



Kinsale Golf Club

Men's Competition Rules of Entry

Kinsale Golf Club has very high participation levels in competitions both by club members and visitors. All players are expected to adhere to competition rules.

1. General Competition Rules

- The Committee reserves the right to alter, postpone or abandon any competition.
- The Competition Secretary and Committee are responsible for drawing up and interpreting conditions for all competitions. Their decision is final in all matters relating to competitions.
- If the numbers of participants in a competition is below 10, the competition will be abandoned, no prizes will be awarded and the entry fees will be refunded.
- Ties in all competitions will be decided as follows;
Last 18,9,6,3,2,1 holes.
- If the above does not provide a clear result then the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.
- Persons in arrears (Annual Subscriptions and/or Competition Fees unpaid) will not be eligible to win prizes in any competition.
- Players who do not have a fully developed handicap index (minimum of 20 qualifying scores), are prohibited from winning first prize in all competitions.

2. Requirements for Competition Entry are as follows:

- Enter your details for the competition on the computer.
- Pay the entry fee in the Pro Shop
- Players are responsible for checking the details of conditions of play on club notice board or the Pro Shop prior to competitions.
- Juvenile members may be permitted entry into adult competitions and club championships once they have been ratified by the Juvenile Committee and meet the relevant handicapping and etiquette requirements.
- Kinsale Golf Club welcomes visitors to Open Competitions. However entry is restricted to players whose entry can be facilitated automatically by our competition entry software.

3. Use of Buggies in Club Competitions And General Play Rounds

- Buggies may be only used by players aged 66 years and over.
- All other competitors may use buggies on production of a Signed Medical Cert and approval of the Committee.
- All those using or sharing buggies must meet the above requirements.

4. After completing your round, please complete the following steps:

- Ensure that your scorecard is in good condition and all scores entered are clearly legible.
- On completion of your round, enter your score into the computer and then put your signed scorecard in the slot for scorecards beside the computer monitor in the locker room.
- It is the responsibility of each player to ensure that scorecards are signed by **both the player and marker**. A missing signature on scorecards will mean disqualification.
- To assist the Committee in producing results, players are requested, for Stableford Competitions, to have the points entered for each hole and the total entered at the bottom of the scorecard, and for Stroke Play Competitions, total the score for each 9 holes and the overall total entered at the bottom of the scorecard.
- If a member has entered both the competition of the day and any other competition in progress that day i.e. the winter league, then scores must be entered for both competitions into the computer.

- Failure to enter your score in the computer for competitions and /or winter league may result in disqualification, unless in the exceptional case the computer was out of order and the player indicates this in writing on the top of the scorecard.

5. Timesheet

Members must make every effort to ensure that their playing partners are not discommoded by late withdrawals except in extreme circumstances. Late withdrawals in team competitions are totally unacceptable. The Committee reserves the right to deal with offenders as it sees appropriate – this may include the withdrawal of competition playing rights for a determined period. Please see the clubs **No Show Policy** for further details.

It is also expected that members **do not 'line hop'** on the clubs BRS Golf Booking system for trivial reasons. If members wish to move tee times they should give consideration to their fellow competitors when doing so and move to a tee time a minimum of 2 hours before or after their original time slot and also make the change a minimum of **8** hours beforehand to allow the remaining player(s) on the line make alternative arrangements if they so wish.

The Committee reserves the right to deal with repeat offenders as it sees appropriate. Please see the clubs **No Show Policy** for further details.

6. Prizes and Presentations:

- Prize winners **must** attend presentations or make suitable alternative arrangements for prizes to be collected at the presentations.
- Where a prize winner cannot attend at presentations, arrangements should be made for the attendance of a substitute representative and should be notified in advance to the committee.
- Where a prize winner does not attend the Committee reserves the right to redistribute prizes.
- Prizes not collected within 21 days of competition may be redistributed at the discretion of the Competitions' Committee.
- The prize fund will usually be allocated approximately 70% of the net receipts from the competition entry.

7. Major Competitions:

The following are the club major competitions:

President's Prize and Captain's Prize.

To be eligible for **First Prize** in the above major competitions, a player:

- Must be a paid-up full member of the club.
- Must have completed and returned at least 3 cards in single qualifying club competitions in the current year prior to any major competition. This may be waived in exceptional circumstances and members notified prior to the competition.
- Must have a fully developed WHS handicap (World Handicap System) - 20 rounds, with not more than 4 General Play rounds returned.

8. Club Championships:

The Club Championships are Singles, Fourball and Foursomes match play competitions.

- All matches are to be played off the Blue Tees.
- If a match is all square after 18 holes, it will be completed by being played as sudden death from the first hole. If the match cannot be completed due to bad light or bad weather, the game must be completed at the earliest possible time thereafter. Handicaps must be the same as used starting the match and play resumed from the point of suspension.
- All matches must be completed by the round closing date. No exceptions will be permitted unless written approval by the Competition Secretary is issued.
- The player/players on the top half of each draw / left hand side of the draw on Master Scoreboard must make contact with the opposition player/players to arrange the match. Both players/pairings must be proactive in arranging the fixture. Three alternative dates are to be offered to the opponents, it is the responsibility of the second drawn player/players to agree to one of the dates.
- If the match is not played by the due date, all players may be disqualified, unless approval for a postponement is given by the Competition Secretary.
- The winner of each match must post the results on the draw sheet (posted in the locker room) and advise by SMS/WhatsApp to the Competition Secretary (**Phone No. XXXXXXXXXX**) which will be posted in Knock-out Draws on Master Scoreboard before the closing date for the round.

- If the winner is not posted or advised at this date, the committee will decide the winner by a coin toss. If no match has been played by then, all players are disqualified.
- All Finalists **must** play their match on the date and time agreed by the Competition Secretary.

9. Handicaps:

- Handicaps to be used are as follows:
 1. Singles Matches:
 - a. Full difference between Playing Handicaps using Blue Course Handicaps.
 2. Foursomes Matches:
 - a. Full difference between 50% of combined Playing Handicaps playing off Blues.
 3. Fourball Match:
 - a. Blue Course Handicaps to be used as Playing Handicap.
 - b. Handicaps are 90% of Playing Handicap.
 - c. Lowest player goes to scratch.
 - d. All others receive number of shots in difference between themselves and the lowest player.
- The Entry Fee shall be decided by the Committee prior to the competition. The Entry Fee must be paid at the time of entry.
- If players disagree on who should be posted to play the next round, both parties must contact the Men's Committee by email, to admin@kinsalegolf.ie with "disagreement" in the subject box and advise the Competition Secretary. At the latest, the email must arrive no later than 5pm on the day following the final date of play for that round. The Men's Committee will then decide on who if any players will progress to the next round. If the result is not posted or correspondence not received on time both parties will have disqualified themselves from the competition.

The above rules will be strictly applied to without exception. The Men's Committee decision will be final.

Men's Committee

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