady – v – Gentleman handicap match play tie, where the lady is playing from the red tee, the handicap difference will be adjusted so that the lady's handicap is increased by 2 strokes where the gentleman plays from the white tee and by 4 strokes where the gentleman plays from the yellow tee. Where both the lady and the gentleman play from the green tee boxes the handicap difference will be adjusted so that the lady's handicap is increased by 6 strokes.

Handicap adjustments are to be applied to the playing handicap before calculating any handicap allowance fraction for the competition format. Strokes taken by a lady player, playing off the red tees, will be at the ladies' stroke indexes on the red tee card, and strokes taken by the gentleman player will be at the indexes on the white/yellow tee card, as applicable.

In a foursomes match play tie, the strokes taken by a mixed pairing will be at the ladies' stroke indexes on the red tee card, where the lady is playing off the red tees. Where both the lady and the gentleman play from the green tee boxes, the strokes will be taken at the indexes on the white/yellow tee card.

### **The Order of Merit**

This is a season long event taking the 8 best handicapped finishing positions of players achieved in White, Yellow and Red Medals throughout the year. Points in descending order are awarded to the top 20 finishing positions in each eligible competition. The points are totalled, and the overall winner is the player with the highest number of points.

The prize for the winner of the Order of Merit is:

**The Alister MacKenzie Trophy with the winner's name engraved on it** (kept in the display cabinet in the Jamieson Lounge)

## **Disputes**

In the event of any dispute or doubt as to the rules arising on the course during a match play tie, action in accordance with the Rules of Golf, Rule 20.1 must be taken. If a referee has been appointed by the Committee, that referee shall make a decision which is final. In the absence of a referee, the matter must be referred to the Match & Handicap Convenor.

**No result should be posted prior to resolution of the dispute.**

**Note – Bye Laws are reproduced in full in the Constitution, Rules and Bye-Laws available on the Club website.**

‘Play the ball as it lies, play the course as you find it, and if you cannot do either, do what is fair. But to do what is fair, you need to know the RULES OF GOLF’. *Source - The R & A Rules of Golf*

# **Part 2 – Golf Etiquette**

## **Care of the Course**

Pollok Golf Club was founded in 1892 and the course remodelled by Dr Alister MacKenzie in the 1920s. Today it is maintained to the same exacting standards set out by MacKenzie and is presented by Andy McIntee and his team in excellent condition.

Your Council's objective is to support Andy in his efforts, and we ask for your cooperation by showing respect for the course on which you are playing and the work that has been put in to maintain it. By adhering to the following guidelines, we are sure the course will be a constant source of pleasure for all of us.

### **Bunkers**

When you enter a bunker take a rake with you and always enter from the low side at a point nearest to the ball. After hitting your shot, rake the area you played from, as well as all your footprints and any others within reach. The rake should be left partly in the bunker, facing toward the green.

### **Fairways**

Players should avoid causing damage to the fairways by taking divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the head of a club into the ground, whether in anger or for any other reason. A divot taken in the process of executing a shot should be replaced before moving on to the next shot.

When the course is very wet it helps to minimise damage if heavy golf carts and buggies are kept to the side of the fairways or semi - rough whenever possible. The red, amber and green codes posted by the Course Manager for buggy use must be adhered to by Members.

### **Tees**

The same general rules apply to the tees as they do for the fairways. Buggies and golf carts should be kept off the tees at all times.

### **Greens**

Pitch marks made by the impact of a ball and repaired in five minutes will heal within a few hours. Pitch marks that are not repaired will take weeks to recover. Using a pitch mark repair tool, repair the pitch mark by working the edges towards the centre, without lifting the centre of the mark. Don't tear the grass and finish by smoothing the area with a club or your feet. Try to get the area smooth enough to putt over

On completion of the hole by all players in the group, damage to the putting green caused by golf balls, golf shoes or any other source should be repaired before moving on to the next tee.

It is important that no damage is done to the green when laying down the flagstick or golf bags. In order to avoid damaging the hole, players should not stand too close to the hole and should take care during the handling of the flagstick and the removal of a ball from the hole. The head of a club should not be used to remove a ball from the hole

## **Etiquette - Consideration for Others**

Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players whether on the golf course or organising a match, and to abide by the rules. Players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy, good manners, and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be.

Etiquette is an integral and inextricable part of the game, which has come to define golf's values worldwide. The following brief guidelines have been set down as a reminder of good practice:

- You should always show consideration for other players on the course and take care not to disturb their play by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise.
- Do not stand close to the ball, directly behind it, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to play.
- On the putting green, you should be careful not to stand on another player's line of putt or, when he is putting, cast a shadow over his line. You should also remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out.
- When you are tending the flagstick be sure not to stand on anyone's line.
- If you hit a ball that you suspect might be lost, the Rules of Golf allow you to play a second or provisional ball. You then have three minutes from the time you reach the spot where you suspect the ball landed to find the ball. If it is not found within that three-minute period, you must declare it lost and play your provisional ball. If, however, you play a provisional ball and subsequently find your original ball in-bounds, you must pick up your provisional ball and continue to play the original ball.
- For safety's sake, never play a shot when there is a chance you might be able to reach the group ahead of you. This is particularly relevant at the fourteenth hole at Pollok. A long tee shot across the corner can reach players who are out of sight but who have not yet reached the fourteenth green.
- **You must not drive at the first tee when you can see players on the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway. Care must also be taken when driving at the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.**
- Players who are more than one hole behind the game in front **must offer to give way** to the game immediately behind. They **must** invite the players following to pass.
- Players must ensure that buggies remain a safe distance from bunkers, greens and tees to avoid unnecessary damage to the course.
- You must not leave litter or broken tees lying on the course for the greens staff to lift

- particularly when the bins have been closed for safety reasons.
- When playing the course alone, Members may play not more than two balls from tee to green at each hole. All other forms of practising must be restricted to the Putting Green, Practice Ground, Practice Green and Practice Nets.
  - Finally, at the end of the round, shake hands with your fellow players, congratulate the winners, console the losers, and thank them for their company. The great pleasure of the game is the time you get to spend with your friends whether old friends or new friends you just made through the game.

## **Part 3 – Members’ Contact Details**

**Members’ Contact Details**

**Members’ CDH Numbers**

**Members’ Handicaps**

**All are regularly updated and available on the Pollok Golf Club website**

**[www.pollokgolf.com](http://www.pollokgolf.com)**