

RULES FOR H.V.G.C. COMPETITIONS

1. All Competitions are to be played in accordance with the Royal & Ancient Rules of Golf.
2. All competitors must arrive on the tee 5 minutes before their allocated time times for the competition. Failure to be on time will result in a verbal warning
3. It is the responsibility of the competitor to advise the Competition Secretary of their inability to play in a competition An exception to, this rule, is family emergencies; however, the Competition Secretary should still be informed as soon as possible. Failure to do so will subject the player to the same disciplinary regulations as a competitor who fails to arrive for the competition.
4. Any competitor who fails to arrive for a competition will be subject to the following regulations:
 - 1st offence in any 12 month period: A verbal warning.
 - 2nd offence in any 12 month period: a final verbal warning
 - Any subsequent offence: Potential suspension from future competitions
5. Entrants must be current playing members of HVGC unless otherwise specified on the rule card for the competition. Note previous year's membership will cease on 31st December each year.
6. Buggies will not be allowed in competitions unless a current Medical Certificate has been presented to and authorised by the Committee. An exception to this rule is for the visiting team when playing in Friendly matches, provided the visiting team has given advance notice of the need for the use of buggies by specified members of their team.
7. The Committee expect, where possible, all competitors to remain for food and announcements following any competition where food has been provided.
8. No group will be allowed to start before the first tee time published and no group will be allowed to start later than the last published tee time, unless delayed by play resulting from an earlier tee time. For an early or late tee time within the allocated tee times a request should be made to the Competition Secretary stating the reason. The Competition Secretary's decision will be final.
9. The Committee reserve the right to amend the rules of any competition at their discretion. Any changes to the published rules of a competition will be specified on the Entry Form and the Tee Times Notice
10. Additional rules for single and team Knockout competitions,
If both players / team cannot agree a match date, the Competition Secretary will book a tee and advise both players / teams of the time and date. If only one player / team is on the tee at the appointed time, he will be declared the winner, unless the other player / team arrives within 5 minutes of the appointed time. In these circumstances the player / team arriving late will be deemed to have lost the first hole and play will start on the 2nd hole (Rule R&A 6-3 applies). If neither player / team is present within 5 minutes of the appointed time, a bye will be awarded to the opponent in the next round.
One player / team may concede the match should they be unable to play within the designated timeframe. This will be at the discretion of the Competition Secretary
The competition round winner cannot be decided by any other means other than submitting a signed score card for the match or as described above. Disregarding this instruction will mean automatic disqualification from the competition for both players / teams.
11. Club members, are allowed to play practice rounds from the white tees providing permission is sought and given by the Golf Centre. Any such rounds must comply with the rules of golf.
The Committees reserve the right to amend the rules of any competition at their discretion. Any changes to the published rules of a competition will be specified on the Entry Form and the Tee

Captain's Drive In

Format:

To be decided by the Captain & announced on the entry sheet.

Entry Requirements:

As decided by the captain and included on the entry sheet.

Entry List:

The entry list will be posted on the notice board at least 5 weeks prior to the competition date.

Closing date:

The entry list will be closed 14 days before the start of the Competition. Tee times will be posted on the board and HVGC Website 10 days before the competition date.

Entry Fee:

The entry fee is decided by the Captain and 50% will be donated to their nominated charity or the Captains Fund. The remaining 50% will be paid out in prizes.

Mike Morgan Summer Pairs Knockout

Format:

A pair's team Match-Play Knockout competition played off 90% handicap. All players calculate 90% of their course handicap. The lowest handicap player will play off scratch, the other three players play off the the handicap difference. Shots are then taken as per the stroke index of each hole. The competition will be played between 1st April and 30th September.

Tees: White.

Entry Requirements:

Open to all male members who have a Competition handicap of 36 or less.

Entry List:

The entry list will be posted to the notice board at least 5 weeks prior to the competition date

Closing date:

The entry list will close 14 days before the competition starts

Entry Fee: £5.00 per player (£10 per team) to be paid prior to the close of entry date. Payment to be made to Competition Secretary and a receipt obtained. The receipt number is to be written opposite your name on the entry sheet. 20% of the entry fees will be retained by Gents section

Prizes: Club trophy & board entry for winning pair. Vouchers for winners and runners up will be presented at club presentation night.

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Special Notes:

In the event of a halved match, extra sudden death holes will be played starting from the 1st tee. Handicap entitlement remains intact during the sudden death playoff.

It is the responsibility of both teams to arrange their match. If players cannot agree a date, or time is running out the Competition Secretary will book a tee time and advise both teams of the time and date. If only one team is on the tee at the appointed time they will be declared the winner. If neither team is present within 5 minutes of the appointed time, a bye will be awarded to the opposing team in the next round.

A card must be kept for the match with the handicaps used by all players and signed by one member of each team. The scorecard must be posted into the scorecard box to be validated. The handicap of each player is as stated on the handicap list on the day of the round. If a card is not submitted the match is invalid and must be re-played.

Carpy Foursomes Pairs Knockout

Format:

A pair's team competition, match play foursome's knockout format. Each team will add their course handicaps together then halve the total. This will be the playing handicap for the team

Example: Player 1 is 10 handicap & player 2 is 11 handicap. Gives 21 together, halved to 10.5, rounded up to 11. You would receive 11 shots.

One team member will Tee off from even number holes and the other from odd number holes. Then its alternative shots till the ball has been holed.

Tee:

White

Entry Requirements:

Open to all male members with a competition handicap of 36 or less.

Entry List:

Posted to notice board at least 5 weeks prior to competition.

Closing date:

The entry list will close 14 days before the start of the competition.

Entry Fee:

£5.00 per player to be paid prior to draw. 20% of the entry fee will be retained by the Gents section

Prizes:

First and runners up pairs will receive vouchers. Prize for third place will be dependent on entries

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Carpy Foursomes Pairs Knockout

Special Notes

1. In the event of a halved match, the players will continue with sudden death starting from the 1st tee and continuing around the course until a hole is won. Handicap entitlements remain intact during sudden death play.
2. It is the responsibility of both teams to arrange their match. If both teams cannot agree to a match date the competition secretary will book a tee and advise both teams of time/date. Whichever team is on the tee at the appointed time/date will be declared the winner if the other team does not turn up. If neither team is present a bye will be awarded to the next round opponent.
3. A card must be kept for the match and signed by a member of each team. It must be posted in the scorecard box. The match will be void if no card is returned.
4. Players must not practice on the course on the same day before playing the match.

Cosmo Giles Match play KO

Format:

A match play competition played off full course handicap of each player over 18 holes. The lowest handicap player is to play off scratch whilst the opponent receives the handicap difference, these shots are to be taken according to the Stroke Index of the course.

Tees:

White.

Entry Requirements:

Open to all male members with a competition handicap of 36 or less

Entry list:

The entry list will be posted to the notice board at least 6 weeks prior to the competition date.

Closing Date:

The entry list will close 14 days before the start of the competition. Tee times will be posted on the board and HVGC website 10 days before the competition date

Entry Fee:

£5.00 per player to be paid prior to the draw being made. Payment to be made to the Competition secretary and a receipt obtained. 20% of the entry fees will be deducted for the club administration.

Prizes:

Club trophy & board entry for the winner. The winner, runner up & losing semi-finalists will receive prize vouchers and these will be presented at the club presentation evening.

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Cosmo Giles Match play KO continued.

Special Notes:

1. In the event of a halved match, the players will continue with sudden death starting from the 1st tee and continuing around the course until a hole is won. The Handicap entitlement remains intact during sudden death play-off.
2. It is the responsibility of both players to arrange their match. If both players cannot agree a match date then the Competition Secretary will book a tee time and advise both players of time/date. Whichever player is on the tee at the appointed time and the other player does not turn up the first player will be declared the winner. If neither player is present a bye will be awarded to the next rounds opponent.
3. A card must be kept for the match and signed by both players. It must be posted in the scorecard box. If no card is presented then the match will be declared void

Mike Morgan Eclectic Trophy

Format:

This competition will run from 1st March to 31st October each year.

Each players eclectic score will be recorded automatically from scorecards submitted for all

Monthly Medals

Monthly Stablefords

Presidents Day (if it's a qualifier)

Masters (both days)

Club Championship (both days)

Medal Winners

Nigel Thomas Consolation Cup

played during this period.

Half of the members playing handicap will be deducted from their best eclectic round to determine the winners. Final results will be calculated based on the player's handicap on the 31st October in the competition year. In the event of a tie the actual handicap will be used.

The competition will be run in divisions. The winners will be the players with the lowest total net recorded scores over the 18 holes in respective division over the period.

Entry Fee:

No additional entry fee

Prizes:

Club trophies and vouchers to winners in each division to be Presented at club presentation night.

Order of Merit

Format: Result of points awarded for all
Monthly Medals
Monthly Stablefords
Presidents Day (if it's a qualifier)
Masters (final result)
Club Championship (final result)
Medal Winners
Nigel Thomas Consolation Cup

Throughout the season in divisions

Entry Requirements: Automatic entry to all male members qualified to play in Gents competitions listed above.

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Format of competition: The net results of each qualifying competition will be taken and points would be allocated by division as follows:

10 points for first place.

9 points for second place.

8 points for third place.

And so on down to 1 point

1 point will be awarded to all players who return a card.

This means that all players would score points at each medal and Stableford competition they enter as long as they are not disqualified or have a “no return”

When the list of points is established, the player with the highest number of points from each division after the last qualifying competition of the season would be the order of merit winner for each respective division.

Prizes

Vouchers and board entry for divisional winners presented at the Presentation evening

Scratch Trophy

Format: Trophy to be awarded to the player with the lowest single gross score across in

Monthly Medals

Masters day (1 and day 2)

Club Championship (day 1 and day 2)

Medal Winners

Nigel Thomas Consolation Cup

played during the current season.

Tees: White

Prizes: Club trophy and board entry for the winner to be presented at club presentation evening.

Monthly Stableford

Format:

A handicap qualifying stableford competition played off 95% of course handicap of competing players over 18 holes played in divisions

Tees:

White.

Entry Requirements:

Open to all male members (including juniors see note) who have a competition handicap of 36 or less

Entry List:

The entry list will be posted on the notice board 6 weeks before the competition. The competition will alternate between the 1st Saturday and 1st Sunday of each month, if possible.

Closing date:

The entry list will close 14 days before the competition starts. New entrants will only be allowed to replace any withdrawals, at the discretion of the Competition Secretary. A reserve list will be posted leading up to the competition for late entries.

Tee times will be posted on the board and HVGC website 10 days before the competition date

Entry Fee:

£4.00 per player inclusive of £0.50p for the "2s" competition. 20% of the entrance fee will be paid into the Club funds.

Prizes:

Available to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each division consisting of a voucher. Prize value is dependent upon number of entrants. The "2s" money will be split between the achievers irrespective of division, if it is not won the money will be added to the prize money. Competition winners will be awarded their vouchers at the Club presentation evening.

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Note

Juniors are permitted to enter the Gents competition providing they have a playing handicap of 9 or less. Juniors with a playing handicap of 10 and above will play in their own competition but integrated into the Gents competition

Monthly Medal

Format:

A handicap qualifying stroke play competition played off 95% of course handicap of competing players over 18 holes played in divisions

Tees:

White.

Entry Requirements:

Open to all male members (including juniors see note) who have a competition handicap of 36 or less

Entry List:

The entry list will be posted on the notice board 6 weeks before the competition. The competition will alternate between Saturday and Sunday of each month, where possible.

Closing date:

The entry list will close 14 days before the competition starts. New entrants will only be allowed to replace any withdrawals, at the discretion of the Competition Secretary. A reserve list will be posted leading up to the competition for late entries.

Tee times will be posted on the board and HVGC website 10 days before the competition date

Entry Fee:

£4.00 per player inclusive of £0.50p for the "2s" competition. 20% of the entrance fee will be paid into the Gents funds.

Prizes:

Available to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each division consisting of a voucher. Prize value is dependent upon number of entrants. The "2s" money will be split between the achievers irrespective of division, if it is not won the money will be added to the prize money. Medal winners will be awarded their medal or vouchers at the Club presentation evening.

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Note

Juniors are permitted to enter the Gents competition providing they have a playing handicap of 9 or less. Juniors with a playing handicap of 10 and above will play in their own competition but integrated into the Gents competition

Captain's Day / Trophy

Format: To be announced by Captain on the entry sheet

Tees: To be chosen by the captain

Entry Requirements: As decided by the Captain and included on the entry sheet.

Entry List: Posted to notice board at least 5 weeks prior to competition.

Closing date: The entry list will close 14 days before the start of the competition. Tee times will be posted on the board and HVGC website 10 days before the competition date

Entry Fee: to be announced on the entry sheet.
All profits from the day will be donated to the Captains' nominated charity or the Captains fund.

Food: If required will be at a small extra cost.

Prizes: As decided by the Captain.
Captain's trophy & club board entry for the winner. The trophies are presented to the winner on the day & returned to cabinet.
No vouchers.

President's Day

Format: To be decided by the President but will include a competition for the Presidents Putter

Tees: Gents, Seniors and Juniors off White Tees
Ladies will play off Red Tees

Entry requirements: As decided by the President and included on the entry sheet.

Entry List: The entry list will be posted on the notice board at least 5 weeks prior to the competition date.

Closing Date: The entry list will be closed 14 days before the start of the competition.

Entry Fee: To be decided by the President and may include food

Prizes: The Presidents Trophy and the Presidents Ladies Trophy will be presented on the day and returned to the cabinet. Competition prizes will be decided by the President and presented on the day. Club trophies will be presented at the presentation evenings. Board entry for the winner.

Invitation Trophy

Format: A 'better ball' Stableford off 85% handicap. Each pair to consist of a HVGC member & his invited guest. Guests must have a handicap index from a recognised club & supply a CDH number or a current validated handicap certificate.

Tees: White

Entry Requirements: Open to all HVGC male members and their male partners who have a current competition handicap of 28 or less. Please note, only one junior is permitted in a team.

Entry List: Posted to notice board at least 5 weeks prior to competition.

Closing date: The entry list will close 14 days before the start of the competition. Tee times will be posted on the board and HVGC website 10 days before the competition date

Entry Fee: £10 per team.

Prizes: Club trophy and vouchers for 1st 2nd and 3rd pairs. The Gents section will provide the first prize, entry fees will cover the remainder. The club trophy will be presented on the day and returned to cabinet. Club trophy and board entry for the winning team to be presented at club presentation evening.

The Masters

Format: A two day handicap qualifying stroke play competition played off **95%** of the course handicap of the competing players over 36 holes. Only the top 50% and equal of the entrants will go forward to the 2nd round.

Tees: White.

Entry Requirements: Open to all male members (including juniors see note 1) who have a playing handicap of 36 or less and have played in at least **THREE (3)** qualifying GENTS (see note 2) competitions off white tees in the current year.

Entry list: The entry list will be posted to the notice board at least 5 weeks prior to the competition date.

Closing Date: The entry list will close 14 days before the start of the competition. Tee times for the first day will be posted on the board and HVGC website 10 days before the competition date

Entry Fee: To be announced on the entry sheet and paid on the 1st day of competition. 20% retained by Gents Section.

Prizes: Club trophy & board entry to the winner presented at club presentation evening. The club trophy will be presented to the winner on the day and returned to the cabinet. Vouchers to 1st, 2nd & 3rd

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The Masters

Special Notes

1. Juniors are permitted to enter the competition providing they have a playing handicap of 9 or less.
2. Juniors who have played their own competition as part a Gents competition can use these as part of the THREE qualifying rounds
3. In the 1st round, players will tee off in order of playing handicap with low handicaps going out first and the highest handicaps going out last.
4. Tee times for the second day will be available on the board in the centre and a list will be available at the reception desk. It is your responsibility to contact the centre to find out your tee time
5. In the event of a count back, the 18 holes on day 2 will be used to determine the winner of the trophy.
6. For players who do not qualify for the second day's competition a separate 18 Hole Qualifying Medal competition will be organised to follow on from the last tee time of the masters Day 2 competition. This will be free of charge to those players who "missed the cut"

This Medal competition will also be available to those members who did not attend day 1 of the Masters. There will be an entrance fee for these players as appropriate for a medal competition. Watch the notice boards for further details.

The Club Championship

Format: A 36 hole qualifying stroke play competition. The competition is played over two days, 18 holes per day. Players will play off **95%** of the course handicap

The overall competition comprises of a gross competition to determine THE CLUB CHAMPION and a net competition for 1st place in each handicap division (the handicap champion).

Entry Requirements: Open to all male members (including juniors see note 1) who have a playing handicap of 36 or less and have played in at least 3 GENTS qualifying competitions (see note 2) at HVGC off the white tees in the current year.

Entry List: Posted to notice board at least 6 weeks prior to competition.

Closing date: The entry list will close 14 days before the start of the competition. Tee times will be posted on the board and HVGC website 10 days before the competition date

Entry Fee: £5.00 per player to be paid prior to draw.

Prizes: Lowest overall gross score (club champion) will receive the Champions Trophy, voucher and board entry. Divisional winners will receive divisional trophies and voucher and board entry. Second and third in divisions will receive vouchers at presentation night. The club trophies are presented to the winners on the day & returned to cabinet.

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Special Notes

The Club Championship

1. Juniors are permitted to enter the competition providing they have a playing handicap of 9 or less.
2. Juniors who have played their own competition as part a Gents competition can use these as part of the THREE qualifying rounds
3. The order for the second day will be in gross score order with the lowest gross teeing off last
4. In the event of a tie of the lowest gross after 18 holes, there will be a play off over the 1st, 7th, 8th & 9th holes. If still tied a sudden death play-off will be played over the same four holes.
5. Away players are eligible to play in these competitions however they will not be eligible to win any club honours or trophies.
6. Tee times for the second day will be available on the board in the centre and a list will be available at the reception desk. It is your responsibility to contact the centre to find out your tee time.

Nigel Clarke Three Club Challenge Trophy

Format: A non-qualifying stableford competition played off **95%** of course handicap and using a maximum of 3 clubs.

Tees: White.

Entry Requirements: Open to all male members who have an active competition handicap of 36 or less

Entry List: Posted to notice board at least 5 weeks prior to competition.

Closing date: The entry list will close 14 days before the start of the competition. Tee times will be posted on the board and HVGC website 10 days before the competition date

Entry Fee: £4.00 per player incl. 50p for 2's. 20% of the entry retained by Gents section

Prizes: The club trophy will be presented on the day and returned to cabinet. Vouchers awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd places (dependant on entries) Club trophy and board entry for the winner to be presented at club presentation evening.

Players must only carry and use the same 3 clubs for the duration of the competition.

Medal Winners Challenge Cup

Format: A qualifying stroke play Medal competition played in divisions off **95%** of course handicap over 18 holes. Players who have won or been placed second in a medal competition in either division will play this competition in the division in which they currently play.

Tees: White.

Entry Requirements: Open to all winners and second place competitors of all the medal / strokeplay competitions in each division from April to the date of this competition played during the current season.

Entry List: A list of qualifying players will be posted on the notice board after the final medal. Each player must confirm his availability to play to the Competition Secretary or by initialling his name on the entry sheet.

Entry Fee: £4.00 per player inclusive of £0.50p for the “2s” competition. 20% retained by Gents section.

Prizes: Prizes will be dependent on the number of entries The “2s” money will be split between the achievers irrespective of division. If not won it will be added to main prize fund

Club trophy plus voucher and board entry for winner of each division awarded on club presentation evening.

The Nigel Thomas Consolation Cup

Format: A qualifying stroke play competition in one division played off **95%** of course handicap over 18 holes. To be played on the same day as the Medal Winners Challenge Cup.

Tees: White.

Entry Requirements: Open to all male members (including juniors see note) who have **not** won or come second in a medal / stroke play qualifying competition during the current season. Entrants must have an active competition handicap.

Entry List: A form will be posted to the notice board at least 5 weeks in advance, and the list will be taken down 14 days before the competition. A draw will be made and the list of tee times posted at least 10 days before the date of competition.

Entry Fee: £4.00 per player Incl 50p for 2's. 20% of the entry fee will be retained by the gents section.

Prizes: The Nigel Thomas Consolation Trophy will be presented to the winner at club presentation evening.

Vouchers for 1st, 2nd & 3rd (value dependent of number of entrants). Will be presented at the presentation evening. The prize money for the "2s" will be paid in vouchers. If not won it will be added to the main prize fund.

Special Note

Juniors are permitted to enter the competition providing they have a playing handicap of 9 or less.

Clive Coton winter Pairs League

Format: A pair's better-ball stableford competition, played off 85% of course handicap. One round should be played each month between October & March. All teams will be supplied with 6 cards marked one for each month. If a card is not completed within the calendar month this card will be void. Your best 4 cards will be used to calculate your final score.

It is not necessary to play against the other pairs in the competition, but a club member with a handicap must mark the card. Any pair that includes a junior player must have their cards marked by a Gent. The marker must print his name on the card.

Tees: Yellow.

Entry Requirements: Open to all male members who have a playing handicap of 36 or less.

Entry List: The entry list will be posted to the notice board at least 6 weeks prior to the competition date

Closing date: The entry list will close 14 days before the start of the competition.

Entry Fee: £10 for each team to be paid prior to the close of entry date. Payment to be made to the competition secretary and a receipt obtained. 20% of the entry fee retained in Gents section

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Clive Coton winter Pairs League

Prizes: Club trophy & board entry for winning pair, vouchers for first and second pairs will be presented at club presentation evening.

Special Notes:

A card must be kept and signed by one of the members of the team and the marker. The scorecard must be posted in the scorecard box to be valid. The handicap of each player is as stated on the handicap list on the day of the round.

Each team will be issued with 6 scorecards before the commencement of the competition. These will be the only cards that will be accepted for scoring.

If scores are tied the 5th best score of the 6 cards will be used and so on.

Captain's Challenge

Format: A non-qualifying stableford competition played off **95%** of course handicap. All scores count towards the respective total team score.

Tees: Gents will play off the White Tee
Ladies will play off the Red Tees

Entry Requirements: Open to all female and male members with a competition handicap.

Entry List: Posted to notice board at least 5 weeks prior to competition.

Closing date: The entry list will close 14 days before the start of the competition.

Entry Fee: £5.00 per player, 50% goes to Captain's nominated charity or the Captain's fund as decided by the Captain

Prizes: The club trophy will be presented to the winner on the day & returned to cabinet. Club board entry and prizes for winning team presented at the presentation evening.

Special Notes:

The individual teams will be chosen by picking the names of the players from a "hat" by the Captain, President & the Secretary to play in their teams.