



Kinsale Golf Club

Men's Winter Golf

Kinsale G.C. enjoys a high participation rate during the winter period. In addition to singles competitions we also have a very well supported Winter League competition. To facilitate the Committee in implementing this onerous golf schedule we use a truncated version of the Handicap Master computer system.

Official handicaps will be frozen on the inception of Winter Golf (circa October) and will be reinstated when 'qualifying competitions' resume in the subsequent spring.

For Winter Golf the computer system will use a players World Handicap Index (WHS), frozen at the start of Winter Golf. This will then be rounded up/down to give a playing handicap. The playing handicap will be reduced to reflect shortened courses e.g. 13/18s of the playing handicap for 13 hole competitions, 14/18s of the playing handicap for 14 hole competitions, etc.

To promote the widest possible distribution of prizes in the winter period the following approach to Handicap adjustments will apply:

- a) Handicap adjustments will be based on finishing position in the competition and the value of the prize associated as follows:

No. Prizes Issued	Finishing Position								
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
	Cut	Cut	Cut	Cut	Cut	Cut	Cut	Cut	Cut
1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0.4	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0	0	0	0	0
5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0	0	0	0
6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0	0	0
7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
8	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0
9	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

b) All Handicaps adjustments will be applied to the players full Winter Handicap Index.

c) In team competitions e.g. Scrambles, 2 Man Team, Fourball etc each member of the winning team(s) will each be cut as above.

d) Any player, playing in the Winter League **ONLY** and returns a score that equals or exceeds any prize winning score in that days competition will have his playing handicap reduced as above.

e) During the winter period, playing handicap adjustments will be applied on a weekly basis. These adjustments are temporary and will only apply for the duration of winter golf.

f) Players with undeveloped playing handicaps wishing to play in the Winter League will be subject to a handicap adjustment as follows:

- Initial handicap index allocated frozen at the start of winter golf, divided by qualifying rounds for handicap required (20), multiplied by the qualifying rounds played.
- A player with an initial handicap index allocated of 10.7 and has 15 qualifying rounds played would work out as $10.7 / 20 \times 15 = 8.0$, thus he would get a winter playing index of 8.
- A player with an initial handicap index allocated of 10.7 and has 18 qualifying rounds played would work out as $10.7 / 20 \times 18 = 9.6$, thus he would get a winter playing index of 10.

g) A player with an undeveloped handicap playing in the winter league with the above handicap adjustments will be entitled to win first prize in any of the competitions of the day played over the winter season (if entered). On the resumption of summer golf they will revert back to **Men's Competition Rules of Entry.**

On return to 18 hole qualifying golf, players will revert to their WHI subject to a review of winter golf performance by the Handicap Committee.

On occasions, depending on the number of entries, the value of prizes paid may fall below the target of 70%. When this arises, the excess funds will be put aside and all prize winners over the winter period will be invited to play in a once off competition for the unused prize money before the return to summer golf.

Value of Prizes for Winter Golf

Entries	Prizes	Nett	Gross	Prize Value
< 10	0	0	0	Cancel Competition, Entry Fee Returned
10 to 21	1	1	0	€30 - €30
22 to 33	2	2	0	€35, €25 - €60
34 to 45	3	3	0	€40, €30, €20 - €90
46 to 57	4	4	0	€50, €40, €30, €20 - €140
58 to 69 *	5	4	1	€50, €40, €30, €30, €20 - €170
70 to 81 *	6	5	1	€50, €40, €30, €30, €20, €20 - €190
82 to 93 *	7	6	1	€50, €40, €30, €30, €20, €20, €20 - €210
94 to 105 **	8	6	2	€50, €40, €30, €30, €30, €20, €20, €20 - €240
106 to 117 **	9	7	2	€50, €40, €30, €30, €30, €20, €20, €20, €20 - €260

* Best Gross 4th Place (when awarded)

**Second Gross 8th Place (when awarded)

Men's Committee

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