



ALDERLEY EDGE GOLF CLUB

FOUNDED 1907

Ladies' Competition

Conditions

Revised August 2017

AEGC Ladies Committee

ELIGIBILITY

A member is eligible to play in a QUALIFYING COMPETITION provided she:

- is a fully paid up member of Alderley Edge Golf Club
- has a current **CONGU competition handicap** (designated by a “c” on the handicap sheet)

a player with a **CONGU Club Handicap** (37 – 54) may play in qualifying competitions (except majors) to record a score for handicap purposes, but may not take a prize.

HANDICAP

A handicap is the player’s responsibility. A list of current handicaps is displayed in the locker room or can be obtained from ‘How Did I Do’. A competitor must play off her **full current CONGU handicap**, unless the rules governing a competition advise otherwise.

Competition Handicap Allowances will usually be displayed on the Message sheet on BRS or on a notice in the locker room but the following general allowances will normally apply:

Qualifiers (Strokeplay/Stableford/Par singles)	full handicap
Foursomes	½ combined handicap of partners
Greensomes	lower handicap x 0.6 plus higher handicap x 0.4
Fourball (better ball)	each partner receives 90% of full handicap
Texas Scramble	1/10 of the combined team handicaps

ENTERING COMPETITIONS

Competitors shall enter their name on the competition entry sheet on BRS on-line booking system or via the Club Professional from 3 weeks prior to the competition. A competitor may book up to 3 playing partners, depending on the type of competition. The playing partners will be notified by email confirmation.

In order to withdraw from a competition a player may remove her name from the on-line booking system but should also inform her playing partners of the alteration.

STARTING TIMES

Times for starting are posted on the on-line timesheet for each competition. Before she goes out to play the member must ensure that

- her name is entered on the BRS time sheet
- any competition entry fee is paid
- she has checked in with the Professional

If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play and two strokes at the first hole in Stroke play/ Stableford. The penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification (Rule 6-3a).

A player may alter her tee time up to the starting time of the competition. (Changing tee times after the competition has started will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and with the permission of the Committee. Otherwise the player will be disqualified from the competition.)

SCORECARDS and COMPUTER SCORE INPUT

Scorecards containing the competitors' name/s and date will be issued by the Professional on behalf of the Committee.

The competitor is responsible for ensuring her name is on the scorecard, the correct handicap is written on the scorecard, the gross scores for each hole are correct and that the card has been signed by both competitor and marker.

When the 'Player Score Input' computer system is in use, competitors are required to accurately input their score, including 'No Returns', upon completion of the round. The signed cards should then be posted immediately into the competition card box.

CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF COMPETITIONS

A competition will only be cancelled or postponed if the course is closed or if the Committee (*or at least three members of committee*) and/or the Green Staff in consultation with the committee, consider the conditions to be unfavourable to play. The date for playing postponed competitions will be announced as soon as possible by the Committee.

Procedure for Adverse Weather Conditions: Club Regulations and Rules of Golf apply: Rule 33-2d and Rule 6-8

Suspension of Play when conditions are dangerous will be by **several long blasts of the klaxon**. A player must immediately mark the position of her ball and return to the clubhouse.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: DISQUALIFICATION

TIES IN COMPETITIONS

Unless otherwise advised, ties will be settled by a card count back on the basis of the best score on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) as required, with handicap reductions being applied where strokes are due. In the rare event that, after the above have been calculated, there is still a tie, a match play situation comparing cards will come into play. If there is still a tie the prize will be shared by the tied competitors.

In the event of a **tie in a Major Competition** the winner will be decided at the discretion of the donator of the prize.

TROPHIES AND PRIZES

No player may take more than two prizes from qualifying competitions in a short period without review by the handicap committee, unless she returns a score which helps towards a reduction in her handicap.

This does not include prizes for Major Competitions.

Prizes will be presented at the time stated for Presentation on the booking sheet, online or otherwise. If the winner is not present to receive their prize, the prize will be forfeit unless the winner has both

- a) presented their apologies to the Lady Captain and
- b) arranged for another member to collect the prize on their behalf

PACE OF PLAY

Currently most competitions are organised in three balls at 10 minute intervals with a cross over time of two hours for the first 9 holes. (roughly 40 minutes for each set of 3 holes).

It is important that all competitors adhere to this schedule.

As permitted under Rule 6-7 (undue delay; slow play) the following pace of play is set

In all competitions players shall play without undue delay and shall not lose more than one hole on the group immediately ahead. Should they lose such ground and in so doing delay the group behind, they shall immediately let that group through.

LADIES' COMPETITIONS

MAJOR COMPETITIONS

These are significant dates on the calendar when the winner is presented with a trophy and has her name recorded on the appropriate Board in the clubhouse. Anyone with a CONGU competition handicap may enter these competitions and there is no handicap limit.

ALL competitors are expected to attend the evening presentation and if they are unable to do so must give their personal apologies to the donor of the Prize.

The prize winner, or her proxy, must attend the presentation to receive her prize and to give a short, formal thank you speech.

The Millennium Trophy	This is a Stableford Competition and is usually played in May.
Lady Captain's Day	The format of this competition may be decided by the Lady Captain but is often Strokeplay. Lady Captain organises the day and has discretion in the event of a tie. There is usually a meal and presentation in the evening for players and guests of the Lady Captain.
The Captain's Prize	Mr Captain liaises with the ladies' Competition Secretary about the format and organisation of the day and provides the prizes. He presents the prizes in the evening and usually attends to see the Ladies tee- off during the day.
Lady President's Day	Lady President liaises with the Competition Secretary about the format of the competition and donates the prize.
Mr President's Day	Mr President liaises with the Competition Secretary about the format of the competition and donates the prize.
The Medal Final	This is considered a Major as it is a Board competition. Qualifying players are determined by those gaining one of the first three places in the medals from October of the previous season till September of the current year. If a player has already qualified then the competition secretary will go down the list each month until she finds a new player whose result lies within her buffer zone . It is usually run in conjunction with a subsidiary competition for those who have not qualified. The result is announced at Closing Sides and the presentation made at the AGM.

The player with the best score in the Weekend EWGA Medal Competitions will be allowed entry into the September Medal Final, provided the scores lies within her buffer zone.

<u>OPENING & CLOSING SIDES</u>	Matchplay competitions marking the beginning and end of the playing season. Teams are drawn by Lady Captain and Lady President. The match is followed by lunch
---	--

<u>EXCHANGE DAY</u>	A fun day out organised by Lady Vice Captain. Usually a team event.
----------------------------	---

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

There are two major knockout trophies, both played off full handicap, and presented at the AGM:

The **DOBSON Trophy** for the winner of the Singles and

The **FOURSOMES Goblets** for the Pairs knockout. The handicap is ½ of the combined full handicaps.

There are also prizes for the Runners-up in both knock outs.

Entrants must pay the entry fee before the draw is made at Opening Sides.

OTHER TROPHIES

There are three further major trophies awarded at the AGM which are not 'Board' Competitions.

The EWGA Memento: this is presented to the winner of the **4 best net scores from the EWGA Medals**, Tuesdays and weekends, played from March till October.

The Fairway Trophy: this is presented to the winner with the **3 best differential scores from the CSS**, in **all EWGA Medal and Strokeplay competitions**, Tuesdays and weekends from April till October, including the Centenary Trophy scores for ladies who have entered this competition when it is played in Strokeplay format.

The Brenda Hendry Trophy: this is presented to the winner of a Par Competition.

REPRESENTATIVE COMPETITIONS

Coronation Foursomes	The winners go forward to compete in a national play-off, depending on their score.
Bunty Booth	the local winner represents the club in the final at a club within the Manchester & District group of clubs.
EWGA Medal Winner	The winner goes forward to district, then regional competitions, depending on the score.
The Daily Mail Foursomes	The winners of our Foursomes knockout represent the club in this national competition.
The Ping Competition	A Fourball (better ball) competition with prizes supplied by Ping for the winners and runners-up. The winners may go forward to a national round.

ON-GOING COMPETITIONS These competitions run throughout the summer qualifying competitions and are awarded at Closing Sides.

Summer Eclectic A record is kept of the best score achieved at each of the 18 holes by each individual player. A fraction of 7/8 of handicap is used to calculate the best overall score, for which a prize is presented at Closing Sides.

The Birdie Tree For all ladies the achievement of a gross 'birdie' is recognised on the 'Birdie Tree' in the locker room. The Birdie prize is currently awarded to the winners in two categories: categories 1 - 3, and categories 4 & 5.

The Par Tree	For players with handicaps of 29 or more there is also a 'Par Tree', when a gross par is achieved. Players are asked to put their name and the date on a leaf and hang it on the appropriate branch of the tree. A prize will be presented to the winner.
9 Hole Competitions	The prize for this series of competitions will be awarded at Closing Sides to the winner and runner up.
Weekend Competitions	the prize for this series of competitions will be awarded at Closing Sides to the winner and runner up.
Three Best Gross	In each of the categories 1-5, the player with the Three Best Gross scores will be mentioned; no prize is awarded.

CHARITY COMPETITIONS The Lady Captain and committee will suggest these each year.

MATCHES

Currently the club enters teams in the Handicap B matches for the **East Cheshire District** local golf league, eligibility for the teams being decided on handicap and availability.

Teams are also entered for the **Business Ladies** matches of the East Cheshire District local golf league.

AEGC is also part of a **9-hole league**, which offers opportunities to play 9-hole matches.

Friendly matches are also played, usually as **Greensomes**, for players with higher handicaps.

The club also enters teams for **the Bell Cup**, which is for teams from Manchester and District LGA.

MIXED COMPETITIONS

are organised by the **Mixed Golf Committee**

The Centenary Trophy is open to all sections and is usually played on the last Sunday in July, nearest to the date of the founding of the club in 1907.

The Barbara Ames Trophy is a mixed four-somes knockout, played throughout the season.

The Yvonne Greenhill Trophy is played at the start of the season by Ladies versus Senior Gents.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES

The CONGU UNIFIED HANDICAPPING SYSTEM (UHS) is based on the expectation that every player will return a sufficient number of scores to provide reasonable evidence of his/her current playing ability. If a player is unable to return sufficient scores in qualifying competitions to maintain a handicap, due to health reasons, work or family commitments, then Supplementary Scores provide an opportunity for returning additional scores.

Supplementary Scores provide more evidence of playing ability for a wider range of players so making handicapping more equitable, and golf under handicap conditions more meaningful, for all concerned.

A member may return a Supplementary Score for handicap purposes in compliance with the following conditions:

- i) Shall apply to all Handicap categories, although there are additional conditions for Category 1 players.
- ii) May be returned at any affiliated club of which the player is a member.
- iii) Is any authenticated score under Competition play conditions, over a measured course. The format may be Stroke play or Stableford.
- iv) A maximum of 10 Supplementary Scores may be returned annually by players in categories 2 – 5. There is no annual limit for players holding a Club handicap.
- v) Only one Supplementary Score may be returned per week, unless the Handicap committee decides otherwise.
- vi) A player must signify his/her intention to return a supplementary score prior to playing, by signing in the Supplementary Scores book in the Professional's shop.
- vii) Handicaps will be adjusted in respect of the Standard Scratch Score of the course.
- viii) Strokeplay returns are subject to Stableford / Nett Double Bogey adjustments.
- ix) The Supplementary Score will be recorded in the Player's Handicap Record.
- x) If a player who has registered for a Supplementary Score subsequently does not return a card, an increase of 0.1 will be applied to his/her handicap.
- xi) In the closed season, cards may be submitted provided the player plays from the tee plates, there are no temporary greens and mats are not in force.

If you have any concerns about entering a Supplementary Score, please speak to The Handicap Secretary or refer to Section 21, page 46 in the 2016-2018 CONGU handbook.

9-HOLE QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

- The Certified 9-hole competition course is the Front Nine
- The format for 9-hole qualifying competitions is stableford.
- A neutral 18 points for the 9 holes not played is added to the 9-hole stableford score to determine whether the player has played within, or better than her buffer zone.
- When a player fails to return a score within her buffer zone, the points accumulated over 9 holes is doubled.
- Handicap strokes shall be taken according to the Stroke Index for the 18-hole course.
- The 9-hole qualifying competition shall not be part of an 18-hole qualifying competition, although played on the same day.
- Players entering a 9-hole competition must indicate as they pay that they are playing 9 holes and should alert other members on their tee time that they are playing 9 holes.
- There will be NO ECLECTIC for 9 hole competitions
- 9-hole qualifying competitions are not intended to change the traditional way in which competitive golf is played over 18 holes