

# Halesworth Golf Ladies Competition Rules

(updated July 2022)

## Ladies Qualifying Competitions

(England Women's Golf Association (EWGA) Medal, Stablefords, Trophies and Bogey)

### 1. Competition Days

Ladies' Competition Day is Thursday. The alternate day for play is Sunday. Only members of the Blyth Course are entitled to enter Competitions held on the Blyth Course.

Competitions held on the Valley Course are open to members of both the Valley course and the Blyth Course.

Thursday and Sunday EWGA Competitions scores are combined, and first, second and third prizes awarded, dependant on entry numbers. If less than six ladies enter the combined EWGA Competition no prizes will be allocated, and no fees taken.

Prizes are divided into two divisions: SILVER 0-26 BRONZE 26+

Ladies may play in the monthly EWGA Competitions on both days (Thursday and Sunday) but only one of the days' scores will count towards the Ladies EWGA Competition and only one entry fee needs to be paid. Ladies need to specify in advance to the Lady Competition Secretary which day they wish to count towards prize allocation. If none is selected then by default the first score will apply for prizes, however, both scores will be recorded for handicap purposes.

All Ladies Trophies (except the Sunday Trophy and Medal of Medals) are played on a Thursday.

### 2. Competition Subs

An online prepayment scheme has been introduced for all Ladies Competitions. Cash will no longer be used. Please ensure that you have sufficient funds in your account prior to entering a competition. If there are insufficient funds to cover competition entry, then a lady is still able to play on the day but will not qualify for any prize money. Entry fees are divided between prize money and supporting the Ladies' Section.

### 3. Tee Times

For all EWGA Competitions tee times should be adhered to.

Both Thursdays and Sundays have tee times allotted by the proprietors as indicated on IG.

Normally:   Thursdays 8:32 to 10:00 am

                  Sundays (October 1st to March 31st) 11:00 to 11:30 am

                  Sundays (April 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>) 10:32 to 10:48am

However, ladies unable to play within the allotted EWGA Competition tee times must confirm their intention to play in the EWGA Competition with the Ladies Competition Secretary (or in her absence the Ladies Handicap Secretary), as well as their intended time of play with an IG tee booking, at least 24 hours prior to play. Cards must be marked by a HG member with a valid handicap and with the approval of the Ladies Competition Secretary (or in her absence the Ladies Handicap Secretary),

#### **4. Sign Up**

EWGA Competition sign-up opens on IG at least 21 days prior to the EWGA Competition date. On Thursdays, ladies are encouraged to play EWGA Competitions in threes. All entrants should sign up for EWGA Competitions through IG. Ladies are invited to enter their own name only against a selected tee time. Name or names of other competitors may be added, but only at the express request of the player(s) concerned. Telephone entries will be accepted via the professional shop, Ladies Competition Secretary (or in her absence the Ladies Handicap Secretary).

Any lady who requires assistance to play should seek advice from the Committee to ensure their needs are met.

EWGA Competition signup closes at 12 noon the day before each competition after which time entries will not be accepted. However, ladies may turn up on the day and fill any gap and submit a General Play Card.

#### **5. Registering your intention to play in the EWGA Competitions**

**Ladies must pre-register their intention to play in the EWGA Competition on the IG App either using the HG computer or their phone before commencing play.** The fact that they have signed up before the day of play is not itself pre-registration and **failure to register on the day will result in disqualification from the EWGA Competition** (however your card will count for handicap purposes).

#### **6. Marking and signing your card**

Score cards must be signed and submitted immediately after play onto IG even if the round was not completed. Completed cards should then be left with the Ladies Handicap Secretary or placed in the wire cage located in the ladies changing room.

If, for any reason, another lady HG member cannot be found to mark a EWGA Competition card within the allotted tee times then a card may be marked by any HG member with a valid handicap with the approval of the Ladies Competition Secretary (or in her absence the Ladies Handicap Secretary),

#### **7. Withdrawing from a EWGA Competition**

If a lady must withdraw from an EWGA Competition, she must inform her playing partner(s) as well as the Ladies Competition Secretary (or in her absence the Ladies Handicap Secretary), at least 24 hours in advance if possible. **It is not acceptable to use the Halesworth Ladies WhatsApp Group for this purpose.** Where a member fails to appear for a EWGA Competition without informing the said Committee Member and their playing partner, then that lady will be expected to pay the entry fee.

If a player must withdraw from a Mixed Trophy Competition due to illness or family emergency, etc then it is acceptable for another player to take their place on that day, except for knockout competitions. For full details of knockout competitions please refer to rule sheet relating to the appropriate competition or contact the Competition Secretary for clarification.

## **8. Maximum Score EWGA Medals**

Any lady with a handicap index above 40.6 - 41.4 are capped at course handicap 45, however, they can play under the ruling of a maximum score competition which sets the maximum hole score on any hole for handicap purposes. This is to improve pace of play and encourage ladies to enter medal formats being reassured that any high score will be 'capped' for the competition. Scores entered under maximum score rulings will not be eligible for prizes.

## **9. Trophy Competitions**

All trophies are played for annually.

When the Thursday EWGA Competition is played alongside a Trophy Competition, then ladies who enter on both the Sunday and Thursday will, by default, be entered into the Thursday Trophy Day Competition. The Sunday EWGA Competition will then be recognised as a separate competition for ladies who only play on the Sunday and prizes awarded for the Sunday EWGA Competition winners if the number of entrants is more than six, otherwise entry fees will be refunded to competitors.

Some Trophy Competitions have a set handicap index limit. When a Trophy Competition is played alongside an EWGA Competition and all ladies, regardless of their handicap can enter and play, for the purposes of the separate Trophy Competition only, all handicaps will be manually capped for the Trophy Competition by the Ladies Handicap Secretary. This will not affect the EWGA winners on the day.

Anyone wishing to enter a Ladies Trophy Competition, or a Mixed Ladies Trophy Competition played in accordance with the Ladies Competition Rules, must have submitted scores from **three EWGA Competitions during the preceding twelve months from Halesworth Golf.**

*Exceptions to this are:*

*Williams Cup; Addison Rabbits Trophy; Addison Mixed Trophy and the Past & Present Captains Trophy. Also, the Ladies Club Championship (Johnny Johnson Trophy and Originals Cup) which require three EWGA Competition cards submitted since January of the same year at Halesworth Golf.*

## **10. Mixed Tee Individual Competitions**

Scores from mixed tee individual competitions will count towards prizes and playing handicaps only.

## **11. 9 Hole EWGA Qualifying Competitions**

A 9-hole Qualifying Round was introduced in 2013 which allows ladies to maintain their handicap indexes by playing 9-holes. Ladies over 70 years can enter the 9-hole Annual Eclectic Trophy Competition played on the Valley Course by signing up on IG.

## **12. Pace of Play**

Golf should be played at a prompt pace and ladies are encouraged to play ready golf. They should allow faster groups to play through at the earliest opportunity. Three balls should

let faster two balls to play through even if they have not lost a hole.  
IG is able to monitor pace of play and ladies will be informed of any concerns.

### **Fun Competitions**

The above rules apply except when playing fun competitions in teams on Thursdays and Sundays, when teams of three: low, medium, and high handicap are often drawn and allocated tee times by the Ladies Competition Secretary. Sign up for these competitions closes three days before the competition allowing teams to be drawn with confidence of no late changes. Late entries will only be accepted if there are spare spaces on a team.

### **General Play Scorecards**

WHS encourages golfers to enter as many scores as possible to maintain a handicap that reflects their playing ability. General Play Scorecards can be entered for any 9-hole or 18-hole round played in accordance with the rules of golf.

Pre-register the round using the IG App/computer or tell the Club Pro that you intend to submit a score. Enter the score using IG at the clubhouse immediately after the round is completed whilst still at the golf club. Inform the Ladies Handicap Secretary that a General Play Score has been submitted. Place the score card in the metal cage located in the ladies changing room.

Please note: In order to protect the integrity of the handicap system, there is a time lag in operation from the point where intent to play a round is registered, to the stage when a score can be accepted. A golfer's final score must be verified by a playing partner who has witness the round and is an HG member with a valid handicap.

You can also use the England Golf App to register a General Play Scorecard. Follow the instructions on the screen after logging on. You must have a playing partner to verify your score.

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## Appendix 1

### England Women's Golf Medal (2021 to 2022)

Participation in the club qualifying rounds is open to female amateur golfers of all ages, who are members of England Golf and in possession of an individual up-to-date Handicap Index.

- There will no longer be an upper handicap limit to compete in the EWGA competition.
- Club qualifying rounds will no longer need to be medal rounds.
- All forms of individual club stroke play competitions will be included in the calculation of the club winner, including Stableford, medal, maximum score and par/bogey.
- Competitions will no longer need to be nominated as EWGA qualifiers. Instead, all competitions meeting the eligibility criteria will be included in the calculation of the club winner (player with the lowest aggregate differential of four best scores). There will no longer be a maximum number of competitions included in the calculation to determine the club winner.
- If any lady is playing an EWGA competition but also wishes to enter the Ladies Competition she must abide by the HGC Ladies competition rules.
- Result is calculated automatically by WHS.