

McDONALD GOLF CLUB

GENERAL RULES

1. The rules of golf as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St-Andrews shall apply to all competitions together with any additional rules and any local rules, which may be in force at the time.
2. Each player must ensure that he/she enters **their name** on the computer competition entry list (and or other) prior to playing and their **own score** when their round has been completed in the relevant computer located within the clubhouse, they must also ensure that **both the player and the marker** have **signed the card**. The card **must** then be **deposited** in the relevant card box provided. Any card returned to the wrong card box will be treated as a no return. It is the responsibility of **each and every player** to make sure that his or her **own card** is **properly returned**.

Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the competition.

- 2a. The players name, date of competition, competition name, the players handicap, the total score and the total score after applying the correct handicap is to be clearly printed on the card, (please make sure handwriting is legible in all aspects).
- 3 All players entering any competition must have an official handicap. Any player not having an official handicap shall play off scratch (i.e. handicap = 0).

HANDICAP ALLOWANCES

The Council of National Golf Unions directs that the following handicap allowances be used for the undernoted forms of competition when played as handicap events and, where relevant, for the calculation of the *Competition Scratch Score* in scratch competitions. The reference to handicaps in all cases refers to *Playing Handicaps*. Strokes must be taken according to the Handicap Stroke Index.

Match Play	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Full difference between the handicaps of the players</i>
	<i>Foursomes</i>	<i>1/2 difference between aggregate handicaps of each side</i>
	<i>Four-ball (better ball)</i>	<i>Back marker to concede strokes to the other 3 players based on 90% of the difference between the full handicaps</i>
Stroke Play	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Full handicap</i>
	<i>Foursomes</i>	<i>1/2 aggregate handicap of partners</i>
	<i>Four-ball (better ball)</i>	<i>Each partner receives 90% of full handicap</i>
Par/Bogey	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Full handicap</i>
	<i>Foursomes</i>	<i>1/2 aggregate handicap of partners</i>
	<i>Four-ball (better ball)</i>	<i>Each partner receives 90% of full handicap</i>
Stableford	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Full handicap</i>
	<i>Foursomes</i>	<i>1/2 aggregate handicap of partners</i>
	<i>Four-ball (better ball)</i>	<i>Each partner receives 90% of full handicap</i>

Note 1: Half Strokes. Half strokes or over to be counted as one; smaller fractions to be disregarded except in Foursomes Stroke Play when 1/2 strokes are counted as such.

Note 2: Handicap Allowances. In a handicap competition played in any of the above formats the allowances must be laid down by the Committee in the Conditions of the Competition (*Rules of Golf* 33-1) in accordance with the above direction.

Note 3: 36 Holes. In handicap competitions over 36 holes strokes should be given or taken on the basis of two 18 hole rounds in accordance with the 18 hole Handicap Stroke Index unless the Committee introduces a special Stroke Index.

Note 4: Hole-by-hole Play-off (sudden-death). When extra holes are played in handicap competitions, strokes should be taken in accordance with the Handicap Stroke Index.

4. All competitions shall be played off white tees.
5. All scores must be properly returned **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** after a round has been completed (see rules of golf 6.6b).
- 5a. Please note that the **last tee-off time** for all medal and stableford competitions is: **5.00pm** for a Saturday's /Sunday's and **7.00pm** for a Wednesday's. When playing in Wednesday medals 5 day members should adhere to the conditions of their membership.
6. Any player who is returning a card for the allocation of a handicap shall clearly mark the card "FOR HANDICAP" and also indicated which card it is (i.e. 1st 2nd or 3rd) and deposit it in the relevant card box provided.
7. 7 Day members will be allowed to take part in all relevant medals and competitions, 5 day members shall only be allowed to take part in medals and competitions which are limited to play during mid-week (Monday to Friday). If you are a 5 day member and you are unsure please clarify with either the M&H convenor or the Club Secretary prior to commencement of play.
8. A tournament officer will be appointed for each competition to whom all queries shall be directed for the relevant competitions, a contact list will be posted on the notice board prior to the tournaments commencing. The decision of the Match & Handicap committee shall be final.

Please Note:

SWEEPS: Competition sweeps are generally available for all medal & stableford competitions, these are run and administered by the club professional. The M&H committee has no responsibility for competition sweeps. Members under the age of 18 are not allowed to enter any form of competition sweep.