



### **Competition Tee Times:**

Saturday\* and Sunday

Between 8.00 am and 3.30 pm

When a start sheet does not apply Competitors may only commence their rounds between the following times:

*\*When competitions are scheduled.*

### **COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

The first and tenth tees will be reserved for Competition Players only between the following times:

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **(maximum 3 balls only)** 12:00pm – 2:00pm 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Major Competitions tees will be reserved up to 4.30pm

Wednesdays tee reserved from 12:00 p.m., last Tee time 7.30p.m. (Eighteen hole competitions only)

*We will review the above after the first month of the season and if any tweaks to timings and a change to 4 balls for example this will be communicated to the membership.*

**No visitors or members(not playing in the competition) allowed on Wednesday's after 12:00 p.m.**

Members may not play a non-competitive round during the progress of a Club Competition

#### **(Summer competitions only)**

For a competition to stand a minimum of 15 players are required to have signed in, paid and submitted a score **(summer and single player competitions only)**

Members may invite guests to play in competitions (flagged as 'open' status during the summer\* and all winter competitions) \* visitors who enter competitions/team events, can only do so with a bona fide WHS handicap.

Members are required to be up to date with their annual membership and locker subscriptions. If these are not resolved prior to the start of the season the player will not be eligible to compete in the competitions. If a member does play in a competition and is still flagged as in arrears they will be disqualified from the competition

### **Competition Fee Payments:**

Before commencing play each player must enter their name in the PSI Terminal/Howdidido app and pay the entry fee. **Failure to pay the competition entry fee prior to play will result in a disqualification.**

Members can pay monies to the club in advance, to be credited against their system profile/account and the competition fees will be deducted as and when they sign in. These payments need to be put in an envelope for the attention of the Competition/Handicap Secretary with the following written on, or transfer to the account number detailed below:

- The players name
- The amount inside the envelope
- And that it is a 'competition account top up'

Alternatively, members may still wish to pay cash on the day.

If a member wishes to pay by cash, the fees should be put in an envelope, clearly stating the following (In print):

- Name
- Date of competition
- Amount paid i.e.
  - £3.00=Competition fee
  - Or, £4.00 = Competition fee plus two's (two's not compulsory, unless stated as part of the competition)

Bank transfer details: Account Number **60950556**, Sort Code **20-72-67**, using the references below:

Please be aware that it is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that their competition fees are paid in full, either by, ensuring that their account is in credit on the day of the competition or the full cash payment is paid as per the above.

### **Team Competitions:**

Please be aware that the above applies when playing as a team and although competitors can sign in on behalf of the team; those with accounts cannot pay the full fee for the team.

### **Competition Round Completion:**

After completion of their round all players must enter their score onto the PSI terminal and submit their card including "No Returns" by 2200hrs on the day of the competition.

Returned score cards are required to have:

- Name of player (printed).

- Name of competition.
- Date of competition.

Returned score cards **must have: (as stated in the R&A rules of golf)**

- The gross scores for each hole clearly marked.
- The players current handicap
- Players signature
- Markers signature

*Any competitor or team failing to fulfil the above will be disqualified from the competition.*

Once the scores have been entered into the system via the PSI Terminal the completed card is to be put in the competition box.

## Competition Play

Competition play is to be played in Three-Balls. Two-Balls are only allowed after a reasonable amount of time has passed waiting for another player i.e. 15 minutes and, as a last resort.

## Pace of Play

At Whittaker Golf Club in line with the R&A 'Pace of Play guidelines and rules the Committee expects all competitors to play 'Ready Golf'. Listed below are some pointers on how this can be achieved by all competitors:

### Starting the Round:

To ensure a steady 'Pace of Play', a controlled start and to avoid crowding on the course; competitors playing from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tee boxes may do so, on your allotted tee time and when it is safe to do so, you no longer have to wait for the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> green to clear

### During the Round - Ready Golf:

- On the Tee – No 'Honour' (except in match play) – the first player ready plays.
- Approach shots – No furthest from the hole – first to reach their ball plays first (If safe to do so!)
- Players should play their own ball before helping to look for a lost ball.
- When not playing your shot, you should be preparing to play your shot.
- Position golf bags and trollies at the exit point of the green, to allow quick movement towards the next tee.

Mark your cards as you walk to or at the next tee while your partners are playing their shots. Ensuring that one of the group tees off without delay.

- Carry an additional golf ball in your pocket.

### Rules changes that assist with 'Pace of Play'/'Ready Golf':

- Rule 13 – you can putt/hole out with the flag left in without penalty.
- Rule 14 – drop the ball from knee height.
- Rule 18 – only 3 minutes allowed to search for a missing ball, not 5

**Other expectations when playing a Competition Round:**

- In the event that your group is playing slowly and, there are others behind waiting to play, you are then required to wave them through.
- If you are in a group that is being held up by the group in front and you wish to play, 'politely' request that your group is allowed to play through.

Detailed below are the expectations of the Committee on how long it should take to complete a round of golf at Whittaker Golf Club. This indicates the time expected to be taken to reach certain points on the course after the first tee shot has been struck:

<b>Location on Course</b>	<b>Expected Time Taken</b>
Walking off the 6 <sup>th</sup> tee ('Up the Moor') past the 8 <sup>th</sup> tee.	<b>1 hour 10 minutes</b>
At and playing from the 10 <sup>th</sup> tee	<b>2 hours</b>
Walking off/completion of hole 13	<b>3 hours</b>
Completion of 18 holes	<b>4 hours 15 minutes</b>

If you do not meet the timeframe indicated above, then you are considered to have 'lost your place' in the field; and, should allow any group behind that is waiting to play through.

### **Captain's Final:**

The Captains Final will take place on the weekend indicated on the fixtures list. 18 holes are to be played on both days

### **Captains Weekend Qualification:**

- 1 Top 30 players to qualify
- 2 Best 8 Scores from the 35 Qualifying Competitions. NB : Minimum of 5 Strokeplay scores to count.
- 3 Qualifying scores based on Standard Scratch Nett Differential.
- 4 In the event of any ties for 30th place a countback of the 7th best score submitted will determine the final qualifer(s).

Everyone who qualifies and plays, is expected to play both days and to attend the Captains dinner and presentation.

### **Mr Presidents Day:**

- 1 *10 players to qualify from 3 designated competitions.*
- 2 *10 ten from each to qualify.*
- 3 *Stableford points system will be used to determine the qualification.*

## **MAJOR COMPETITIONS**

### **Emanuel Shackleton Trophy:**

36 Hole Bogey - 18 Holes Saturday & 18 Holes Sunday.

### **Ernst Harvey Challenge Cup:**

36 Hole Medal - 18 Holes Saturday & 18 Holes Sunday.

### **Harry Bowden Trophy:**

36 Hole Stableford - 18 Holes Saturday & 18 Holes Sunday.

### **Harry Binns Scratch Trophy:**

36 Hole Medal - 18 Holes Saturday & 18 Holes Sunday.

### **President's Day:**

18 Hole Strokeplay.

### **Centenary Board Trophy:**

18 Hole Medal.

**Maximum allowable handicap for all board competitions including the singles and 4 ball knockouts is 28.**

**Please note the above is a change to 2024.**

For Major Competitions (Board Competitions), start sheets or entry lists (for competition draws) are posted on the notice board. These will be locked down one week prior to the competition date. Failure to be present on the first tee at your specified/drawn time will result in a **ban from next 3 singles competitions, along with a fine of the expected competitions subs**

*The fines will need to be paid before being eligible to compete in competitions.*

**Any reasons of mitigation need to be presented to the Competition/Handicap Secretary.**

**Please refer to the website, noticeboard and email communications for all other competitions.**

## **RULES OF ETIQUETTE**

**You and the people who play with you will enjoy the game of golf much more if you follow these simple rules of etiquette.**

Don't move, talk, and stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is making a stroke.

Fill in all the holes and footmarks you may make and see that all DIVOTS you may cut up are replaced and pressed down. Ensure you repair all pitchmarks, whether caused by your ball or not.

**PLEASE NOTE DUE TO THE EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF DIVOTS NOT REPLACED THROUGH THE OFF SEASON, IF IT IS REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT REPAIRING, THEN THEY WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN THEIR ACTIONS.**

Don't damage the greens: marks made by your shoes or the flag-sticks may deflect well- aimed putts. Greens are often rather soft so stand well away from the cup and hold the flag so it doesn't mark the green.

Players proceeding from the 9th green have priority over players starting or playing a shorter round, except on competition days.

**Please do not endanger Walkers on Public Footpaths.**





## Notes:

- The above structure is for 18 hole competitions.
  - The placed prizes apply to singles competitions; for team competitions the total prize pot will be awarded/split to the winning team.
- \* The 'Best Gross Score Prize' only applies to strokeplay/medal singles competitions only.
  - Majors – the best gross for 36 holes is paid out for the Harry Binns Scratch Competition only.
  - Major competitions excluding Captains weekend is £4.00 to enter, which includes your two's entry of £1.00 (optional)

**Two's Competition:**

- Two's are paid out to those entered on the following holes 5<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Two's entry fee is now £1.00 optional
- The caveat to the above is that a hole in one (on any hole) and as long as the competitor has entered the two's will win the whole pot, on that day.

Listed below are the prize options:

9, 18 & 36 Hole Competitions	Two's Competitions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lavery Voucher – Rochdale Golf Club</li> <li>• House of Golf Voucher – Mcr Golf Club</li> <li>• Any gift card available at Morrisons</li> <li>• Credit towards membership fees 2025</li> <li>• Credit towards Competition Account</li> <li>• Clubhouse Golf Vouchers</li> <li>• Golf Shack</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash Payment</li> <li>• Or, as per the list on the left.</li> </ul>

## Notes:

- The payment of cash in lieu of a receipt for 9, 18 & 36-hole competition prizes will not be paid out.
- Please note in the first instance all monies will be added to your competition account, of which you will be notified by email.

## NOTES

**Will all members please be courteous to others if driving to or from the Clubhouse. If you have to reverse please do so without arguing and without making inappropriate gestures. Vehicles driving away from the club towards the main road have priority.**

**Will all members please note that the Club is NOT INSURED for theft or damage to golf equipment or personal possessions**

## LINKS

<https://whittakergolfclub.com/#members>

<https://www.Englandgolf.org/handicapping>

<https://www.randa.org/en/>