



MIDDLETON HALL GOLF CLUB

SENIORS SECTION
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PROCEDURES
2023 Edition

Eligibility: Male and Female members over the age of 55 years.

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This version is a live document and therefore subject to change, but only by the Committee. It will also be reviewed annually at the first meeting of each new Seniors Committee.

All previous versions are void.

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PREFACE

The following document is designed to assist both new and existing members with a summarised guide to the Rules and Procedures of the Seniors Section in terms of competition and eligibility.

Details of the Rules and Procedures of the Seniors Section can be found on the Senior Section of the club website and on ClubV1.

All Competitions played are done so under the “Rules of Golf” supplemented by the additional local rules contained in this document.

The Seniors Section of MHGC has been in existence for over 25 years and during that time has earned a reputation as being one of the “Premier” Sections in the region.

Our aim is to ensure Senior Members' golf at MHGC continues and improves the experience of golf, played in the spirit of “fairness for all” and within the Rules.

In the unlikely event of a query or dispute not covered in Rules and Procedures as detailed herein please in the first instance contact the Seniors Section Captain, Vice-Captain or Competition Secretary. In the event an acceptable resolution cannot be achieved from within the current Rules and Procedures then the matter may be referred to the Seniors Committee whose decision will be final.

GENERAL RULES FOR SENIOR COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

Entry to all competitions is restricted to members of the Senior Section with a current World Handicap System (WHS) Handicap Index awarded by CONGU.

Note: Members without a HI may enter individual (not team) competitions to obtain their Handicap Index, but “may not” win any competition prizes until their Handicap Index has been obtained.

MONDAY COMPETITIONS

Individual Monday competitions are played generally in the Stableford or Medal format. The schedule for these together with other competitions including team and drawn events will be published on the MHGC web site/members hub approximately one month in advance. Each month at least both the Monthly Stableford and Monthly Medal competitions will be designated as a Qualifier (Q) for World Handicap System (WHS) Handicap Index (HI). The winners of both Divisions will qualify for associated Cup competitions.

HANDICAPS

Since the introduction of the WHS on 2nd November 2020 a players Course Handicap is course specific dependent upon the Course Rating (CR) / Slope Index (SI) of the course being played. In that regard MHGC has 3 designated courses respectively the course as played from the White, Yellow or Red tees. The CR/SI assigned to each course is gender specific. The CR/SI for each of the courses at MHGC was updated with effect from 31st October 2022. For reference the CR/SI awarded to MHGC for each course and for each 9 holes thereof are:

Tee (Course)	Gender	Course Rating (CR)/Slope Rating (SI)		
		Full	Front 9	Back 9
White	Men	69.3/119	35.2/116	34.1/121
Yellow	Men	67.1/114	33.8/114	33.3/113
Red	Men	64.7/104	33.0/100	31.7/107
White	Women	75.3/131	38.2/132	37.1/130
Yellow	Women	72.6/127	36.8/124	35.8/129
Red	Women	69.5/118	35.7/116	33.8/120

Conversion charts HI to Course Handicap (full course) are available for reference in the Pro Shop or online via ClubV1.

For general play each player will receive a Course Handicap based upon his/her HI. Separate Course Handicaps will apply for each course based upon a players HI adjusted by the published SI of the course relative to an SI of 113 (representing a course of average difficulty).

Unless otherwise specified a Competition Playing Handicap of 95% of a players Course Handicap will be used for all competitions.

STROKE ADJUSTMENTS FOR MIXED GENDER COMPETITIONS

In addition to the basic Competition Handicap (95% of Course handicap) Ladies playing in mixed gender competitions will receive the following additional stroke adjustments to their Competition Handicap, dependent on the mix of tees used:

- for Stableford Competitions:

Men White tee/Ladies White tee	+7 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+4 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Red tee	+3 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+6 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Red tee	+3 strokes
Men Red tee/Ladies Red tee	+6 strokes

- for Medal/Strokeplay Competitions:

Men White tee/Ladies White tee	+6.0 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+3.3 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Red tee	+0.2 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+5.5 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Red tee	+2.4 strokes
Men Red tee/Ladies Red tee	+4.8 strokes

- for Match Play Competitions:

Men White tee/Ladies White tee	+6 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+3 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Red tee	+0 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+6 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Red tee	+2 strokes
Men Red tee/Ladies Red tee	+5 strokes

Conversion charts HI to Ladies Competition Handicap for each of the above scenarios are attached as Appendix 1 to this document and are also available for reference in the Pro Shop.

TEE RESERVATION / BOOKING

All tees may be used for competitions subject to course restrictions (Generally November to March, yellow/red tees only).

The first tee is generally reserved for Senior Section Competitions on each Monday apart from Public Holidays. The period of reservation will vary dependant on the nature of the competition on the day (see monthly competition schedules/online booking sheets).

Unless otherwise notified booking for competitions will be online. The portal for online bookings for each competition will generally be available for a period of 10 days in advance of the date of competition or closure of online booking; and 15 days in advance if the competition is subject to a draw.

USE OF BUGGY

Medical exemption is not required. The use of buggies will be granted at the discretion of the Senior Captain or Competition Secretary. Members who wish to use a buggy for a Seniors competition are required to contact the Seniors Captain or Competition Secretary (or in their absence any committee member) for authorization prior to the competition.

ENTRY FEES / PRIZES

Unless otherwise specified competition entry fees are £2.00 per person payable at the Pro Shop on the day of competition.

Prizes are by way of credit to the prize winner's Pro Shop account.

For full details of individual and team prize funds, their allocation and minimum number requirements please see Procedures - Prizes pages 26 and 27.

GENERAL COMPETITION FORMATS / SCORING

Stroke Play – Stableford:

A Stroke Play Stableford is a competition played over 9 or 18 holes in which a player is awarded points based on their nett score for each hole. A player's nett score is determined by reference to their individual Competition Handicap and the Stroke Index for the hole played. The points awarded are as follows:

- More than one over net par: 0 points
- One over net par: 1 point
- Net par: 2 points
- One under net par: 3 points
- Two under net par: 4 points
- Three under net par: 5 points

The winner is the player with most points at the conclusion of the competition.

Unless otherwise stated players receive their full Competition Handicap.

Stroke Play – Medal:

A Stroke Play Medal is a competition generally played over 18 holes in which a player's score is recorded as their total nett score (gross score, less Competition Handicap).

The player who completes the round with the lowest net score is the winner.

Unless otherwise stated players receive their full Competition Handicap.

Match Play

Match play competitions are generally played over 18 holes between two individuals or two teams of two players. Match play is played hole by hole in which each hole is won by the individual or team completing the hole in the lowest net score (gross score, less Competition Handicap). In the event of the two individual players or teams completing a hole in the same net score then the hole is halved. The individual or team that wins the most holes wins the match.

In the event that a result is required then matches tied after 18 holes will continue from hole No 1 until such time as an individual or team wins a hole (sudden death). (In the event of a match continuing from hole No 1 further additional shots will apply based upon the Stroke Index).

Unless otherwise stated players receive their full Course Handicap.

Greensomes

An 18-hole pairs competition where each player tees off and one ball is chosen and is then played alternately until the ball is holed.

Handicaps: Full Course Handicaps apply

Team Handicap: lower handicap x 0.6 + higher handicap x 0.4

Unless otherwise stated mixed gender competitions will be played using the Stroke Index for the most forward tees utilised. The adjustment to a Team Handicap for each Lady team member participating in mixed gender competition. dependent on the mix of tees used, is:

Men White tee/Ladies White tee	+3.00 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+1.65 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Red tee	+0.10 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+2.75 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Red tee	+1.20 strokes
Men Red tee/Ladies Red tee	+2.40 strokes

Note: The “Greensomes Allowance Handicap Table” gives an “Exact Team Handicap”. This +/- any adjustment for lady team members (if applicable) is then rounded up/down for the “Greensomes Playing Handicap”. A copy of the “Greensomes Allowance Handicap Table” can be found at the back of the Seniors folder in the Pro shop, and in the locker rooms.

Greensomes competitions may be played in the following formats:

- Strokeplay/Medal: The “Exact Team Handicap” is deducted from the gross score to give the nett score.
Example: Exact Team Handicap for team A = 18.2 and for team B = 18.4, both teams score Gross 90, team A's Net score = $90 - 18.2 = 71.8$, team B's Net score = $90 - 18.4 = 71.6$. Team B wins.
- Stableford/Par Bogey: Team Handicap is calculated as above including adjustment for lady team members (if any) and then rounded to arrive at the teams “Playing Handicap”. The match is then scored using Stableford or par/bogey points. The team with the highest points score wins.
- Matchplay: Full difference between the “Exact Team Handicap”.

Example: Exact Team Handicap for team A = 18.4 (18) and for team B = 14.6 (15), therefore the “exact difference” = $18.4 - 14.6 = 3.8$ (rounded to 4). Team A receives 4 strokes from team B.

Foursomes

An 18-hole pairs competition in which each side plays only one ball. During the round partners play alternately from the teeing ground and alternate during the playing of each hole. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play (i.e., Player A-B-A-B until the ball is holed).

Unless otherwise stated mixed gender competitions will be played using the Stroke Index for the most forward tees utilised. Ladies receive additional strokes dependent on the mix of tees used:

a) Match Play or Medal:

Men White tee/Ladies White tee	+6.0 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+3.3 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Red tee	+0.2 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+5.5 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Red tee	+2.4 strokes
Men Red tee/Ladies Red tee	+4.8 strokes

b) Stableford and Par/Bogey:

Men White tee/Ladies White tee	+7.0 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+4.0 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Red tee	+3.0 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+6.0 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Red tee	+3.0 strokes
Men Red tee/Ladies Red tee	+6.0 strokes

Team Handicaps for foursomes are:

- for Match Play format: $\frac{1}{2}$ of the difference between the aggregate Course Handicaps of each side.
- for Stroke Play or Stableford format: $\frac{1}{2}$ of the aggregate Course Handicap of partners.

Note: The adjustment strokes for Lady Players are added to the ladies Course Handicap prior to the calculation of aggregate Course Handicaps.

4 Ball Better Ball.

A competition for pairs of players in which the lowest net score (or their associated Stableford points) of the partners is the score for the hole.

4 Ball Better Ball competitions may be played in the following formats:

- Medal: Competition Handicap 85% of Course Handicap rounded.
- Stableford: Competition Handicap 85% of Course Handicap rounded.
- Match Play: Competition Handicap 90% of Course Handicap rounded.

Unless otherwise stated mixed gender competitions will be played using the Stroke Index for the tee played by each gender. Ladies receive additional strokes dependent on the mix of tees used:

Men White tee/Ladies White tee	+5 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+3 strokes
Men White tee/Ladies Red tee	+0 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Yellow tee	+5 strokes
Men Yellow tee/Ladies Red tee	+2 strokes
Men Red tee/Ladies Red tee	+5 strokes

COMPETITIONS

Monthly Stableford

(Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

Individual Stableford competition.

The competition is played in 2 Divisions. Division 1 comprising Players up to and including a Competition Handicap of 21 and Division 2 comprising Players with a Competition Handicap of 22 and above. The Winner of each Division qualifies for the Stableford Winners trophy.

Tee: Yellow

Handicap: 95% Course Handicap Yellow tee / Ladies receive 6 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Yellow tee

Monthly Medal

(Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

Individual Medal competition.

The competition is played in 2 Divisions. Division 1 comprising Players up to and including a Competition Handicap of 21 and Division 2 comprising Players with a Competition Handicap of 22 and above. The Winner of each Division qualifies for the Medal Winners trophy.

Tee: Yellow

Handicap: 95% Course Handicap Yellow tee / Ladies receive 5.5 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Yellow tee

Seniors Section Championship

(Qualifier – open to all members of the Senior Section)

The Senior Section Championship is a Scratch and Handicap Competition played in medal format over 18 holes. The Seniors Section Championship trophies are awarded to the players respectively returning the lowest gross and lowest net scores in the competition. A player may only win one financial prize in the competition, in the event that a player achieves the same prize level in both the Gross and Net sections of the competition then for the purposes of allocating prizes the Gross competition will take precedence. This restriction does not apply to the award of trophies.

Any ties in the Net competition will be decided by a Card Count Back; any ties in the Gross competition will be decided by a play-off (see Procedure for deciding ties)

The winners of the Gross & Net competitions are eligible to represent the Senior section in the Club Champion of Champions tournament.

Tee: White

Handicaps: 95% Course Handicap / Ladies receive 6 additional strokes

Stroke Index: White tee

Robin Burton Cup

(Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

An individual Medal competition. The player who completes the competition in the lowest Nett score is awarded the Robin Burton Cup.

The winner of the Robin Burton Cup is eligible to represent the Senior section in the Club Champion of Champions tournament.

Tee: White

Handicap: 95% of White tee Course Handicap / Ladies receive 6 additional strokes.

Stroke Index: White tee

Founders Cup

(Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

The Founders Cup is a Medal Competition competed for annually.

The Founders Cup is awarded the player attaining the lowest net score.

Winners of Division 1 & 2 qualify for the year's Medal Winners Trophy Competition.

Tee: White tee

Handicaps: 95% of Course Handicap / Ladies receive 6 additional strokes.

Stroke Index: White tee

Stableford Millennium Shield Competition

(Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

The Stableford Millennium Shield is a Stableford competition competed for annually and open to all members of the Senior Section. The Stableford Millennium Shield is awarded to the player attaining the highest Stableford points score.

Winners of Division 1 & 2 qualify for the year's Stableford Winners Trophy Competition.

Tee: Yellow tees

Handicaps: 95% of Course Handicap / Ladies receive 6 additional strokes.

Stroke Index Yellow tee

The Tony Horne Cup

(Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

The Tony Horne Cup is a Stableford competition. The cup is awarded to the player attaining the highest Stableford score in the competition.

Tee: Yellow

Handicaps: 95% of Course Handicap / Ladies receive 6 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Yellow tee

Captain's Day Seniors Section

(Qualifier - Drawn Competition)

The annual Captain's Day Competition is played over 18 holes and to a format of the Captain's choice. The prizes will be awarded to the winners of the main competition(s) and any subsidiary events, such as "Nearest the Pin" at the Captain's discretion.

The Seniors Silver Jubilee Shield will be awarded to the winning member.

Charity Stableford

(Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

A Stableford competition generally played in August.

Entry fee £4.00. Half of the entry fee is donated to the Captain's charity.

Tee: Men play off Yellow tees / Ladies play off Red tees

Handicaps: 95% of respective Course Handicap/Ladies receive 3 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Men Yellow tee / Ladies Red tee

Stableford Winners Trophy

(Qualifier – open to qualifying members of the Senior Section)

The Stableford Winners Trophy is completed for annually by players who, since the trophy was last contested, have won a Seniors Section Monthly Stableford (Division 1 & 2 winners will qualify for entry to the competition). Additionally, winners of Division 1 & 2 of the annual Millennium Shield also qualify for that year's Stableford Winners Trophy. The Stableford Winners Trophy is awarded to the qualifying player attaining the highest Stableford score.

This competition may be aligned to a Monthly Stableford competition (Usually the September Monthly Stableford). The Division 1 and 2 winners of that Monthly Stableford qualify to compete in the following year's Stableford Winners Trophy Competition.

Tee: Yellow tees

Handicaps: 95% of respective Course Handicap / Ladies receive 6 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Yellow tee

Medal Winners Trophy

(Qualifier – open to qualifying members of the Senior Section)

The Medal Winners Trophy is competed for annually by players who, since the trophy was last contested, have won a Seniors Section Monthly Medal (Division 1 and 2 winners will qualify for entry to the competition). Additionally, winners of Division 1 and 2 of the annual Founders Cup also qualify for that year's Medal Winners Trophy. The Medal Winners Trophy is awarded to the qualifying player attaining the lowest net score.

This competition may be aligned to a Monthly Medal competition (Usually the September Monthly Medal). The divisional winners of that Monthly Medal qualify to compete in the following year's Medal Winners Trophy Competition.

Tee: Yellow tees

Handicaps: 95% of respective Course Handicap / Ladies receive 5.5 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Yellow tee

Rainbow Stableford

(Non-Qualifier - open to all members for the Senior Section)

Rainbow Stableford is an individual Stableford competition, in which both men and ladies play each hole from the same tees. Holes 1 to 6 are played from the White tees, holes 7 to 12 are played from the Yellow tees and holes 13 to 18 are played from the Red tees. The 18th hole is played as a par 4 by all players.

Tee: White/Yellow/Red tees

Handicaps: Yellow Tee Course Handicap / Ladies receive 1 additional stroke for each of the holes played from the White tee (+6 strokes)

Stroke Index: Red tee

The Turkey Trot

(Qualifier - open to all members for the Senior Section)

The Turkey Trot is an individual Stableford competition open to all members of the Senior Section. The event is played in December with prizes awarded for a specified number of places for the full 18 holes, plus best front nine, back nine and nearest the pin. A Player winning one of the main prizes will be excluded from the best front or back nine competitions.

Tee: Men play off Yellow tees / Ladies play off Red tees

Handicaps: 95% of respective Course Handicap

Stroke Index: Men Yellow tee / Ladies Red tee

The White Rose Trophy

(Qualifier - open to eligible members of the Senior Section)

The White Rose Trophy is an individual competition, Medal or Stableford with the format to be decided by the captain. It is open to those members who represented the senior section in friendly matches during the season. The White Rose Trophy will be presented to the winning member.

The Senior's Silver Jubilee Shield

(Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

An individual Stableford played from the Yellow tees, usually played for on Senior Captain Day.

The Seniors Silver Jubilee Shield will be presented to the leading player.

Tee: Yellow

Handicap: 95% Course Handicap Yellow tee / Ladies receive 6 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Yellow tee

Dugmore Trophy

(Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

A Stableford competition for teams of three players (drawn). All three score to count for the team score. As far as possible each team will consist of three players respectively with a low, medium and high Course Handicap. The Course Handicap range in each category will be set based upon the range of Course Handicaps of the entrants to the competition. The Dugmore Trophy will be awarded to the team attaining the highest team Stableford points score.

Tee: Men play off Yellow tees / Ladies play off Red tees

Handicaps: 95% of respective Course Handicap/Ladies receive 3 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Men Yellow tee / Ladies Red tee

Autumn Chalice

(Non-Qualifier – open all members of the Senior Section)

The Autumn Chalice is a Pairs Strokeplay Medal Competition played annually (normally during October) over 18 holes in a foursome's format. Tee times will be determined by 'zone draw'. The partners tee off on alternate holes thereafter the partners take alternate shots until each hole is completed.

Partnerships are by prior agreement between players who will enter the competition as a team (pair).

Tee: White tee

Handicaps: Full Course Handicap

Team Handicap: 50% of the aggregate Course Handicap of the partners / Ladies receive 6 additional strokes.

Stroke Index: White tee

6-6-6 Team Stableford

(Non-Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

A Stableford competition (drawn) for teams of 3 or 4 players. On holes 1 - 6 the best score counts, on holes 7 - 12 the best two scores count and on holes 13 - 18 the best three scores count.

Tee: Men Yellow / Ladies Red

Handicaps: 95% of respective Course Handicap/Ladies receive 3 additional strokes.

Stroke Index: Men Yellow tee / Ladies Red tee

Am-Am

(Non-Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

A Stableford competition for teams of 4 players (drawn). The best two net scores count on each hole. Each team member **MUST** contribute a minimum of four scores towards the total score. Where possible each team will consist of players from a range of handicaps (low to high). Should a team be a player short then 3 points will be added to the teams score, a further 2 points will be added for any holes where all four scores count.

Tee: Men Yellow / Ladies Red

Handicaps: 95% of respective Course Handicap/Ladies receive 3 additional strokes.

Stroke Index: Men Yellow tee / Ladies Red tee

Yellow Ball

(Non-Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

A Stableford competition for teams of 3 players (drawn). Two of the team members scores will count on each hole with one of the two scores being that of the Yellow Ball player. The Yellow Ball player is pre-determined and alternates in strict rotation.

Tee: Men Yellow tees/Ladies Red tees

Handicaps: 95% of respective Course Handicap/Ladies receive 3 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Men Yellow tees/Ladies Red tees

Scramble – Florida Format

(Non-Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

A Stroke-Play competition for teams of three players (drawn).

At the commencement of play on each hole all three players will tee off. The resting place of the ball from one of the three tee shots is selected to be the location from which the team's second shots will be played. Having marked the ball's resting place, the player whose ball is chosen retrieves their ball, the remaining two team members then play a shot from a position within 6" of the marked position for the ball chosen. The process is then repeated until a ball is holed. Where a ball's marked position is on a closely mown area the ball may be placed. In all other locations the ball **must** be dropped.

The team handicap is deducted from the gross score of the team at the end of the round. The team with the lowest net score is the winner.

Tees: Men Yellow tee / Ladies Red tee

Handicap: Full Respective Course Handicap

Team Handicap: The team handicap is determined by taking the aggregate of 30%/20%/10% of the Course Handicap respectively for the lowest to highest handicap player in the team.

1 stroke will be added to the Team Handicap for each Lady team member in a 3-person team. (1.5 strokes for 2-person team & 0.75 strokes for 4-person team).

Stroke Index: Yellow tee

Each player must contribute a minimum of five tee shots to the team effort. This requirement should be borne in mind when deciding on which players tee shot to use.

Where the number of players in a team is reduced to 2 then the Team Handicap will be recalculated as the aggregate of 35% and 15% respectively for the lowest and highest Course Handicaps of the two players. Both players will take all shots.

Two teams each of two players may join and play together as a 4-ball but must score as individual 2-player teams and each calculate their net scores as prescribed above.

Scramble –Texas Format

(Non-Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

A Stroke-Play competition for teams of two, three or four players (drawn).

At the commencement of play on each hole, all players will tee off. The resting place of the ball from one of the tee shots is selected to be the location from which the team's second shots will be played. Having marked the ball's resting place, the player whose tee shot was selected then plays his or her second shot. The players whose shots were not selected then each play a ball from the marked position. Play continues in this way until a ball is holed.

Where a ball's marked position is on a closely mown area the ball may be placed. In all other locations the ball **must** be dropped.

The team handicap is deducted from the gross score of the team at the end of the round. The team with the lowest net score is the winner.

Tees: Men Yellow tee / Ladies Red tee

Handicap: Full Respective Course Handicap

Team Handicap: The team handicap is determined by taking the aggregate of team members Course Handicap's respectively lowest to highest in the following proportions:

- for a team of two 35%/15%.
- for a team of three 30%/20%/10%; and
- for a team of four 25%/20%/15%/10%.

1 stroke will be added to the Team Handicap for each Lady team member in a 3-person team. (1.5 strokes for 2-person team & 0.75 strokes for 4-person team).

Stroke Index: Yellow tee

Each player must contribute a minimum No of tee shots to the team effort. This minimum No of tee shots varies dependent on the team size (4 for a team of 4, 5 for a team of 3 and 7 for a team of 2. This requirement should be borne in mind when deciding on which players tee shot to use.

Where the number of players in a team is reduced from that set for the competition then the Team Handicap will be recalculated based on the number of players in the team as set out above.

Two teams each of two players may join and play together as a 4-ball but must score as individual 2-player teams and each calculate their net scores as prescribed above.

Three Clubs and a Putter

(Non-Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

Three Clubs and a Putter is an individual Stableford competition where each player will carry no more than **3 clubs and a putter**.

Tee: Men play off Yellow tees / Ladies play off Red tees

Handicaps: 95% of respective Course Handicap/Ladies receive 3 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Men Yellow tee / Ladies Red tee

The Peter Ryder Cup

(Non-Qualifier – Men Seniors v Ladies Section)

The Peter Ryder Cup is an event competed for annually (normally in September) between a team from the Seniors Section (Men) and a team from the Club Ladies Section. Pairings and tee times are drawn. The competition is played to Four-Ball Better-Ball, Match-Play format. Teams and pairings will be selected and, as far as possible, will include all entrants. Scoring will be by holes, not matches, therefore, all matches must continue up to and including the 18th hole. The Peter Ryder Cup will be awarded to the team winning the greater number of holes.

The 2nd and 18th holes are awarded based on the number of strokes taken to complete irrespective of Par.

Tee: Men play off Yellow tees / Ladies play off Red tees

Handicaps: 90% of respective Course Handicap/Ladies receive 2 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Red tee

Fox and Hounds

(Non-Qualifier - open to all members of the Senior Section)

An individual Stableford competition open to all members of the Senior Section. The player nominated as the “Fox” (normally the previous year’s winner of the competition) plays in the first group and sets the par for the course as his/her gross score achieved on each hole. The remainder of the field the “Hounds” then score each based on their net score against the par for each hole set by the Fox, using the Stableford points format. The winners are the player’s attaining the highest scores in each division.

Other than setting the par for the competition, the Fox does not participate in the competition.

A notice with the par score set by the Fox will be posted “Greenside” at each hole.

Tee: Men play off Yellow tees / Ladies play off Red tees

Handicaps: Full respective Course Handicap/Ladies receive 3 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Yellow tee

Team Stableford.

(Non-Qualifier-Drawn Competition)

A Stableford Competition for teams of three players (drawn) open to all members of the Senior Section. The team score for each hole is determined by multiplying all three individual Stableford scores together. If one player fails to score, then the remaining two scores are multiplied together. If two players fail to score, the team score is zero.

Example Team Score:

	Player A	Player B	Player C	Team Points
Hole 1	3 Points	2 Points	2 Points	12 Points
Hole 2	4 Points	4 Points	0 Point	16 points
Hole 3	1 Point	1 Point	1 Point	1 Point
Hole 4	4 points	0 Points	0 Points	0 Points

The team attaining the highest Stableford points for the 18 hole round is the winner.

Tee: Men play off Yellow tees / Ladies play off Red tees

Handicaps: Full respective Course Handicap/Ladies receive 3 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Men Yellow tee / Ladies Red tee

Captain vs Vice Captain

(Non-Qualifier-Drawn Competition)

The Captain vs Vice Captain is competed for annually between teams made up of members of the Senior Section.

Teams and pairings will be selected by the Captain and Vice-Captain and as far as possible, will include all entrants.

Scoring will be by holes, not matches, therefore, all matches must continue up to and including the 18th hole.

The competition is played to Four-Ball Better-Ball, Match-Play format.

Tee: Men play off Yellow tees / Ladies play off Red tees

Handicaps: 90% respective Course Handicap / Ladies receive 2 additional strokes

Stroke Index: Yellow tee / Red tee

Eclectic

The Senior Section Eclectic competitions are open to all members of the Senior Section and are played twice per year respectively during the period April to August (the Summer Eclectic) and October to February (the Winter Eclectic).

Each competition is played over 10 nominated rounds of stroke play, usually made up of the five Monthly Medal and the five Monthly Stableford competitions played during the period.

For the avoidance of doubt the Eclectic is an entirely separate competition to either the Monthly Medal or Monthly Stableford rounds or indeed any other competition round also nominated as a round in the Summer or Winter Eclectic competitions, as such the rules specifically applicable to either Medal or Stableford competitions **ARE NOT** automatically applicable to the Eclectic competition unless otherwise specified herein.

There is no obligation to participate in all nominated rounds of the competition. Players may participate in as many or as few of the designated rounds as they wish, provided always that only scores achieved in designated rounds will qualify for inclusion in a Player's Eclectic score. Only scores made when the round is played on a regulation course will qualify for inclusion in the Eclectic competition. Scores recorded on a day when the course includes any temporary holes or greens will not be eligible for inclusion in the Eclectic competition. In the event of rounds being cancelled due to unforeseen events (course not qualifying, course closure etc.) the committee may nominate other comparable competitions as replacement rounds.

In the event a Player is disqualified from the primary Medal or Stableford competition also nominated as a round of the Eclectic competition, for any reason other than having posted a 'No Return' (NR) on any one or more of the holes played, then that round will not be included in determining a Player's Eclectic score.

Until and unless a Player posts a valid score for each of the holes comprising a full round in the Eclectic, then the hole(s) for which a valid score has yet to be posted and, as a consequence the Players Eclectic score will be recorded as 'No Return' (NR).

The lowest gross score that a Player achieves on each of the eighteen holes during any one of the 10 rounds nominated for each competition will determine their final Eclectic score for that competition.

There are two sections to the competition, these are:

1. Best Gross Score, comprising the aggregate of the Players best gross score on each hole achieved in any one of the qualifying rounds; and
2. Best Net Score, comprising the aggregate of the Players best gross score on each hole achieved in any one of the qualifying rounds less the Players Competition Handicap as at the date of the final round of the competition.

A Player may only win one financial prize in the competition, in the event a player achieves the same prize level in both the Gross and Net sections of the competition then for the purposes of allocating prizes the Gross competition will take precedence. This restriction does not apply to the award of trophies.

Tee: Yellow

Competition Handicap: 95% of Course Handicap (Yellow tee)

Stroke Index: Yellow tee

Senior Golfer of the Year

The Senior Golfer of the Year Trophy is open to all members of the Senior Section and is awarded annually for performance in monthly Stableford and Medal competitions (whether Qualifying or Non-Qualifying). Ten points will be awarded to the winner, nine points to the runner up and so on down to one point for tenth place. Points will be awarded on a non-divisional basis and the individual player accumulating the highest total number of points throughout the year will be presented with the Senior Golfer of the Year trophy.

Only results achieved when a competition is played on a regulation course will count towards the Senior Golfer of the Year Competition.

General:

- The Competition will be run from October until September of the following year.
- In the event of a tie the Senior Golfer of the Year will be decided by dividing the number of points by the number of competitions played by each of the tying players.
- A points table will be published after each year's competition has run for two months and will be up-dated monthly thereafter.

In the event of a tie in a monthly competition normal count back rules will apply. If unresolved then both players will receive the points for the place tied.

Knockout Competitions

General rules for Knockout competitions.

The first named player(s) in the draw are deemed the challenger(s)

Match arrangements:

The challenger(s) must offer the opponent(s) three dates (Monday to Friday) on which they could play the match. The offer must be made no later than three weeks before the date on which that particular round of the competition has to be completed. The onus is on the challenger's opponent to accept one of the offered dates.

Alternatively, the challenger(s) and his or her opponent(s) may mutually agree a date on which to play their match. The mutually agreed date could be at a weekend.

The loser is responsible for notifying the Competition Secretary of the result (winner and winning margin) after the match.

Every effort should be made to complete the knockout matches by the set date.

A failure by either the challenger or the opponent to fulfill their obligation under these rules will result in the party or parties in default being eliminated from the competition.

The Seniors Committee reserves the right to exercise discretion and extend the date where necessary.

Veterans' Trophy

(Non-Qualifier – Open to All members of the Senior Section – Round 1 will be drawn)

The Veterans' Trophy is a singles knockout match-play competition played annually and open to all members of the Senior Section. The competition is subject to the entry criteria set out below.

The competition will comprise a number of designated rounds to be played between 1st April and 30th September. In the event of a match being level at the 18th hole play will continue from the 1st hole until a result is obtained (sudden death).

To compete for the Veterans' Trophy the following criteria must be met.

- Ladies must have reached the age of 65 by the date at which the competition entry closes.
- Men must have reached the age of 65 by the date on which the competition entry closes.

Tee: Men Yellow / Ladies Red

Handicaps: Men full Course Handicap (Yellow tee) / Ladies Full Course Handicap (Red tee) + 2 strokes

Stroke Index: Man v Man Yellow tee / Man v Lady or Lady v Lady Red tee

Seniors' Knockout Shield

(Non-Qualifier – Open to all members of the Senior Section – Round 1 will be drawn)

The Seniors' Knockout Shield is a singles knockout match-play competition played annually and open to Male members of the Senior Section.

The competition will comprise a number of designated rounds to be played between 1st April and 30th September. In the event of a match being level at the 18th hole play will continue from the 1st hole until a result is obtained (sudden death).

Tee: White tee

Handicaps: Full Course Handicap / Ladies receive 6 additional strokes

Stroke Index: White tee.

Mixed Pairs Knockout Competition

(Greensomes – Non-Qualifier – Open to Male/Female members of the Senior Section – Round 1 will be drawn)

The Mixed Pairs Knockout is a pairs match-play knockout competition played annually in Greensome format and open to teams comprising one Male and one Female member of the Senior Section.

The competition will comprise a number of designated rounds to be played between 1st April and 30th September. In the event of a match being level at the 18th hole play will continue from the 1st hole until a result is obtained (sudden death).

Tee: Men Yellow tee/Ladies Red tee

Handicaps: Men full Course Handicap (Yellow tee)/Ladies Full Course Handicap (Red tee)

Team Handicap: lower handicap x 0.6 + higher handicap x 0.4 + 1.2 (rounded) (see also Greensomes Matchplay Page 7)

Stroke Index: Red tee.

Fairway Cup

(Greensomes – Non Qualifier – Open to all members of the Senior Section – Round 1 will be drawn)

The Fairway Cup is a pairs match-play knockout competition played annually in Greensomes format and open to teams comprising two members of the Senior Section.

The competition will comprise a number of designated rounds to be played between 1st April and 30th September. In the event of a match being level at the 18th hole play will continue from the 1st hole until a result is obtained (sudden death).

Tee: Yellow tee

Handicaps: Full Course Handicap/Ladies receive 2.75 additional strokes (added prior to calculation of Team Handicap)

Team Handicap: lower handicap x 0.6 + higher handicap x 0.4 (rounded) (see also Greensomes Matchplay Page 7)

Stroke Index: Yellow tee.

Winter Pairs

(Non-Qualifier – Open to all members of the Senior Section – Round 1 will be drawn)

The competition will be played to a Four-Ball Better Ball Match Play format over 18 holes and open to all members of the Senior Section.

The Competition will run from 1st October to the 31st March. The Competition will comprise an initial round or rounds played in groups, followed by a knockout stage up to and including the final,

The group stage(s) will be drawn and the round(s) will thereafter be played on a league (round robin) basis with the winning pair of each match receiving 3 points or in the event of a drawn match each pair receiving 1 point. In the event of pairs being tied on equal points on completion of all group stage matches the accumulative winning margin (net holes won by) will determine a pair's league position.

The initial matches for the knockout stage will be drawn, thereafter the matches will cascade down to the final.

The required completion date for each group or knockout round will be published with the draw, which will be posted on the Web Site/Members Hub. All matches within each group or knockout stage must be completed by the date set and published as aforesaid, provided that in the event of an unusually bad winter period a time extension for any one or more stages may be granted by the Seniors Committee.

Match arrangements:

The first named pair in the draw are deemed the challenger.

The challenger must offer their opponent(s) three dates (Monday to Friday) on which they could play the match. The offer must be made no later than three weeks before the date on which that particular round of the competition has to be completed. The onus is on the challenger's opponent to accept one of the offered dates.

Alternatively, the challenger(s) and their opponent(s) may mutually agree a date on which to play their match. The mutually agreed date could be at a weekend.

The losing pair is responsible for notifying the Competition Secretary of the result after the completion of each match.

A failure by either the challenger or the opponent to fulfil their obligation under these rules will result in the pair not in default being awarded the match as a 10 & 8 win.

Handicap: The lowest handicap player concedes strokes to the other 3 players based on 90% of the difference in their respective Course Handicaps. (See strokes received below)

Tee: Yellow tee

Handicaps: 90% of Yellow Course Handicap / Ladies receive 5 Additional Strokes

Stroke Index: Yellow tee.

(Strokes Received: The lowest handicap player in the playing group shall receive 0 strokes. All other players shall receive the number of strokes calculated as 90% (rounded) of the difference between their FULL course handicap and that of the player with the lowest FULL course handicap in the playing group.

e.g., If the lowest FULL course handicap in the group is 10 & another player has a FULL course handicap of 19 the difference is 9 therefore the higher handicap player receives 8 strokes. [9 x 90% = 8.1 rounded to 8])

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COMPETITION ENTRY PROCEDURES.

Drawn competitions including knockouts.

Competitions will be publicised, approximately one month in advance by notices in the clubhouse and the MHGC Seniors Section Web page / Members Hub on ClubV1. The notice will advise:

- Date of competition.
- Closing date for entries.
- Entry fee.
- Competition format; and
- Booking requirements (via the Pro-Shop or online)

Unless otherwise notified booking for each competition subject to a draw, will be available either online via the ClubV1 site or in the Pro Shop following publication of each Months competition schedule. Unless otherwise notified bookings may be made up to and including 11am on the Monday prior to the date of competition. A notice publicising the draw/order of play will be posted on the MHGC Senior Section Web page / Members Hub approximately 3 days before the date of the competition.

Unless otherwise advised all competition entry fees are to be paid at the Pro-Shop on the date of competition.

Any entries received after the closing date may be included at the discretion of the Competition Secretary, Senior's Captain or in their absence any member of the committee.

Stableford, Medal and Individual Trophy Competitions.

Competitions will be publicised, approximately one month in advance by notices in the clubhouse and the MHGC Seniors Section Web page / Members Hub on ClubV1. The notice will advise:

- Date of competition.
- Closing date for entries.
- Entry fee.
- Competition format; and
- Booking requirements (via the Pro-Shop or online; drawn or selected tee time)

Unless otherwise stated, booking will be available online via ClubV1 or HowDidiDo for a period of 10 days prior to the published booking closure date/time.

Unless otherwise notified competition entry fees are to be paid at the Pro shop on the day of competition.

Allocation of Financial Prizes:

The Treasurer will inform the Pro Shop of the prize winners and pay all associated prize money for allocation to the prize winners' Pro shop accounts. If the course is closed, the treasurer will make credits available to any senior who has paid their entry fee and those members will be able to choose whether their credit is used for a future seniors' competition, or not at all, in which case, the funds will remain in the section funds.

EXTENDING KNOCKOUT PLAY BY DATES

The policy is as follows:

Every effort should be made to complete knockout matches by the set date.

The Seniors Committee reserve the right to exercise discretion and extend that date where necessary, for the following reasons only:

- A serious medical reason that prevents the match from being completed by the set date, but where it can be completed within the following 2 weeks.
- A serious compassionate reason which prevents the match from being completed by the set date, but where it can be completed within the following 2 weeks.
- Temporary unavailability, holidays and minor illnesses are not regarded as reasons for an extension.
- Each case will be decided on its merits. The granting of an extension in one case will not be regarded as a precedent for another.

Procedure for requesting an extension.

A request to extend a play by date must be made to the Competition Secretary as soon as possible.

The Competition Secretary and the Senior Captain will come to a decision and the claimant will be informed of the outcome and where an extension has been agreed, a new play by date. Their decision will be final.

The Captain and Competition Secretary must consider the knock-on effect of any extension and they must ensure that any following matches in the competition or other seniors are not disadvantaged and that they are given sufficient time to complete the next round.

Any extension of play by date will be made by exception and will only be granted in extenuating circumstances.

Seniors/Pairs who fail to complete their matches by the agreed or set date will be disqualified from the competition.

Award of Prizes

Financial prizes, in the form of Pro-Shop credits, will be awarded for Seniors Section competitions in accordance with the following table, subject to minimum entry level requirements being met ([see table Page 29](#)). The prizes set out below are subject to minimum entry levels (see '**Minimum Entry Levels**' following) and do not apply to special events, such as Captain's Day, Turkey Trot etc., which events have separate prizes/prize fund arrangements details of which will be set out in the notice for those events.

Individual Stroke Play Competitions (Monthly Medal and Stableford):

1st Division 1 & 2:	£13.00 each
2nd Division 1 & 2:	£8.00 each
3rd Division 1 & 2:	£6.00 each
4th Division 1 & 2:	£5.00 each

Other Individual Stroke Play Competitions (including Cup and Trophy Events):

1st Division 1 & 2:	£13.00 each
2nd Division 1 & 2:	£8.00 each
3rd Division 1 & 2:	£6.00 each
4th Division 1 & 2:	£5.00 each

Senior Club Championship:

1st Gross & Net:	£13.00 each
2nd Gross & Net:	£8.00 each
3rd Gross & Net:	£6.00 each
4th Gross & Net:	£5.00 each

Eclectics:

1st (Best Gross & Net)	£13.00 each
2nd (Best Gross & Net)	£8.00 each
3rd (Best Gross & Net)	£6.00 each

Pairs Competitions:

1st	£13.00 each
2nd	£8.00 each
3rd	£6.00 each

3 Person Team Competitions:

1st	£12.00 each
2nd	£8.00 each

4 Person Team Competitions:

1st	£9.00 each
2nd	£6.00 each

Knockout Competitions:

Singles:

Winner (1 st):	£13.00
Runner Up (2 nd):	£8.00
Losing Semi-finalists (3 rd):	£6.00 each

Pairs:

Winner:	£13.00 each
Runner Up:	£8.00 each

Minimum Entry Levels

The table below shows the minimum level of entry required for the award of prizes in each competition type.

Financial prizes and, where applicable associated medals will be withheld if the minimum entry levels for the award of 2nd and/or 3rd place prizes are not met.

If the minimum entry level for the 1st prize in a competition is not met, the Captain and the Competition Secretary, (or in their absence, their deputies) may cancel a competition, or reduce or withhold prizes and any associated medals because of the small number of entrants.

When the Minimum entry levels for team competitions are not met, the Captain and the Competition Secretary (or in their absence, their deputies) may award the prizes if the prize fund is covered by the entry fees.

Minimum Entry Levels

	1st Prize Only	1st & 2nd Prize Only	1st, 2nd & 3rd Prize Only	1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Prize
Individual Stroke Play Comps	16	24	30	35
Eclectics	16	24	30	N/A
Pairs Comps	8 pairs	12 pairs	15 pairs	N/A
3 Person Team Comps	7 teams of 3	11 teams of 3	N/A	N/A
4 Person Team Comps	5 teams of 4	8 teams of 4	N/A	N/A
Knockout Comps (Singles)	8	13	19	N/A
Knockout Comps (Pairs)	8 pairs	12 pairs	N/A	N/A

Procedure for deciding ties (Count back) R&A Rules

Medal Competitions

Handicap/Net Score:

When 2 or more players have the same Medal score, a count back is necessary to find the winner as follows:

- Medal score on the back 9 minus half their competition playing handicap (CPH).
- Medal score on back 6 minus 1/3rd their CPH.
- Medal on back 3 minus 1/6th of their CPH.
- Medal on 18th hole minus 1/18th of their CPH.
- Medal score on back 12 minus 2/3rd of their CPH and finally back 15 minus 5/6th.
- If two tee/shotgun start the back 9 will always be holes 10-18.
- The count back will be calculated by the Club V1 System.

Scratch/Gross Score:

In the event of players being tied in a Scratch/Gross format competition then a play-off will take place (the format will be published before the competition)

Stableford Competitions

When 2 or more players have the same Stableford score, a count back is necessary to find the winner as follows.

- Who has the most points on the back 9.
- Who has the most points on the back 6, then back 3 and lastly 18th hole.

If still not resolved, then:

- Who has the most points on the back 12 then back 15.
- If two tee/shotgun start the back 9 will always be holes 10-18.
- The count back will be calculated by the Club V1 System.

COMPETITION NOTICES:

Forthcoming matches, competitions and competition draws are publicized by a Notice posted on the Senior Section notice board and the MHGC Seniors Section Web Page/Members Hub on ClubV1.

Members are requested not to add or delete names displayed on notices for club competition or inter-club matches without prior consultation with the Seniors Captain, Vice-Captain or Competition Secretary.

WITHDRAWAL FROM MONDAY COMPETITIONS:

Pre-drawn Team Competitions

Any player wishing to withdraw from a pre-drawn team competition following the closing date for entries should give notice of his or her intent to the Competition Secretary or Assistant Competition Secretary.

Any player failing to give notice of withdrawal will, on the first occasion, be asked by the Seniors Captain for an explanation of their failure to do so. Unless in the view of the Committee the reasons for failing to give notice of withdrawal were wholly exceptional, the player will be sent a letter reminding them that this is not acceptable practice and informing them that a second such failure within 6 months will result in the player being excluded from four consecutive Monday competitions specified by the Committee. In only the most exceptional circumstances the Committee may, at its discretion, waive the exclusion in the event of a second failure.

Stablefords and Medals

Any player withdrawing from an individual Stableford or Medal competition must always notify the Pro Shop at the earliest possible opportunity so that the entry sheet can be amended. Where withdrawal is at the last moment, for example due to illness immediately prior to the competition, it would be courteous also to inform their playing partners (as advised by the Pro Shop) so that they are fore warned.

STARTING INTERVALS.

Unless otherwise specified the time intervals between games will be 8mins.

DIVISIONAL HANDICAPS.

The handicap limits for the two divisions are:

- Division 1. Up to and including Competition Playing Handicaps of 21.
- Division 2. Competition Playing Handicaps of 22 and over.

SCORE CARD PROCEDURE.

Qualifying competition cards will be made available to the MHGC Manager (or nominee) after initial checking by competition secretary (or nominee). The cards will be accompanied by a summary sheet giving –

- Number of Division 1 entrants
- Number of Division 2 entrants
- Names of players registering non-returns

Incorrectly completed cards may be disqualified in accordance with the Rules of Golf. Eclectic results are coordinated by a nominee of the committee.

MHGC Manager (or nominee) will process qualifying competition cards for handicap adjustment.

CANCELLATION OR CURTAILMENT OF COMPETITIONS.

“Qualifying” competitions can only be changed to “non-Qualifier” before play commences in the competition and then only in exceptional circumstances. Competitions are played in accordance with The Rules of Golf. Competitions can only be called off once they have started in the event that the course becomes closed or the Committee decide that exceptional circumstances exist. Inclement weather of itself is not normally considered to be exceptional circumstances.

If the Committee considers that exceptional circumstances exist then the most senior responsible committee member present may cancel, suspend, or alter play for any reason.

The Competition Secretary/Assistant Competition Secretary or most senior Committee member present may change the competition status as above and notify the MHGC Manager of the change and reason as soon as practicable.

SENIORS SECTION TROPHIES (2023 Revision)

TROPHY	PRESENTED BY	COMPETITION
Seniors Knockout Shield	King's Lynn Flooring	Singles, match play knockout competition, open to all members.
Veterans Trophy	Melvyn Williams (1998)	Singles, match play, knockout competition, open to all members.
Seniors Mixed Greensomes Trophy	P. Kirman	Mixed pairs, Greensomes, match play, knockout competition.
Fairway Cup	Arthur Canning (Captain 1999)	Greensomes, knockout competition, open to all members.
Founders Cup	Founders of the Monday Club	Awarded to the player returning the lowest nett score.
Seniors Summer Eclectic Trophies Nett & Gross	Brian Hughes (Captain 1998) Bob Gamble (Captain 2017)	Awarded to the players returning the lowest nett & gross score over ten designated rounds.
Seniors Winter Eclectic Trophies Nett & Gross	Brian Hughes (Captain 1998) Tony Read (Men's Captain 2001)	Awarded to the players returning the lowest nett & gross score over ten designated rounds.
Millennium Shield	Derek Gorton (Treasurer 1991-2002)	Awarded to the player returning the highest score in the Stableford competition.

Seniors Men's Handicap Championship Cup	Ray Plumb (Captain 2001)	Awarded to the player returning the lowest nett score.
Seniors Men's Scratch Championship Cup	Seniors' Section	Awarded to the player returning the lowest gross score.
White Rose Trophy	Steve Webber (Captain 2021)	Awarded to the player returning the lowest nett score in a competition played between Players who have represented the Club in Friendly Matches throughout the year.
Seniors Medal Winners Trophy	Seniors' Section	Awarded to the qualifying player returning the lowest net score in the September Medal.
Seniors Stableford Winners Trophy	Seniors' Section	Awarded to the qualifying player returning the highest score in the September Stableford.
Captain Versus Vice Captain Trophy	Seniors' Section	Awarded to the winning team in the annual Captain versus Vice Captain Match.
Peter Ryder Cup	Peter Ryder (Captain 2004)	Awarded to the winning team in the annual Seniors Men versus Ladies Match
Autumn Chalice	Alex Adams (Captain 2002)	Awarded to the winning pair in an annual men's foursomes' competition.
Dorothy Gorton Trophy	Dorothy Gorton (Ladies Captain 2001)	Vacant
Senior Golfer of The Year	Douglas Eakins (Captain 2003)	Awarded to the player accumulating the highest number of points in Medal and Stableford competitions throughout the year.
Robin Burton Cup	Robin Burton (Captain 2006)	Awarded to the player with the lowest nett score.
Tony Horne Cup	Flora Horne (2006)	Awarded to the player with the highest score in the Competition.

Senile Versus Virile Trophy		Awarded to the winning team in the annual Men versus Seniors Match
The Dugmore Trophy	David Dugmore (Captain 2007)	Awarded to the winning team in a designated Stableford competition for teams of three.
Seniors Silver Jubilee Shield	Chris Hudson (Captain 2016)	Awarded to the winning Senior member on Seniors Captain's Day
Winter Pairs	John Burton (Men's Captain 2012)	4BBB pairs, knockout competition, open to all members.

**WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM
MIXED GENDER COMPETITIONS
STROKES AWARDED TO LADIES
EFFECTIVE FROM 31st OCTOBER 2022**

INTRODUCTION:

Following a review carried out by Golf England at the request of Middleton Hall Golf Club, the course and slope ratings for Middleton Hall Golf Course has been revised as follows:

Previous Ratings:

<u>Tee</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Course Rating</u> <u>Slope Rating</u>	<u>Front 9</u>	<u>Back 9</u>
White	5,904	Men	69.1/125	35.1/122	34.0/127
Yellow	5,457	Men	67.0/118	33.8/117	33.2/119
Yellow	5,457	Women	72.6/131	36.9/131	35.7/131
Red	4,856	Women	69.7/115	35.6/117	34.1/113

New Ratings (Effective from 31st October 2022):

<u>Tee</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Course Rating</u> <u>Slope Rating</u>	<u>Front 9</u>	<u>Back 9</u>
White	5,921	Men	69.3/119	35.2/116	34.1/121
Yellow	5,475	Men	67.1/114	33.8/114	33.3/113
Red	4,895	Men	64.7/104	33.0/100	31.7/107
White	5,921	Women	75.3/131	38.2/132	37.1/130
Yellow	5473	Women	72.6/127	36.8/124	35.8/129
Red	4,895	Women	69.5/118	35.7/116	33.8/120

In addition to revisions to some of the original Course/Slope Ratings, the new certification also includes the addition of ratings for Ladies playing off White tees.

Because of these additions to/revisions of Course/Slope Ratings the stroke adjustments awarded to Ladies playing in Mixed Gender Competitions has been revised all as set out below.

1 Individual Stroke Play Competitions – Medal Format:

For the calculation of a Playing Handicap for Ladies competing with Men in medal competitions the difference in **CR** is a factor.

The calculation of a Lady players competition handicap is (General Play Handicap x 95%) + diff in **CR**

For mixed gender competitions played at **MHGC** the strokes adjustment for Ladies would be:

a) Men White tees/Ladies White tees:

CR White tee Men = 69.3

CR White tee Ladies = 75.3

Additional Stroke for Ladies = $75.3 - 69.3 = +6.0$ Strokes

b) Men White tees/Ladies Yellow tees:

CR White tee Men = 69.3

CR Yellow tee Ladies = 72.6

Additional Stroke for Ladies = $72.6 - 69.3 = +3.3$ Strokes

c) Men White tees/Ladies Red tees:

CR White tee Men = 69.3

CR Red tee Ladies = 69.5

Additional Stroke for Ladies = $69.5 - 69.3 = +0.2$ Strokes

d) Men Yellow tees/Ladies Yellow tees:

CR Yellow tee Men = 67.1

CR Yellow tee Ladies = 72.6

Additional Stroke for Ladies = $72.6 - 67.1 = +5.5$ Strokes

e) Men Yellow tees/Ladies Red tees:

CR Yellow tee Men = 67.1

CR Red tee Ladies = 64.7

Additional Stroke for Ladies = $67.1 - 64.7 = +2.4$ Strokes

f) Men Red tees/Ladies Red tees:

CR Red tee Men = 64.7

CR Red tee Ladies = 69.5

Additional Stroke for Ladies = $69.5 - 64.7 = +4.8$ Strokes

2 Individual Stroke Play Competition – Stableford, Par/Bogey:

For mixed gender and/or multi tee Stableford and Par/Bogey competition play there are two factors to consider in the determination of relative competition handicaps. These are:

- a) A player's basic competition handicap i.e. 95% of Course Handicap; and
- b) Any difference in the number of stableford points required to achieve a par round as a function of the **CR** relative to the Course Par. Any difference in number points (highest to lowest) required to achieve a par round is awarded to the player(s) with the lowest points score required to achieve the said par round, as an adjustment to their standard competition handicap determined as (a) above.

The adjustment factor produced by (b) above would be fixed adjustment applicable to all entitled players.

For mixed gender competitions played at **MHGC** the stroke adjustments for Ladies would be:

a) Men Playing from Red tees/Ladies Playing from Red tees:

Parameters:

CR Red tees (Men): 64.7

CR Red tees (Ladies): 69.5

Par Yellow tees: 71

Par Red tees: 71

Calculation of the Number of Stableford Points required to achieve Par:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Men} &= 36 - (\text{CR Red tees (Men)} - \text{Red tee Par}) \\ &= 36 - (64.7 - 71) \\ &= 36 + 6.3 \\ &= 42.3 \text{ (Rounded to 42)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ladies} &= 36 - (\text{CR Red tees (Ladies)} - \text{Red tee Par}) \\ &= 36 - (69.5 - 71) \\ &= 36 + 1.5 \\ &= 37.5 \text{ (rounded to 36)}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

The number of strokes awarded to Ladies as a positive adjustment to their competition playing handicap is $42 - 36 = 6$

b) Men Playing from Yellow tees/Ladies Playing from Red tees:

Parameters:

CR Yellow tees (Men): 67.1

CR Red tees (Ladies): 69.5

Par Yellow tees: 71

Par Red tees: 71

Calculation of the Number of Stableford Points required to achieve Par:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Men} &= 36 - (\text{CR Yellow tees (Men)} - \text{Yellow tee Par}) \\ &= 36 - (67.1 - 71) \\ &= 36 + 3.9 \\ &= 39.9 \text{ (rounded to 40)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ladies} &= 36 - (\text{CR Red tees (Ladies)} - \text{Red tee Par}) \\ &= 36 - (69.5 - 71) \\ &= 36 + 1.5 \\ &= 36.5 \text{ (rounded to 37)}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

The number of strokes awarded to Ladies as a positive adjustment to their competition playing handicap is $40 - 37 = 3$

c) Men Playing from Yellow tees/Ladies Playing from Yellow tees:

Parameters:

CR Yellow tees (Men): 67.1

CR Yellow tees (Ladies): 72.6

Par Yellow tees: 71

Par Red tees: 71

Calculation of the Number of Stableford Points required to achieve Par:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Men} &= 36 - (\text{CR Yellow tees (Men)} - \text{Yellow tee Par}) \\ &= 36 - (67.1 - 71) \\ &= 36 + 3.9 \\ &= 39.9 \text{ (rounded to 40)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ladies} &= 36 - (\text{CR Yellow tees (Ladies)} - \text{Yellow tee Par}) \\ &= 36 - (72.6 - 71) \\ &= 36 - 1.6 \\ &= 34.4 \text{ (rounded to 34)}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

The number of strokes awarded to Ladies as an adjustment to their competition playing handicap is $40 - 34 = 6$

d) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing from Red tees:

Parameters:

CR White tees (Men): 69.3

CR Red tees (Ladies): 69.5

Par Yellow tees: 71

Par Red tees: 71

Calculation of the Number of Stableford Points required to achieve Par:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Men} &= 36 - (\text{CR Yellow tees (Men)} - \text{Yellow tee Par}) \\ &= 36 - (69.3 - 71) \\ &= 36 + 1.7 \\ &= 37.7 \text{ (rounded to 38)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ladies} &= 36 - (\text{CR Red tees (Ladies)} - \text{Red tee Par}) \\
 &= 36 - (69.5 - 71) \\
 &= 36 - 1.5 \\
 &= 34.5 \text{ (rounded to 35)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

The number of strokes awarded to Ladies as a positive adjustment to their competition playing handicap is $38 - 35 = 3$

e) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing from Yellow tees:

Parameters:

CR White tees (Men): 69.3

CR Yellow tees (Ladies): 72.6

Par White tees: 71

Par Yellow tees: 71

Calculation of the Number of Stableford Points required to achieve Par:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Men} &= 36 - (\text{CR Yellow tees (Men)} - \text{Yellow tee Par}) \\
 &= 36 - (69.3 - 71) \\
 &= 36 + 1.7 \\
 &= 37.7 \text{ (rounded to 38)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ladies} &= 36 - (\text{CR Yellow tees (Ladies)} - \text{Yellow tee Par}) \\
 &= 36 - (72.6 - 71) \\
 &= 36 - 1.6 \\
 &= 34.4 \text{ (rounded to 34)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

The number of strokes awarded to Ladies as a positive adjustment to their competition playing handicap is $38 - 34 = 4$

f) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing from White tees:

Parameters:

CR White tees (Men): 69.3

CR White tees (Ladies): 75.3

Par White tees: 71

Par Yellow tees: 71

Calculation of the Number of Stableford Points required to achieve Par:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Men} &= 36 - (\text{CR Yellow tees (Men)} - \text{Yellow tee Par}) \\
 &= 36 - (69.3 - 71) \\
 &= 36 + 1.7 \\
 &= 37.9 \text{ (rounded to 38)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ladies} &= 36 - (\text{CR Yellow tees (Ladies)} - \text{Yellow tee Par}) \\
 &= 36 - (75.3 - 71)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 36 - 4,3 \\ &= 31.3 \text{ (rounded to 31)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

The number of strokes awarded to Ladies as a positive adjustment to their competition playing handicap is $38 - 31 = 7$

3 Handicaps for Single Match Play Competitions:

The basic handicap applicable for single match play competition is 100% of a player's course handicap.

Since the **Par** for all three courses (White, Yellow and Red tee) at **MHGC** are now all **Par 71** there is only one adjustment to be considered, which is the difference in **CR**.

For clarity it is noted that the assessment of additional strokes awarded to Ladies playing in Single mixed gender Match Play Competitions prior to 31st October 2022, also included an adjustment for the difference in **Par** between White and Yellow tees (**Par 71**) and Red tees (**Par 70**). This is no longer relevant as all three courses are now equal at **Par 71**.

The standard stroke adjustments for Ladies playing in mixed gender single match play competitions at **MHGC** are:

a) Men Playing from Red tees/Ladies Playing from Red tees:

Parameters:

CR Red tee (Men): 64.7

CR Red tee (Ladies): 69.5

Adjustment calculation:

= **CR** Red tee (Ladies) – **CR** Red tee (Men)

= 69.5 – 64.7

= 4.8 (rounded to 5)

b) Men Playing from Yellow tees/Ladies Playing from Red tees:

Parameters:

CR Yellow tee (Men): 67.1

CR Red tee (Ladies): 69.5

Adjustment calculation:

= **CR** Red tee (Ladies) – **CR** Yellow tee (Men)

= 69.5 – 67.1

= 2.4 (rounded to 2)

c) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing from Red tees:

Parameters:

CR White tee (Men): 69.3
CR Red tee (Ladies): 69.5

Adjustment calculation:
= **CR Red tee (Ladies) – CR White tee (Men)**
= 69.5 - 69.3
= - 0.2 (rounded to 0)

d) Men Playing from Yellow tees/Ladies Playing from Yellow tees:

Parameters:
CR Yellow tee (Men): 67.1
CR Yellow tee (Ladies): 72.6

Adjustment calculation:
= (**CR Yellow tee (Ladies) – CR Yellow tee (Men)**)
= 72.6 – 67.1
= 5.5 (rounded to 6)

e) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing from Yellow tees:

Parameters:
CR White tee (Men): 69.3
CR Yellow tee (Ladies): 72.6

Adjustment calculation:
= (**CR Yellow tee (Ladies) – CR White tee (Men)**)
= 72.6 – 69.3
= 3.3 (rounded to 3)

f) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing from White tees:

Parameters:
CR White tee (Men): 69.3
CR White tee (Ladies): 75.3

Adjustment calculation:
= (**CR Yellow tee (Ladies) – CR White tee (Men)**)
= 75.3 – 69.3
= 6

4 Handicaps for 4 Ball Better Ball Competitions:

The basic handicap applicable for single match play competition is:

- for Medal or Stableford competitions 85% of a player's course handicap rounded to the nearest whole number; and

- for Match Play competitions 90% of a player's course handicap rounded to the nearest whole number.

For mixed gender and/or mixed tees competitions further adjustments are to be made to take account of:

- the difference in the **CR** for each gender; and
- the difference, if any, in Course Par.

The standard adjustments to Ladies playing handicaps applied to the basic handicaps for 4BBB in any format (85% or 90% of a player's course handicap as the case may be) will be all as previously set out under Sub-section **3 Handicaps for Single Match Play Competitions**. In summary these are:

- a) Men Playing for Red tees/Ladies Playing from Red tees: +5 strokes.
- b) Men Playing from Yellow tees/Ladies Playing from Red tees: +2 strokes.
- c) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing from Red tees: +0 strokes.
- d) Men Playing from Yellow tees/Ladies Playing from Yellow tees: +5 strokes.
- e) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing from Yellow tees: +3 strokes.
- f) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing for White tees: + 6 strokes.

The foregoing standard adjustments are specific to 4BBB competitions played at MHGC.

5 Handicaps for Foursome Competitions:

Team handicaps for single gender and traditional mixed pairs foursome are 50% of the combined team handicap based on the players course handicaps. Any differential in **CR** and/or Course Par would be cancelled out so no further adjustment is required to achieve equity.

For all other combinations such as Ladies v Men competitions the Ladies handicaps would be determined in line with the method of scoring utilised as set out below:

Team handicaps for single gender and traditional mixed pairs foursome are 50% of the combined team handicap based on the players course handicaps. Any differential in **CR** and/or Course Par would be cancelled out so no further adjustment is required to achieve equity.

For all other combinations such as Ladies v Men competitions the Ladies handicaps would be determined in line with the method of scoring utilised as set out below:

a) Match Play or Medal:

Competition handicaps for Ladies competing in mixed gender Foursomes competitions scored in Match Play or Medal format would be calculated as set out previously under Sub-section **1 Handicaps for Individual Stroke Play Competitions – Medal**. In summary these are:

- i) Men Red/Ladies Red: +5.5 strokes
- ii) Men Yellow/Ladies Red: + 2.4 strokes
- iii) Men Yellow/ Ladies Yellow: + 5.5 strokes
- iv) Men White/Ladies Red: + 0.2 strokes
- v) Men White/Ladies Yellow: + 3.3 strokes
- vi) Men White/Ladies White: + 6.0 strokes

b) Stableford and Par/Bogey:

Competition handicaps for Ladies competing in mixed gender Foursomes competitions scored in Stableford or Par/Bogey format would be their course handicap subject a fixed adjustment dependant on the tee combination utilised for the competition all as set out previously under Sub-section **2 Handicaps for Individual Stroke Play Competitions – Stableford, Par/Bogey**. In summary these are:

- i) Men Red/Ladies Red: +6 strokes
- ii) Men Yellow/Ladies Red: +3 strokes
- iii) Men Yellow/Ladies Yellow: +6 strokes
- iv) Men White/Ladies Red: +3 strokes
- v) Men White/Ladies Yellow: +4 strokes
- vi) Men White/Ladies White: +7 strokes

Having determined the adjusted playing handicaps for any Ladies participating in a competition each team's handicap would be determined as 50% of the combined playing handicaps for the 2 team members

6 Handicaps for Greensome Competitions:

Team handicaps for single gender Greensome competitions are determined as 60% of the lowest handicap plus 40% of the highest handicap of the two team members. For clarity the handicaps referred to are full course handicaps.

For mixed gender Greensome competitions any Lady players participating in a match will attract an adjustment to the team's handicap of 50% the differential in **CR**.

Calculation of handicap adjustments for Lady players participating in Greensome competitions at MHGC:

a) All Team Members Play from Red tees:

Parameters:

Red tee **CR** (Men): 64.7

Yellow tee **CR** (Ladies): 69.5

Calculation of Team Handicap Adjustment for each Lady member:

$$= (\mathbf{CR} \text{ (Ladies)} - \mathbf{CR} \text{ (Men)}) \times 50\%$$

$$= (69.5 - 64.7) \times 50\%$$

$$= 4.8 \times 50\%$$

$$= 2.4$$

b) Men Play from Yellow tees/Ladies Play from Red tees:

Parameters:

Yellow tee **CR** (Men): 67.1

Red tee **CR** (Ladies): 69.5

Calculation of Team Handicap Adjustment for each Lady member:

$$= (\mathbf{CR} \text{ (Ladies)} - \mathbf{CR} \text{ (Men)}) \times 50\%$$

$$= (69.5 - 67.1) \times 50\%$$

$$= 2.4 \times 50\%$$

$$= 1.2$$

c) Men Play from Yellow tees/Ladies Play from Yellow tees:

Parameters:

Yellow tee **CR** (Men): 67.1

Yellow tee **CR** (Ladies): 72.6

Calculation of Team Handicap Adjustment for each Lady member:

$$= (72.6 - 67.1) \times 50\%$$

$$= 5.5 \times 50\%$$

$$= 2.75$$

d) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing from Red tees:

Parameters:

White tee **CR** (Men): 69.3

Red tee **CR** (Ladies): 69.5

Calculation of Team Handicap Adjustment for each Lady member:

$$= (69.5 - 69.3) \times 50\%$$

$$= 0.2 \times 50\%$$

$$= 0.1$$

e) Men Playing from White tees/Ladies Playing from Yellow tees:

Parameters:

White tee **CR** (Men): 69.3

Yellow tee **CR** (Ladies): 72.6

Calculation of Team Handicap Adjustment for each Lady member:

$$= (72.6 - 69.3) \times 50\%$$

$$= 3.3 \times 50\%$$

$$= 1.65$$

f) Men Play from White tees/Ladies Play from White tees:

Parameters:

White tee **CR** (Men): 69.3

White tee **CR** (Ladies): 75.3

Calculation of Team Handicap Adjustment for each Lady member:

$$= (75.3 - 69.3) \times 50\%$$

$$= 6 \times 50\%$$

$$= 3$$

Note: *After making either of the foregoing adjustments to a teams handicap for each lady member of the team, the resultant team handicap is rounded to the nearest whole number.*

7 Handicaps for Texas and Florida Scramble Competitions:

For both Texas and Florida Scramble competitions the base team handicap is recommended to be calculated as follows:

a) For Teams of 2 Players:

The aggregate of 35%/15% of Course Handicap respectively for the lowest and highest handicap player in the team.

b) For Teams of 3 Players:

The aggregate of 30%/20%/10% of Course Handicap respectively for the lowest to highest handicap player in the team.

c) For Teams of 4 Players:

The aggregate of 25%/20%/15%/10% of Course Handicap respectively for the lowest to the highest handicap player in the team.

For both Texas and Florida Scramble competitions Men Play from Yellow tees and Ladies play from Red tees and the Men's (Yellow tee) stroke index is used.

For teams containing one or more Lady players an adjustment is made to the team's aggregate handicap allowance equivalent to %age of difference in **CR** for

Male and Female players. That %age is directly related to the number of players making up a team for the event. The applicable %age in each scenario is:

- i) for a 2 Player Team 50% of the **CR** differential for each Lady team member;
- ii) for a 3 Player Team 33.3% of the **CR** differential for each Lady team member;
and
- iii) for a 4 Player Team 25% of the **CR** differential for each Lady team member.

Standard adjustments to team handicaps for each Lady team member participating in Texas and Florida Scramble competitions at **MHGC**:

Parameters:

Yellow tee **CR** (Men): 67.1

Red tee **CR** (Ladies): 69.5

Calculation:

= (Red tee **CR** (Ladies)) – (Yellow tee **CR** (Men)) x %age

= (69.5 – 67.1) x %age

= 2.4 x %age

Resultant Adjustments per Lady team member

- 2 Player Team = 2.4 x 50% = 1.2

- 3 Player Team = 2.4 x 33.3% = 0.8

- 4 Player Team = 2.4 x 25% = 0.6

After determination of the aggregate team handicap as set out under (a) to (c) above and the addition of adjustment(s) for Lady team members, if any, the final team handicap is rounded to one decimal place. The teams score is calculated as the gross score for the round less the team handicap.