



TERMS FOR COMPETITION PLAY BULL BAY GOLF CLUB

Role – The role of the handicap (match) sub-committee is as follows

- i. Will act as the handicapping authority for the members of the club in accordance World Handicapping System (WHS) which is administered by Wales Golf (WG).
- ii. Will arrange and conduct all competitions within the club to satisfy both WHS and WG – Handicaps, Entry to competitions and returning of cards and scores, notification of handicaps and to WG, posting of notices of results and handicaps, Powers of general play adjustment including carrying out annual review of handicaps
- iii. Will be responsible for the production of the terms of Competition and adjudicating in rules disputes.
- iv. Will be responsible for rules of all matches.
- v. The committee under **Section 5** of the Rules of Golf/Committee Procedures will establish the conditions under which a competition is to be played

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL PLAYERS/MEMBERS TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING

Rule 1.3 Players are responsible for complying with all the Terms of the Competition.
Players are responsible for applying the rules to themselves

It is the responsibility of all players/members to check their eligibility prior to entering any completion or match.

All rules references relate to the R&A Rules of Golf 2019

1. COMPETITOR REQUIREMENT – CLOSED COMPETITIONS (Board and Qualifying Competitions)

- i) Full Members of Bull Bay Golf Club with an official competition handicap index.
Country Members may compete in all competitions but will not be eligible to win a trophy – They are eligible to win group prizes only.
Five day members are eligible to compete in events which are staged and completed on the days when their membership is valid.

COMPETITOR REQUIREMENT – OPEN COMPETITION

- i) Bull Bay Members as in 1, with exception of Country Members who may compete as Full Members.
- ii) Visitors must be members of another golf club and hold an official competition club handicap, a certificate of which must be produced.
- iii) Visiting Juniors must have an current club competition handicap of nine or less.
- iv) When handicap limits apply these will be posted on the entry sheet.

2. ORDER AND TIMES OF STARTING

- i) A draw for the competition's order of play and starting times will take place for all White/Yellow tee stroke play competitions during the Season 1st April to 31st October (unless indicated otherwise i.e. Pro Comps).
Players can state their time preference in the allocated block booking times in the Howdido App or in the shop.

RULE 5:3a Time of starting and groups

- a) Time of starting - the player must start at, and not before, his/her starting time. The Player must be ready to play
- b) Groups – in stroke play, the competitor shall remain throughout the round in the group arranged by the Committee unless the Committee authorises or rectifies a change.(rule 5.4)
- c) When the committee allows players to set their own starting times it has the same status as starting time as if set by the committee

Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.3a – Disqualification. 3 Exceptions see Rule 5.3a

Competitors must have their names included on the official booking page within the Howdidido App, before 5.00pm on the Thursday prior to the competition. No exception will be made to this rule. Late entries may be accommodated if spaces are available without re-organising published draw. **Such entrants may only compete for group prizes.** The Chair of Competitions or Handicap are the only people who can grant such permission.

When a draw has been made and posted, members must not add or alter the draw.

Members who have entered and whose names appear on the draw are expected to present themselves on the first tee by their starting times. Members who have good reason to cancel an entry should do so through the Shop by noon on the previous day.

ii) **Match Play Competition**

When a match competition is played over an extended period the Committee shall lay down the limit of time within which each round shall be completed(usually 3- 4 weeks maximum)

No extensions to the closing date will be granted. It's the responsibility of all players that matches are played on or before the stipulated date. Failure to play by the closing dates could lead to elimination of all players. In matters of dispute the decision of the handicap committee is final.

It is the responsibility of all pairs/players to attempt to make contact with their opponents. Failure to do may result in disqualification. In the event of any dispute the matter should be reported to the handicap committee who will adjudicate and their decision shall be final.

3. HANDICAP RULE

All competitors must have a Handicap Index.

New members with an existing active handicap must submit to the Handicap Committee a certificate of handicap from their previous club.

New Members without a previous club handicap will be required to produce three cards off yellow tees witnessed by a member of Bull Bay Golf Club who holds a handicap index in order to achieve an initial handicap. The committee will then adjust the returned scores so a player never scores more than 2 over par (nett double bogey) on any hole. The card is then assessed using the WHS required calculation formula which is applied to determine an exact handicap index bearing in mind other relevant matters such as playing history, previous handicap, sporting ability and peer observations etc.

4. HANDICAP ALLOWANCES

All handicap allowances will be posted for each individual competition. You will be able to work out your playing handicap using the charts outside the shop.

5. DECISION OF TIES

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided as follows:

Stroke Play

18 holes – Best last 9 holes or best last 6, 3, 2, 1, then 1st 9 holes, etc (adjusted for handicap).

36 holes – Best last 18 holes or best 9, 6, 3, 2, 1, then 1st 18 holes, etc.

Match Play – In the event of a tie, competitors will continue to play sudden death for a result starting from the 1st tee. In handicap matches strokes will continue to be taken at the appropriate stroke indexed hole. It is the Players responsibility to report the result of their match by indicating on the completion draw sheet or reporting the result to a member of handicap.

Scratch Matches – Play off over 1,2,3 and 18 holes If still a tie then sudden death over same holes until result reached.

6. PRACTICE

To avoid doubt it is declared that no part of the course may be used by a player in stroke play events for practice on the day of the their competition round (Rule 5.2b) to include not testing the surface of any putting green on the course. Except players in Matchplay may practice on the course before or between rounds. (5.2a)

The practice ground shall be the area between the 15th and 16th fairways. Players should not play shots intentionally from the practice ground area onto the course. Disregard for this rule will result in disqualification from the competition.

7. COURSE UNPLAYABLE/BAD WEATHER POLICY

If the Committee, or its authorised representative, consider that for any reason the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances which render the proper playing of the game impossible; it shall have the power in match and stroke play to order a temporary suspension of play, or in stroke play, to declare play null and void and to cancel all scores for the round in question.

When a round is cancelled, all penalties incurred in that round are also cancelled.

When play is temporarily suspended, it shall be resumed from where it was discontinued, even though resumption occurs on a subsequent day (as set by the handicap committee).

8. POSTPONMENT OF PLAY

The competition may be postponed by the Committee if less than eight competitors enter.

Cancellation of competition – The competition may be declared null and void if less than eight competitors compete, i.e. to pay for and receive card from the shop.

9. ENTRY FEES

All fees for a competition must be paid in the pro-shop before commencing play.

10. USE OF RIDE ON BUGGIES

The use of ride on buggies is generally permitted in competitions.

11. DISTANCE MEASURE DEVICES/MOBILE PHONE APPLICATIONS

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures or gauges distance only. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, temperature, wind speed, etc) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a for which

the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such addition function is actually used.

12. RULES INCIDENTS/DOUBTS

In the event of any disputes or doubts as to procedure/rulings that arise in a competition and a committee member is not readily available without delaying play the playing of a second ball should be invoked under rule 20.1c3 Any such incident should be reported to the handicap committee prior to submitting a card as failure to do so would result in disqualification.

13. ISSUING OF SCORE CARDS AND RECORDING SCORES

In stroke play the committee will be responsible for providing each competitor with a score card with the date of the competition and the competitors name and the name of the competition and will be responsible for the addition of the score and application of the handicap recorded on the score card. Under 3.3b4 The Player is responsible for ensuring their Course Handicap is shown on the scorecard. If the player returns a scorecard that is too high or no handicap is shown the player is DISQUALIFIED.

14. THE RETURN OF SCORE CARDS

Players **must** return their score card, before leaving the course, duly signed by both the player and the marker whether they have completed the round or not. The Card must be deposited in the appropriate box within the club, after having entered your score on the monitor or handed to a member of the handicap committee. Once returned the scorecard cannot be changed. Since an incomplete round or a No Return may have the effect of increasing a player's handicap. The committee would be justified in refusing to accept a card or recording a N/R when a player has walked in after only a few holes.

In any competition all players must have their score card marked by a fellow competitor or a member approved by the handicap committee. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

- **REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING**
- **When you have finished your round you should carefully check your card**
- **Is your name printed legibly (please help those checking your card)**
- **Are Your scores legible (again please make it easy to see)**
- **Is there a date and is it correct ?**
- **Is your CORRECT handicap on the card ?***
- **Have you signed the card ? ***
- **Has your marker signed the card?***
- **Under the rules – If you have not done any or one of these last 3 items then you will be disqualified although your score will still count for handicap purposes.**

15. THE RULES OF GOLF

The Committee does not have the power to waive a rule of golf.

The handicap committee will observe the rules of the R&A and will determine/set or amend any such local rules the club deem to be in force at the time of the competition. Winter rules, local rules and temporary rules must be observed when in force and posted

All disputes will be settled by a committee formed by the handicap committee (quorum of 3) and their decision shall be final.

All rules as in Rules of Golf approved by the R & A Golf Club apply to Bull Bay Golf Club competitions.