

# FLIXTON GOLF CLUB MENS COMPETITION RULES

Adopted by the Council and effective from 1st April 2024

## 1. STARTING SHEET

The starting sheet will be available on Thursday evening at 8.00 p.m., two weeks and two days prior to the competition, the entry will be online in the clubhouse with a paper back up should the IT solution fail with the starting sheet available to other members from 01:00am on the same day Members will append a maximum of 4 names including their own name, excepting the Captain, President and Professional whose names will be appended by the Handicaps Committee.

Any member with a legitimate reason preventing him from appending his own name (sickness/holidays) may apply, in writing, to the Handicaps Committee to have his name appended. Junior members are allowed to append their name from the Thursday following the posting of the sheet.

In Pairs Competitions one partner may append the names of both parties. Once the competition has commenced no changes to the starting sheet can be made, except by a member of the Handicaps Committee or in their absence, the official starter on the sheet. Members contravening this rule will be suspended as described in rule 3.

In Knockouts, once the draw has been made no changes to the drawn competitors will be allowed. It is the responsibility of the top pairing to offer 3 dates (one of which must be a weekend) to play the round, dates to be mutually agreed, no extensions to the end dates are permitted under any circumstances. Members whose subscriptions are unpaid are not entitled to either participate or enter a competition. Competitors having completed the 9th hole must wait until all competitors in the same starting block have driven from the first tee.

## 2. COMPETITIONS

Competitors are required to pay the competition entrance fee and sign the competition entrance sheet before commencing play. Members failing to do this will be disqualified. Any member failing to play at his appointed time will be suspended as described in rule 3. In the case of a 36 hole event, It is a condition of entry that members who qualify for the second round shall make themselves available; failure to comply will result in suspension as described in rule 3.

It is each member's responsibility to determine whether or not he has qualified. So that an accurate Competition Scratch Score can be calculated, all cards taken out must be returned and placed in the men's competition box no later than 15 minutes after the last competitors have completed their round. Cards where competitors have completed less than 5 holes of a stipulated round will not be accepted for Handicapping purposes. For all 36 hole events, the same handicap will apply throughout, and where a reduction is due following the first round, this will not be applied to the second round score for the purpose of the Woodhouse Trophy Competition.

### **Club Trophy**

Entry is restricted to the leading 45 players and ties in the Woodhouse Trophy on the date decided by the handicaps committee.

### **Woodhouse Trophy**

Best nett average of six 18 hole medal rounds. All competition medal rounds up to and including the Anniversary Trophy excluding the Medal Final and Thursday Medal rounds.

### **3. SUSPENSIONS**

Members under suspension will not be allowed to compete in competitions for a period of 1 month or 3 competitions whichever is completed first. Suspensions apply only to competitions held at Flixton Golf Club, and do not include any knockouts or ongoing competitions once commenced. Whilst under suspension a member may append his name for any competition to be played after the completion of his suspension. The Handicaps Committee has powers to remove suspensions on approaches by members with legitimate reasons for contravention.

### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

The time of the presentation will be given on the competition start sheet. Competition prizewinners are required to attend the presentation. It is a competitor's own responsibility to find out if he has won a prize. Failure to attend a presentation is discourteous to the Captain, the President and the Committee.

On Captain's Prize Day and President's Prize Day to receive a prize the winner of a prize must attend the presentation, apologies will not be accepted. With the exception of Invitation Days, Open Competitions and Turkey Competitions, prizes will only be given to the competitors with the best scores in attendance at the presentation. A prizewinner who does not attend the ceremony must submit a written apology to the Handicaps Committee prior to the presentation, together with the date of the next presentation at which he can receive his prize; this date to be within 21 days of the original presentation. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in forfeiture of the prize\*. \* For the purposes of these rules, a prize is deemed to be any item purchased specifically to be taken away after the ceremony and not objects (trophies) that are awarded annually that remain in the Club. In the case of a Major, the winner would win the trophy but not the prize.

The winner of a Monthly Medal the winner would retain only the right to play in the Medal Cup. At the end of the season, all Major winners will be re-presented with their trophies at an Annual Celebration Dinner, along with the winners of the Lord Winstanley Trophy, Whitaker Shield, Woodhouse Trophy and Best Gross. All Club Members and Guests are welcome to attend.