



Kinsale Golf Club

Men's Competition Rules of Entry

Kinsale Golf Club has very high participation levels in competitions 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 18 hole competitions will be decided based on the recommendations of the R&A in their Rules of Golf as to how to perform card-matching to decide a tie (Committee Procedures, Section 5A(6)).
- The winner is determined based on the score for the last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole in turn.
- If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes and final hole of the first nine holes will be considered in turn.
- If the above does not provide a clear result then the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.
- All players must be on the official time sheet 24 hours in advance, for the seventeen (17) Golfer of the Year competitions.
- 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 counting scores) are prohibited from winning first prize in all competitions and from participating in Club Championship Matchplay competitions.

2. Requirements for Competition Entry are as follows:

- Pay the entry fee in the Pro Shop.
- Enter your details for the competition on the computer terminal.
- 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. 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 terminal in the locker room and then put your signed scorecard in the slot for scorecards beside the computer terminal in the locker room.
- It is the responsibility of each player to ensure that scorecards are signed by **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 terminal.
- 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.

4. Timesheet:

Members should avoid late withdrawals from the timesheet at all times. Late withdrawals often discommode other players in the time-slot and are only acceptable in extreme circumstances. If you have to withdraw at short notice, please inform the Pro-shop by phone, so the message can be communicated to your playing partners. Late withdrawals in team competitions are totally unacceptable. The Committee reserves the right to deal with repeat 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 two (2) hours before or after their original time slot and also make the change a minimum of eight (8) hours beforehand to allow the remaining player(s) on the line make alternative arrangements if they so wish.

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5. 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.

6. Major Competitions:

The following are the club major competitions.

Captain's Prize, President's Prize, Lady Captain's Prize to Men and all Golfer of the Year Competitions.

To be eligible to win First Prize in the Captain's Prize or President's Prize.

- A player must be a paid-up full member of the club.
- A player must have completed and returned at least three cards in singles qualifying competitions in the current year prior to the Captain's or President's Prize competition. This may be waived in exceptional circumstances and members notified prior to the competition.

All Major Competitions.

- Major competitions include the Captain's, President's and Lady Captain's prize to men along with the eight Monthly Medals and six Cup competitions.
- A player must have a fully developed WHS handicap (World Handicap System) - 20 counting rounds, with no more than 4 General Play rounds returned on his last 20 recorded rounds with Golf Ireland.
- If a player finishes in first place and does not meet this criteria then they will be relegated to second position.

- All players **MUST** be registered on the timesheet to play in any Golfer of the Year (GOY) competition. This is essential to ensure smooth running of the competitions and give fair play to all participants.
- Players **CAN ONLY** play at their allocated time and not before.
- Any player that does **NOT ADHERE** to the above will be automatically disqualified (DQ).
- There are seventeen (17) competitions that count for points to determine the Golfer of the Year. They are the Captain's, President's and Lady Captain's prize to men along with eight (8) Monthly Medals and six (6) Cup Competitions. There are also points awarded to the losing semi-finalists, runner-up and winner of the Club Singles Matchplay Championship.

7. Weekly Competitions:

To win any club competition outside the Major Competitions and Golfer of the Year (GOY) Competitions, a player must have a fully developed WHS handicap (World Handicap System) – 20 counting rounds, otherwise they will be relegated to second place.

8. Club Championships:

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

- Players must have a fully developed WHS handicap (World Handicap System) - 20 counting rounds.
- Juvenile members may be permitted entry into club championships once they have been ratified by the Juvenile Committee and meet the relevant handicapping.
- All matches are to be played from 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(s) on the left hand side of the draw on Master Scoreboard must make contact with the opposition player(s) to arrange the match. Both players/pairings must be proactive in arranging the fixture. Three alternative dates are to be offered to the opponents, by the player(s) making the contact. It is the responsibility of the second drawn player(s) to agree to one of the dates.
- If the match is not played by the due date, lots may be drawn or all players may be disqualified, unless approval for a postponement is given by the Competition Secretary.
- The winner(s) of each match must return the result by entering it on club computer terminal in the locker room within 24 hours of the match been completed.
- Failure to record results within the stipulated timeframe may result in disqualification, removal from the competition, or other penalties as determined by the competition committee.
- All Finals **will** be played **on the date and time** set by the Competition Secretary, unless in the exceptional circumstance, that a player has qualified for more than one final, then a date will be agreed by the Competition Secretary and the players.

Matchplay Handicaps:

Handicaps to be used are as follows:

1. Singles Matches

The handicap allowance is 100% of the difference between each player's Blue Course Handicap.

2. Foursomes Matches

The handicap allowance is calculated as 50% of the difference between the two teams' combined Blue Course Handicaps.

3. Fourball Matches

The handicap allowance is 90% of the difference between the Blue Course Handicap of the lowest handicap player in the match and each other player's Blue Course Handicap.

Refer to policy for "Golf Players Matchplay Document" for further help with handicapping.

- 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.

10. 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.

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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