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GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR COMPETITIONS

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1 GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

1.1 INTRODUCTION

These General Rules and Procedures shall apply to all competitions administered by the Men's and Ladies' Sections. The General Rules and Procedure shall apply to competitions administered by the Junior Academy only in so far as they can be fairly applied to such competitions. They have been compiled by the Captain's Committee to ensure consistency from one season to the next. This edition supersedes all previous versions.

Any text using the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender, unless inconsistent with the context.

1.2 COMPETITION MANAGEMENT AND DISPUTES

All RMGC competitions administered by the Men's and Ladies' Sections are governed by the respective RMGC Competition Rules. The running of these competitions shall be in the hands of the respective Competition Committees operating under the Rules of Golf as published by the R&A and the USGA and the Local Rules of the RMGC. Any query or dispute should be referred to the respective Competition Committee and the decision of the Competition Committee shall be final on the day unless a referee has been appointed for a particular Competition by the Competition Committee in which case the referee's decision is final on the day as per Rule 20.2.

For the purposes of this rule, a competition is deemed closed in stroke play when the result has been posted on the RMGC web site. In match play, the result is final when it is recorded on the RMGC notice board or any other official scoreboard provided by the Committee.

1.3 ENTRY TO COMPETITIONS

Where a knockout competition is over-subscribed, places will be decided on a first come first paid basis. The appropriate fee must accompany all entries and the time of entry is determined at the time of payment of the fee. Failure to pay by the due time stated may result in the elimination of the entry.

Certain competitions carry a maximum or minimum handicap limit. When such a handicap limit is set it refers to the handicap at the date of closing of entry of the competition. If the handicap moves outside the limits between this closing date and the playing of the competition, the player will still be allowed to participate. However, if there is a minimum limit and the player's handicap falls below this limit then the player must play to his new handicap. If there is a maximum limit, and the player's handicap increases above this limit, then the player must play to the competition's maximum handicap limit.

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1.4 HANDICAPS

The Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU) Unified Handicapping System (UHS) is applied for the Men's and Ladies' Sections through the RMGC Club V1 Handicap Computer System for all handicap allocation and amendment purposes. Competitors' attention is drawn to the following points:

- a) **Qualifying Rounds** - For normal handicap revision purposes rounds must be played under Stroke Play conditions -- which mean they must either be Medal, Stableford or Par competitions played off full handicap allowances.
- b) **Handicap Revision** - Revisions take place immediately after a qualifying round when results are posted either on the Club notice board, on the web site or after consultation with the Handicap Secretary. Score returns from non-qualifying individual Stroke Play rounds will be considered towards validating a member's handicap. A player's handicap may be reduced under general play at the discretion of the Handicaps Committee given due reason which would deem such a reduction appropriate. During a competition over more than one day, the player's handicap at the start of the competition will apply to all rounds of the competition.
- c) **Number of Qualifying Rounds** - The Handicapping Scheme can only work effectively if players make sufficient returns. The Committee considers that a minimum of three (3) returns, including Supplementary scores submitted under CONGU Rule 21, at the RMGC is required during the period between Annual Reviews (September - August) to give a reasonable assessment of handicap and to maintain a competition handicap. Failure to submit sufficient returns during this period will result in the member's competition handicap status being lost under CONGU Rule 25. To regain competition handicap status, the member is required to submit at least three qualifying cards. Returns from other Courses are valid for normal handicapping purposes only.
- d) **Annual Review** - Under CONGU Rule 23 the Handicap Committee will conduct an Annual Review to adjust as necessary the handicaps of all members to ensure that as far as is practicable they reflect current playing ability. In exceptional circumstances the Handicap Committee may adjust the handicap of a player between Annual Reviews if there is compelling evidence that his handicap does not reflect current playing ability.
- e) **Home Club** - Under the CONGU handicapping system players are allowed only one handicap that shall be maintained by his home club. Where the RMGC is not a player's home club an up-to-date handicap certificate must be produced prior to participating in a RMGC competition and the player must report all qualifying scores to his home club for handicap processing.
- f) **Junior Handicaps** - The Junior Academy has adopted the CONGU recommended procedures for allotting and adjusting handicaps for juniors as laid out in Appendix J of the CONGU UHS.

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- g) **Maximum Handicap Allowance** – Unless otherwise specified in these rules, the maximum handicap allowance in competitions organised and/or administered by the Men's and Ladies' Sections shall be 36 for Men and 44 for Ladies.

1.5 SCORING

Under Stroke Play conditions each competitor is obliged to ensure the following is recorded on his scorecard before returning it.

- a) **Gross Scores** – must be correctly and legibly recorded for each hole.
- b) **Handicap** – the player's current playing handicap must be correctly recorded on the scorecard preferably in the handicap box provided.
- c) **Signatures** – the player's signature and his marker's signature must be recorded in the space provided.

Failure to record any of these will result in (mandatory) disqualification with two exceptions. If the player records a lower handicap or a higher gross score than actual, he will not be disqualified but will be deemed to have played off that lower handicap or scored the higher gross score.

After completion of the round, the competitor must return his scorecard to the Competition Committee promptly and without delay. If the ballot box is in use the act of depositing the card in the box is the point of return. If the cards are being recorded at the scoring table, the competitor is entitled to remain at the table until the card has been checked and accepted. Once the competitor leaves the scoring area, the card is considered returned.

1.6 STARTING

Flights shall start from the designated tees. Players shall start at the designated time. A player arriving up to five minutes late will be penalised 2 strokes in Medal Play, 2 points in Stableford or loss of first hole in Match Play. If the player arrives over 5 minutes late, disqualification is mandatory – Rule 5-3. Players should tee off according to the draw as printed on the respective draw sheet. Play will be from the yellow tees for men and the red tees for women, unless otherwise stated.

1.7 RULES DECISIONS

The following procedures apply in the event of any doubt as to the rules (Rule 20):

- a) **Match Play** – in the absence of an appointed referee, players must decide before playing off the next tee. If unable to do so, the player who believes his opponent has infringed the rules must lodge a claim with him before playing off the next tee. Players are then to proceed with their match keeping two scores. At the end of the match, the claim must be referred to the Competition Committee with the player specifying the infringement

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of the rules that has taken place. This must be done at the earliest opportunity and before the result is posted. The Committee will give a prompt decision.

- b) **Stroke Play** – a second ball should be played (without penalty) and two scores retained until the card is handed into the Competition Committee, with an explanation of the facts, for a decision – see Rule 20-1c.

1.8 PRACTISING

Reference is made to Rule 5.2 whereby a player may practise on the course before a round or between rounds of a match-play competition. On the day of a stroke-play competition a player must not practise on the course before a round (other than what rule 5.2b allows). A player may practise on the course after completing play of his or her final round for that day.

The facilities of the driving range, practice area and practice putting greens do not form part of the course insofar as they are outside the course out of bounds markers.

1.9 ENTRANCE FEE

The fees for specific competitions are laid out in 2.6 and must be paid in advance of participation in a competition. If not paid in advance, the player may be disqualified so unable to win that competition, earn Order of Merit points or register Eclectic scores but, if it is a qualifying competition, will have his score considered for validating or reducing his handicap.

The distribution of the competition proceeds is laid out in the policy document 'Management of RMGC Competition Funds'. Approximately 60% goes in prizes and trophies, 30% is distributed via the ball sweep and 10% to cover incidental costs (trophy engraving, honour boards, etc.).

Some competitions offer the opportunity to organise free food and/or drinks for the playing members through the competitions' account. Examples are Captain vs Vice- Captain; Malta vs The Rest, etc. As no prizes are due to the members on these particular competitions, the competition's entrance fee is returned to members by way of catering.

1.10 DRAWS

Most competitions are drawn using a computer about two days before the competition. The type of draw for each competition is given in the competition calendar. The draw will be one of the following types:

Matched ~ Flights and/or teams will generally be of players of similar handicap.

Balanced ~ Flights and/or teams are made up such that each group is of roughly equal ability overall, this will generally mean a mixture of low, medium and high handicappers playing in each group such that the total handicap of the groups is roughly the same.

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Random ~ Flights are selected at random by the computer.

Sequenced ~ In handicap order either high/low or low/high.

Medal competitions should be in flights of three. If there is a prize for each Division, then the draw should be drawn in divisions. Should the competition be a multi-round competition, such as the Wedgwood, then the draw should be matched on Day 1 but on subsequent day(s) Sequenced high/low according to scores on Day 1.

If a participating player or players are playing with mentors (see General Rule 2.1 3)), the rule of mentors override the rule of draws.

1.11 ALTERNATIVE DAY

Additional tee times may be allocated on an alternative day for some competitions in order to accept extra players if the main draw is full or to accept those players who may be unable to play for work related or other good reasons on the main competition day. This option is constantly under review and will be withdrawn if abused. It may also be withdrawn if tee times are booked for other reasons.

If play on the alternative day is abandoned due to weather conditions, then the main competition day proceeds as normal. If the main competition day is abandoned due to weather conditions, then the whole competition is deemed abandoned regardless of whether play on the alternative day has taken place.

If a player signs up for an alternative day and is then unable to play for any reason, he cannot re-enter on the following main competition day.

The alternative day for Men is normally the Friday afternoon on the day before Saturday Competitions, but may be varied by the Men's Competition Secretary.

The alternative day for Ladies is normally the Saturday afternoon preceding the main Thursday/Friday competition, but may be varied by the Ladies' Competitions Secretary. Any Lady with a valid handicap may play on this alternative day in any individual non-drawn, non-Major, stroke-play competition whether sponsored or not. However, Lady players, other than confirmed regular Saturday players, may only enter and play on the alternative day in a maximum of two competitions during the season, unless given approval by the Competition Secretary.

1.12 SPONSORED COMPETITIONS

RMGC greatly values its sponsors and to ensure they get full support from the membership, for competitions where the sponsor is present at the prize giving, if the winner is not present the prize will go to the next best score. This will be made clear on the sign-up and start sheets as a condition of the competition. In exceptional circumstances the Captain (or in his absence the Vice-Captain) have the discretion to allow a nominated person to collect the prize on the winner's behalf. Should a player elect to play on Friday, this in itself will not be considered 'exceptional circumstances'.

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1.13 PRIZES

Unless otherwise stated in the competition terms and conditions, where there are multiple main prizes available, an entrant can only win one prize. This does not apply to ancillary prizes such as ball sweep, nearest the pin, etc.

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2 COMPETITION RULES

2.1 GENERAL

- 1) All competitions are subject to the *Rules of Golf* and the *Rules of Amateur Status* as issued by the R&A Rules Limited and the United States Golf Association- and the Local Rules drawn up by the RMGC and posted in the clubhouse. Infringement of these rules shall incur the appropriate penalty. All competitions should adhere to the Competition Framework document as issued by the Captain's Committee from time to time.
- 2) In all matters relating to the application of handicaps, the RMGC shall be guided by those rules as published and administered by CONGU. Details of these can be obtained via the Handicap Secretaries.
- 3) All fully paid-up members are eligible to play in RMGC competitions, subject to the membership category restrictions imposed by the Constitution and any specific competition conditions laid down by the Competition Committee.

A player under the age of 16 may (or shall if the committee so decides) nominate a person or persons to act as his/her mentor/s. With the mentor's consent, the player shall be placed in a group with one or more of the mentors whenever playing competitions organised by the Men's / Ladies' Sections of the RMGC.

The mentor concept overrides the individual competition rules regarding draws (i.e. matched, balanced, random, sequenced etc.) so that the player will always have at least one mentor playing in his/her group.

The mentor shall assist the player, within the boundaries of the rules of golf, to ensure that the player adheres to the rules of golf and etiquette and to help the transition into the Men's / Ladies' Section by the player.

- 4) In order to be eligible to enter and play in RMGC competitions, a member must be in possession of a current RMGC competition handicap. A member, who is not in possession of a current RMGC competition handicap, may play as a marker on competition days, except for major competitions, for the purpose of submitting cards for handicapping considerations. In such cases the relevant competition fee will be payable.
- 5) Members' guests in possession of a current competition handicap will, space permitting, be allowed to play as markers in individual and four-ball competitions consisting of one round. They will similarly be allowed to play in team competitions, but their team will not be eligible to win. The relevant competition/green fee will be payable.
- 6) Members, who need to use golf buggies in competitions, must seek prior approval from the Captain's Committee.

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- 7) By submitting an entry for any RMGC administered competition, the contestant understands that his participation is at the sole discretion of the RMGC. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the RMGC Competition Committee at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the RMGC or the "Spirit of the Game" are grounds for such removal and/or suspension from future RMGC administered competitions. Reference is made to the Code of Conduct document published by the Malta Golf Association in February 2019 in this regard, including the Additional Conditions of Competition which apply to RMGC administered competitions.

2.2 OPEN COMPETITIONS

- 1) A player must register his entry on the Club V1 System via the PSI terminals or via HowDidIDo by the posted closing date.
- 2) In Stroke Play competitions players shall play with partners or fellow competitors at the starting time allocated by the Competition Secretary on the start sheet. Wherever possible, consideration will be given to early/late preferences although in certain circumstances this may not be practical.
- 3) Once the draw for the competition has been posted on the web site all entrants are expected to play in the competition as drawn. If a player does 'not show' at the appointed time they will be suspended for two consecutive competitions (three if they fail to turn up for a team event). The suspension will start from the second subsequent competition. In exceptional circumstances an entrant may withdraw from a competition after the draw is published by informing the Competition Secretary, however, a third or subsequent such withdrawal within a season will automatically incur the same suspension as a 'no show', whatever the reason.
- 4) Once the draw for a competition has been posted on the web site applications for late entry will be considered by the Competition Secretary but will only be accepted if there is space available, (a) to replace players who cancel and (b) to fill vacant slots in flights that are short of one or more players.
- 5) Players taking part in official club competitions will have priority on the course. The Competition Committee reserves the right to close the course to all non-competitors on competition days.
- 6) Match play must start on the first hole.
- 7) In *match play*, if matches are all-square on reaching the end of the stipulated round:
 - a. Players shall proceed directly from the 18th hole to the 19th and play-off shall be an extension of the stipulated round
 - b. Strokes shall be taken as in the stipulated round

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- c. If the onset of darkness should make this impossible the match shall be continued as soon as possible from the exact spot at which it was discontinued. Play should recommence as though it had never been interrupted
 - d. Play shall continue until one of the players wins a hole.
- 8) In *stroke play*, where a handicap allowance is applicable, in the event of a tie, the result shall be decided on the best score of the last nine holes on the card (regardless of the starting hole), then on the last six holes, then on the last three holes, and then on the last hole. Where the stroke index has not been used, handicaps shall be calculated as follows: 1/2 over 9 holes, 1/3 over 6 holes, 1/6 over 3 holes and 1/18 on the last hole. The application of handicap in this respect will include any fraction of a stroke. In the event of the round still being tied, the result will be decided on the best score of the first nine holes on the card (again, regardless of starting hole), then on the first six holes, then on the first three holes and finally on the first hole. Again, the application of handicap, when applicable, shall be calculated as follows: 1/2 over 9 holes, 1/3 over 6 holes, 1/6 over 3 holes, 1/18 on the first hole, again to include any fraction of a stroke. In the event of the round still being tied, and in rounds where one competitor must go through to the next round, the result will be decided by the spin of a coin. In all other cases joint winners will be declared.
- 9) In a *stroke play* competition, *played over two or more days* and where a handicap allowance is applicable, in the event of a tie, the result shall be decided on the best score of the last day. In the event of the round still being tied the procedure under 2.2.8 will come into effect.
- 10) In scratch competitions, in the event of a tie, the result shall be decided by a play-off over three holes. In the event that this does not resolve the tie a sudden death play-off hole is played until one player leads by a stroke. The Competition Committee shall decide the play-off holes (the established holes are 1, 17 and 18 in the absence of any prior decision from the Competition Committee).

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2.3 KNOCKOUT COMPETITION RULES

- 1) In knock-out competitions the Committee shall require a particular round to be played by/on a particular date. It is the player's or the partnership's responsibility to arrange mutual times and dates to play the tie. Failure to honour such fixtures shall constitute the grant of a walkover to the opponent. Extensions may only be decided upon by the relevant Competition Committee and only in extraordinary circumstances, such as closure of part or the entire course due to bad weather. No individual requests will be considered.
- 2) It is the custom that top player(s) on the competition sheet fix the challenge on a date within the dates specified by the Committee. Competitors are urged to insert their telephone numbers on the competition sheet to make this arrangement effective. If no agreement can be reached within 14 days after the play by date of the previous round, then the top player(s) will forward three optional dates one of which must be a Sunday and one of which must be a Weekday. If agreement cannot be reached, reference must be made to the Competition Secretary at least 7 days before the concluding date of the round, otherwise both sides will be disqualified.
- 3) In match play the result shall be notified by entering the name(s) of the winner(s) on the appropriate competition sheet in the clubhouse.
- 4) In competitions where members are invited to enter as partners, any member unable to find a partner may enter his name. The Committee will do its best to find a partner for the competitor.
- 5) In order to qualify to enter all knock-out competitions, members must hold a current RMGC Competition handicap.
- 6) All finals should, wherever possible, appoint a referee. The semi-finals and final of the Creasy Cup knockout competition must be refereed.
- 7) In the event of a partner falling ill or being unable to play in a partnered competition, a substitute can be entered only before the partners play their first round of the competition.
- 8) Creasy Cup bidders must settle their dues before the play-by date of the first round of this knockout competition. Failure to honour such a commitment will mean that the bidder has to be considered as a defaulter and until such time that the dues are paid the member may not use the club facilities or the golf course.

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2.4 BALL SWEEP COMPETITION

A Ball Sweep is an integral part of most competitions, except those where this is stated on the sign-up sheet. A player or team of players wins the ball sweep by holing out in two strokes on any golf hole. It is a separate event from the main competition. The funds raised for the ball sweep in that competition are used to buy golf balls, and the 'pot' of balls is divided where possible between all those holing out in two strokes on the day itself. A two on a Par 4 or Par 5 is treated exactly the same as a two on a Par 3.

- 1) All players are automatically entered into the ball sweep when they pay their competition fee, which consists of an entry fee and a ball sweep contribution. It is not possible to opt out.
- 2) The ball sweep can be 'paid out' even if the player is disqualified or submits a nil return card. The score must be recorded on a scorecard to be counted.
- 3) The ball sweep can only be 'paid out' if the main competition is completed on the day and scorecards are collected and processed. If a competition is cancelled or there are no twos, the balls are not distributed but held in reserve (except in Ladies' competitions - see point 8 below).
- 4) A hole-in-one scored in a competition round, whether with a ball sweep or not, receives 36 balls. A hole-in-one achieved out of competition does not receive any balls. The ball sweep competition is not affected by any hole-in-one scored.
- 5) The Competition Committee will hold a reserve of balls to cover holes-in-one and any other contingency such as late recognition of a two or a miscalculation.
- 6) The golf balls are bought from the RMGC Golf Shop and will be well-known brands of a 'reasonable' quality. The Committee may alter the brand to allow the 'pot' of balls to be fairly divided between ball sweep winners.
- 7) The Minimum number of balls per two will be three balls. Otherwise the number of balls to be distributed per two will be left to the discretion of the Competition Secretary, who will take into consideration balls purchased on the day and balls in stock, with a Maximum number of balls per two of Thirty-Six balls.

The Ladies Section has two additional rules:

- 8) Every player who has played a 2, regardless of division, will receive a minimum of 2 sleeves of balls. All balls purchased for that competition should be distributed equally among the players succeeding in playing a 2 in that competition.
- 9) If a competition is cancelled or no twos are scored in any competition round, a sufficient number of the balls will be set aside to ensure there is a minimum stock of 36 balls to reward a hole-in-one. A limited number of any remaining balls will be awarded to some of the players of that day drawn by lot - each player will receive 1 ball to be collected and signed for, not necessarily on the same day. Any remaining balls and those not collected promptly after a cancelled competition will go into the reserve stock. Any excess balls will be distributed at the end of the season to all the ladies.

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2.5 INCLEMENT WEATHER RULES

The following guidelines have been drawn up by the Captain's Committee to clarify the procedures for halting play in competitions when there is bad weather.

Suspension of Play

The criteria set out below indicate when the Course Marshall (or representative) activates the warning siren REQUIRING players to suspend play, pending a decision being taken by the relevant Competitions Committee to resume play. Players must follow all proper procedures with regard to marking their balls on the Course as per Rule 5-7d.

If no Course Marshall is present, then the most senior Committee member playing will suspend play by phoning Reception. Seniority is deemed to be Captain, Vice-Captain, Competition Secretary, Handicap Secretary, followed by any nominated Member.

Automatic Trigger of Siren - no consultation with players required if:

- 1) Course unplayable
- 2) Thunder/lightning in the vicinity - allowing sufficient time for players to take shelter
- 3) Any potential danger to players - likely to be very abnormal situation but for example fireworks danger, public demonstration or similar.

If any of the following extreme weather conditions are observed then the senior Committee member playing will, in consultation with the Course Marshall if present, take the decision, on the Course, to suspend play **by triggering the siren to suspend play:**

1. RAIN - defined as Continuous Heavy* see weather definitions below
2. WIND - defined as Sustained Force 8* or greater
3. HAIL - defined as Prolonged and a Covering on the ground
4. HEAT - defined as over 38 degrees Celsius with greater than 80% humidity for 3 hours or more

Definitions

RAIN - Continuous - means precipitation which does not cease or only briefly, heavy - means rain falls in sheets, forming misty spray over hard surfaces, may cause roaring noise on roof.

WIND - FORCE 8 is defined in **Modern Beaufort Scale** as Fresh Gale with wind speeds of 62 - 74 kph. Some twigs are broken from trees and progress on foot is seriously impeded.

HEAT - Over 38C and humidity 80% + for 3 hours or more. Unlikely to apply if starting to play a round at 4pm but could apply if starting at 10am.

Reminder to all Players - Suspend does NOT mean abandon or cancel.

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Players must mark their balls and stop for at least 20 minutes while the proper procedure of the Committee taking a considered decision is applied as to whether play is resumed or not.

- * The Competitions Committee is empowered to order resumption of play (Rule 5-7).
- * The following procedure will apply before a competition can be deemed cancelled:
 - Three committee members will convene during the suspension of play to decide whether the competition is to be cancelled or continued;
 - The decision will be based on the R&A guidelines in that “generally a round should be cancelled only in a case where it would be grossly unfair not to cancel it and/or if continuance of play would cause irreparable damage to the golf course”;
 - The convened committee must consist of the following members: Captain and/or Vice-Captain and/or Competition Secretary and/or Handicaps Secretary and/or Course Superintendent and/or Rules Referee and/or representatives appointed by the Captain for the day.

2.6 PACE OF PLAY

Rule 5-6 governs slow play. It provides that “the player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that may be laid down by the Committee”.

The Competition Committees has laid down pace of play guidelines and decided that a THREE ball group shall be allowed a maximum of 4 hours, whilst a FOUR ball group shall be allowed a maximum of 4 hours and 30 minutes to complete a round of golf.

Any group handing in scorecards with a total elapsed time longer than that allotted above will be penalised as follows:

	Medal	Stableford
More than 10 minutes	+ 1 stroke	- 1 point
More than 20 minutes	+2 strokes	- 2 points
More than 30 minutes	DQ	DQ

Any group(s) coming in late because of slow play of a preceding group will be allowed time in compensation.

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2.7 COMPETITION FEES

Competition Fees may be amended from time to time by the Captain's Committee.

2.7.1 COMPETITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE MEN'S SECTION

The Standard Competition Fee is €6 per person. This includes €1.50 for the ball sweep.

Non-Standard Competition Fees are as follows, no ball sweep unless stated:

MAJOR COMPETITIONS

The Championship	€15.00
Wedgwood Trophy (including ball sweep)	€12.00
Scratch Challenge (including ball sweep)	€12.00
Handicap Challenge (including ball sweep)	€12.00
Creasy Cup (including dinner)	€35
Malta v The Rest	Nil

OTHER INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

Captain's League (separate ball sweep on the day)	€31.50
Hangover Cup	included with dinner

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

R&A Trophy	€6
Glover Trophy	per player: €6
Foursomes Challenge Cup	per player: €6

KNOCKOUT MIXED COMPETITIONS

Mixed 4BBB	per player: €6
Rundle Golf Cup	per player: €6

OTHER MIXED COMPETITIONS

MGA Shield (Nescafe Dolce Gusto) (including ball sweep)	€15
Homes of Quality (including ball sweep)	€9.00
Inspire Trophy	€10 for charity
Alex Mangion Memorial Shield	€10 for charity

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2.7.2 COMPETITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE LADIES' SECTION

The Standard Competition Fee is €6 per person. This includes €1 for the ball sweep.

A different Competition Fee applies in the following competitions, ball sweep included:

MAJOR COMPETITIONS

Ladies Championship	€12
Moya Hann Trophy	€12
Medal Handicap Cup	€6 per round

A fee of €5 per person applies to all Knockout competitions, but there is no ball sweep.

The Competition Fee for the Fenston Cup is €25 per player with a separate ball sweep fee on the day.

The Standard Competition Fee for summer mixed competitions is €6 per person. This includes €1.50 for the ball sweep.

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3 COMPETITION COMMITTEES

The Men's and Ladies' Competition Committees are composed of members nominated by the Captain's Committee. The respective Competition Secretary chairs the Committee and its members are not necessarily members of the Captain's Committee.

The duties of the Competition Committees are:

- To liaise with the Club Captain on all relevant and important matters regarding competitions and to inform the Club Captain of all such matters immediately a decision is taken and, where possible, before such a decision is implemented
- To establish a framework for the competition season bearing in mind the fixed dates for course maintenance and those months that are typically frequented by visitors
- To establish by end of July the calendar for the golf season September - June
- To establish by end of May the calendar for the summer months July and August
- To organise the start sheets and draw sheets for all the competitions
- To work to a checklist to ensure the proper running of each competition
- To decide on the application of the RMGC Competition Rules and the Rules of Golf as issued by the R&A as they relate to situations arising in competitions
- To liaise with the Handicap Committees, the Juniors Academy and the Ladies Section on matters concerning each of them
- To keep the Trophy Boards in the Club House up-to-date
- To ensure that the Trophies are engraved with names of winners
- To ensure that the RMGC website is kept up-to-date with Trophy Winners as well as the reporting and archiving of the results of competitions
- To liaise with the Social Committee regarding the organisation of the annual Presentation Dinners
- To organise the trophies and prizes to be presented during the Presentation Dinners
- To liaise with the Board of Management regarding Sponsorship
- To liaise with the Course Superintendent to ensure proper course markings in advance of major competitions.

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4 HANDICAP COMMITTEES

The Men's and Ladies' Handicap Committees are composed of members nominated by the Captain's Committee. The respective Handicap Secretary chairs each Committee and members are not necessarily members of the Captain's Committee.

The duties of the Handicap Committees are to:

- Allot and maintain members' handicaps
- Process all scores for each Qualifying Competition via the Club V1 Computer System which ensures that handicaps comply with CONGU UHS
- Process 'Away' qualifying cards and Supplementary scores where applicable
- Display in a timely manner in a prominent position on the Club notice board the current handicaps of all members
- Ensure that the current handicaps of all members are maintained on the HowDidIDo website
- Perform the Annual Review of members' handicaps prior to each new season
- Monitor members' handicaps to enable CONGU UHS Clause 23 adjustments where necessary
- Liaise with the Junior Academy to ensure juniors who have reached the required standard are entered and thereby controlled by the CONGU UHS
- Administer the Club Handicap system for inexpert golfers who should be brought under the CONGU UHS as soon as they attain a suitable standard.

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5 COMPETITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE MEN'S SECTION

There follows a description of all the competitions administered by the Men's Competitions Committee.

The sponsorship and formats of Malta v The Rest (5.3.2), the Creasy Cup (5.8.1) and Major Competitions listed in 5.4 may be changed only following referral to the RMGC Board of Management (see Club Policy #17 on the RMGC website). The other competitions are subject to change by the Competition Committee from time to time to balance the competition calendar. Not all of these competitions will necessarily be played each season.

5.1 CAPTAINS' COMPETITIONS

5.1.1 CAPTAIN'S DAY

The exact format of which will be decided annually by the Club Captain.

- Prizes are distributed according to the format of the competition but are usually for the winner, the runner-up plus any special prizes according to the wishes of the prevailing Club Captain. The competition fee is traditionally forwarded to the Captain's preferred charity or institution.
- The Captain at his discretion may provide refreshments.

5.1.2 LADY CAPTAIN v CAPTAIN (The Anne Panton Trophy)

Usually played on one of the public holidays in December; this is a team match play competition with mixed teams chosen by the Captain and the Lady Captain.

- Format is 18 Hole 4BBB Match Play.
- Scoring is one point for winning a hole and ½ point for halving a hole plus an additional one point for winning the match or ½ point for halving the match.
- Handicapping is based on 90% Handicap Difference off the Back Marker.

Teams Selection Process:

- The Captain and the Vice-Captain play for the Captain's Team whilst the Lady Captain and the Lady Vice-Captain play for the Lady Captain's Team by default. Captain A then selects his/her first player for the side. This could be either a male or female player. Captain B then selects his/her first player for the side. The gender must be the same as the previous player selected. Captain B then selects his/her second player for the side but the gender of the second player cannot be the same as the first player. And so on until the list of players wishing to play in the Competition is exhausted. The players are then paired and each pair numbered. The teams play against each other according to the respective numbers i.e. team numbered 1 by the Lady Captain will play against team numbered 1 by the Captain.
- It is recommended that the Captains apply a dress code e.g. Captain's players to play in blue shirts; Lady Captain's players to play in white shirts.
- A nominal prize is usually given to the players of the winning team.

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5.1.3 CAPTAIN v VICE-CAPTAIN

Played as early as possible in the season, this is a Team Match Play competition with teams chosen by the Captain and the Vice-Captain.

- 4BBB match play – except for the Captain and Vice-Captain who play a head to head match.
- Scoring is one point for winning a hole and ½ point for halving a hole plus an additional one point for winning the match or ½ point for halving the match.
- 90% Handicap Difference off Back Marker (full handicap difference for the Captains).

Teams Selection Process:

- The Captain selects his first player for the side. The Vice-Captain then selects two players for his side. The Captain then chooses another two players for his side and so on until the list of players wishing to play in the Competition is exhausted. The players are then paired and each pair numbered. The teams play against each other according to the respective numbers i.e. team numbered 1 by the Captain will play against team numbered 1 by the Vice-Captain.
- It is recommended that the Captains apply a dress code e.g. Captain's players to play in a blue shirt; Vice-Captain's players to play in a white shirt.
- The captain of the losing team presents the competition's trophy to the captain of the winning team.

5.2 MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

5.2.1 MONTHLY MEDAL

Played whenever possible on the first Saturday of each month.

Winner and Runner-up prizes will be awarded in the following divisions:

Division One	Handicaps up to 12
Division Two	Handicaps 13 – 18
Division Three	Handicaps 19 – 28
Division Four	Handicaps 29 and above

Order of Merit points are awarded on the overall medal scores ignoring divisions.

The Monthly Medal will be played on a Saturday with all participants playing off the 1st tee. Members will have an opportunity to select an approximate tee time, subject to availability. Players will play in their division wherever possible.

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5.3 TEAM COMPETITIONS

5.3.1 CAPTAINS' LEAGUE

Format Team Stableford with full handicap over seven rounds.

Description This is a league competition consisting of eight teams. The teams' captains are the current Club Captain together with the immediate past seven Club Captains. Should the number of players be abundant it might be necessary to call in additional ex-captain(s) to form extra team(s). It is suggested that a team should consist of 14-16 players maximum. If teams consist of more players, the League may lose its competitive edge.

Selection Process The Captains' names are drawn to determine the sequence of the selection process. The players are selected by the eight Captains from a list containing the names of the players who have entered the Competition. The first Captain drawn will pick his first selection for his team. The second Captain drawn will then pick his first selection for his team and so on until all Captains have picked a player each. The Captain who chose first in the first round will become the last to choose in the second round. The second drawn Captain will then have first choice to select the second player for his team and so on until all players are chosen. Should the number of players not be exactly divisible by the number of Captains then some teams will have one more player than others. This is acceptable.

New Entrants Players may not automatically join the League once the Captains' Selection has been made. Such players must first inform the Competition Secretary of their interest to join the League.

New entrants will join the League after paying the full entrance fee irrespective of the number of rounds remaining to be played. The team that they are allocated to is determined by the sequence in which the Captains selected their players.

Entrance Fee The entrance fee for the Competition must be paid in advance of the draw. If any round is cancelled, and not reinstated later in the calendar, then the entrance fee for that round(s) is refunded at the end of the season.

Non-League players will not be allowed to play on the Saturdays reserved for Captain Leagues' rounds. If they wish to play, they are obliged to pay the full entrance fee and be allocated to a team.

Team Scoring At the end of each round the best five Stableford scores from a team's players will count for the team's aggregate score for that round. At the end of the season the team with the best five out of seven aggregate scores will win the League. In the event of a tie, the best score out of the surplus two rounds will decide. If the deadlock is not resolved, then the best remaining score will decide. If the situation remains unsolved then the best last round score followed by the best sixth round score, etc., will determine which team can be declared a winner.

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Individual Best Score Concurrently with the team competition, an individual best score competition is held. The player with the best aggregate score from five out of seven rounds will win this competition. In the event of a tie, the best score out of the surplus two rounds will decide. If the deadlock is not resolved, then the best remaining score will decide. If the situation remains unsolved then the best last round score, followed by the best sixth round score, etc., will determine which player can be declared the winner.

Cancellation Although every effort will be made to have the full complement of seven rounds, force majeure can make this impossible. In such instances if one round is cancelled then the best five out of six scores will count; if two rounds are cancelled then the best four out of five rounds will count; if three rounds are cancelled then all the four scores will count; and if more than three rounds are cancelled than the Captains League competition for that year will be considered as abandoned.

Draw Traditionally the Captains are drawn to play off the 1st tee.

Prizes During every round, prizes will be given to:
The Player with the best individual score for the round;
The Player with the second-best individual score for the round.

League final prizes will be given to:
The Captain and the Players of the League's Winning Team;
The Captain and the Players of the League's Runner-Up Team;
The Player with the best individual score for the League;
The Player with the second-best individual score for the League.

Prize Restrictions Players who do not play in a majority of the rounds will not be entitled to any prize that their team might be eligible for at the end of the League.

5.3.2 MALTA v THE REST

Held each year on the second weekend after the Club Championship. If the Competition is postponed due to bad weather and/or course unavailability, then it will be played as soon as possible afterwards, subject to course availability and the fixture list.

Two teams of 16 players each will take part, with selection on the following basis:

- A Member who has never played in the Malta v the Rest competition and who is a Maltese citizen only, or who is a Maltese citizen with at least one parent being a Maltese citizen at the time of his birth or adoption, is eligible to play for Malta. A member who is not eligible to play for Malta is eligible to play for the Rest. The burden of proof of eligibility lies with the Member.
- A Member who has played in the competition before is eligible to play for the team he last played for, and not for the other team.

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- Each team will consist of its top 15 players in the Order of Merit Table as at the end of the qualifying (previous) season. If 2 or more players compete for selection, priority will be given to the player/s with fewer Order of Merit entries in his/their total points score, if still equal, priority will be given to the player with the lower exact handicap as at the end of the qualifying season.
- The Club Captain will be the captain of the Malta or the Rest team, according to his eligibility. Should the Club Captain be one of the qualifying players in the Order of Merit Table he may play for his side, or elect to not play, and the next player on the Order of Merit Table for the particular team shall qualify.
- The captain for the other side shall be chosen by a vote amongst the 15 qualifying players of his team. The captain may be a non-playing captain chosen from outside the qualifying 15 players. The election of the captain shall take place as soon as possible after the end of the qualifying season, to enable the two team captains to better organise the event.
- Each captain shall select one other player by issuing a wild card.
- A player is unavailable to play in the competition if he is suspended by the RMGC from playing in club competitions, no longer is a paid-up member of the RMGC, no longer holds an active handicap or is otherwise unable to play in club competitions at the RMGC.
- Should a qualifying player, for either team, become unavailable to play, for whatever reason, the next player on the Order of Merit Table for the particular team, shall qualify (or by the issue of a wild card, if the unavailable player was issued a wild card).
- Should a player become unavailable to play during the competition due to injury or illness, he will forfeit the match he is playing in (Foursomes or Singles). His partner may continue on his own in the 4BBB. Should the player remain unavailable for the following rounds due to injury or illness (or unavailability if any following round is postponed), he may be replaced by the next player on the Order of Merit Table for the particular team (or by the issue of a wild card, if the unavailable player was issued a wild card).
- In accordance with the Note under Rule 24.4 of the Rules of Golf, a team captain (or a person nominated by the team captain) may give advice to the players of his team.

The format of the competition is match play, as follows:

ROUND ONE: Foursomes match play in teams of 2 - $\frac{1}{2}$ combined handicaps.

ROUND TWO: 4BBB match play in teams of 2 - Lowest player conceding strokes to the other players calculated as 90% of difference.

ROUND THREE: Singles match play - full handicap difference.

Each match will result in 1 point for the winning team and $\frac{1}{2}$ point to each team if halved.

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The team captains shall meet up and exchange team pairings and/or sequence of play before each round. No changes (other than a like-for-like replacement due to illness or injury) may be made to the team pairings and/or sequence of play after the exchange.

The winner is the team with most points after the end of Round 3. The captain of the other team will present the competition sword to the captain of the winning team. In case of a draw, the sword is retained by the previous year's winning team.

Lunch is provided for the team players on the last day of the Competition.

5.3.3 MALTA v THE REST -- SUPPLEMENTARY COMPETITION

Held on the Saturday during the Malta v the Rest competition and open to Members who are not playing in the Malta v the Rest competition.

The competition will be played as a 4BBB Match Play competition in teams of 2, choose your own partner, with lowest handicap player conceding strokes to the other players calculated as 90% of the full handicap difference.

5.4 MAJOR COMPETITIONS

It is recommended that wherever and/or whenever applicable these competitions should be played in flights of three.

As far as possible, all players should start from the 1sttee on the first day. This is a must for The Championship. If the competition is highly subscribed it may be necessary to use another tee, e.g. the 11th, and then swap players' starting tees on the second day.

It is usual that players play on subsequent days according to their score on the previous day(s) with the better score players going off last.

In The Championship and in the Scratch Challenge Cup, volunteers from the Ladies' Section usually act as ball spotters.

No non-competition handicappers, country members or members' guests are allowed to participate in these major competitions.

5.4.1 THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- Played over three consecutive days (usually Friday, Saturday and Sunday) the Championship is the last of the Major Competitions played in the season. It is normally played in May/June.
- 3-day aggregate medal played off scratch
- On Day 1 all players will play off the first tee.
- Players will be seeded according to their Division.

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- A random draw will be applied for players *within* each Division.
- On Days 2 & 3, the players with the best scores will play off the first tee in reverse order i.e. the players with the best scores will go out last.
- The winner of the Championship will be the player with the best *gross* aggregate score over the three days.
- In the event of a tie, the result shall be decided by a play-off over three holes see 2.2.10.
- A club trophy is available.
- Sponsored by IIG with Prizes for Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

5.4.2 SCRATCH CHALLENGE CUP

- Individual aggregate 36-hole medal played off scratch.
- Played over two consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday).
- On Day 1 all players will play off the first tee in a matched draw.
- Second day draw, groups of three in descending sequence of score with the worst scores off alternative tees if necessary, to ensure a reasonable finish time.
- Maximum handicap limit: 18.
- Overall competition ties will be decided by the play off/sudden death procedure as laid down in 2.2.10.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes for Winner, Runner-Up, and Third Place.

5.4.3 WEDGWOOD TROPHY

- Played over two days on consecutive Saturdays.
- Day 1 is a Medal round; Day 2 is a Stableford round.
- The Stableford points are deducted from the net Medal scores to arrive at an overall Winner and Runner-Up for the competition.
- Maximum full handicap allowance: 18.
- Handicap played on Day 1 is retained for Day 2.
- Should there be a tie the winner will be decided in accordance with 2.2.9.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-Up Day 1; Winner and Runner-Up Day2; Overall Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

5.4.4 HANDICAP CHALLENGE CUP

- Individual aggregate 36-hole medal.
- Played over two consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday).
- Maximum full handicap allowance: 18.
- Handicap played on Day 1 is retained for Day 2.
- Should there be a tie the winner will be decided in accordance with 2.2.9.
- Food is generally provided on Day 2.
- A club trophy is available.

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- Sponsored by IIG with Prizes for Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

5.5 FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS

Festival competitions are usually played over three days with the Ladies playing on a Thursday/Friday and the Men playing on a Saturday or on alternative days if available. The leading 72 and ties from both sections combined qualify to play in the final usually on the Sunday. An Overall Winner cannot win a second prize such as Best Man or Best Lady in the same competition.

5.5.1 HOMES OF QUALITY TROPHY

- Individual Aggregate Stableford (2 days) – Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Overall Winner and Best Man and Best Lady

5.5.2 MGA SHIELD

- A 2-day mixed competition organised by the MGA.
- Played in accordance with rules published by the MGA from time to time.

5.6 INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

5.6.1 ANDREWS' CUP

- Individual Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

5.6.2 RMGC STABLEFORD CUP

- Individual Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

5.6.3 KINNAIRD CENTENARY TROPHY

- Played alongside the Scratch Challenge.
- Individual Medal competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

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5.6.4 HANGOVER CUP (followed by Creasy Draw)

- Individual Stableford competition, open to Creasy Cup Dinner attendees only.
- Played on the Saturday after the Creasy Cup Dinner.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.

5.6.5 HORTON CUP

- Individual Medal competition.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

5.6.6 CENTENARY PLATE

- Played alongside the Championship.
- Played as a medal round over three days applying the player's Full handicap allowance.
- The winner will be the player with the best *net* aggregate score over the three days.
- In the event of a tie, the procedure under 2.2.09 will come into effect.
- A club trophy is available.
- Sponsored by IIG
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-Up.

5.6.7 LIVINGWELL TROPHY

- Individual Stableford
- Full handicap allowance
- Sponsors trophy
- Prizes: Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

5.6.8 MALTA GARRISON TROPHY

- Individual Bogey competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

5.6.9 QEII JUBILEE TROPHY

- Individual Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Sponsored by McVities (Strand Palace Agencies)
- Prizes: Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

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5.6.10 SAN BASTJAN

Played on the Saturday before San Bastjan - the third Sunday in July. As the top half of the course is unplayable (due to fireworks) nine holes are played twice over. The playable nine holes are played in the following order from tee to green:

8>9, 10>8, 9>10, 11>12, 13>11, 12>13, 14>4, 7>14, 15>7

- Full handicap allowance.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-Up.

5.6.11 VETERANS' CUP

- Played as part of a Monthly Medal. Normally in May
- For veterans of 60 years and over.
- Players are allowed an extra stroke to be added to their handicap for every five years of age beyond 60: 65-69 years allowed 1 extra stroke; 70-74 allowed 2 extra; 75 & over allowed 3 extra and so on.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-Up.

5.6.12 CROSS COUNTRY

Occasionally played as a summer competition. The sequence of play (from tee to green) is as follows:

1>17, 18>2, 3>15, 4>5, 6>7, 8>9, 10>8, 9>10, 11>12.
13>11, 12>13, 14>4, 7>14, 15>6, 5>16, 17>3, 16>1, 2>18.

- Full handicap allowance.
- Prizes: Winner, Runner-Up and Third Place.

5.6.13 MEDAL OF MEDALS

- Played as part of the June Medal.
- Open to winners of the June – May Medals of the previous and current season.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-Up.

5.6.14 TORRENS PLATE

- Played as part of a Monthly Medal, normally in February.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-Up.

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5.7 PARTNERED COMPETITIONS

5.7.1 EMMANUEL CUTAJAR TROPHY

- 4BBB Stableford – choose own partner.
- 90% handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-Up Teams.

5.7.2 HARRY VARDON TROPHY

- Four Ball Aggregate Medal – Choose own partner.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-Up Teams.

5.7.3 SPRING CHALLENGE TROPHY

- 4BBB Stableford – choose own partner.
- 90% full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-Up Teams.

5.7.4 TEXAS SCRAMBLE

- Three/Four Man Texas Scramble
- Medal
- 10% combined handicap (when only three in the team the allowance will be 15%).
- Minimum number of drives for each player – Four for four players, Five for three players
- Multi Tee Start
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-Up Teams.

5.7.5 TWO MAN SCRAMBLE

- Two Man Texas Scramble
- Handicap: Aggregate of 35% of lower and 15% of higher full handicaps
- Minimum seven drives each player
- Shotgun Start, if possible
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-Up Teams.

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5.8 KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

5.8.1 CREASY CUP

The following Rules of the "Creasy" Cup are as intimated by Sir Gerald Creasy on the 19th January 1954. The original rules are available in a framed print in the Putters Inn.

The cup is to be competed for annually in handicap match play according to the Rules of Golf as issued by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrews, and the Local Rules of the Royal Malta Golf Club.

Players are to play off their full handicap. Semi-final and final matches are to be refereed.

The following rules are to govern the Calcutta Sweep and Auction.

Sweepstake tickets are to be sold at a cost of € 1.50 each (25 tickets for € 25) within the precincts of the Marsa Sports Club. They may only be sold to members of the RMGC. This sale can start up to 4 weeks ahead of the dinner.

A dinner to be attended by Gentlemen only will be held on a suitable day each year at a suitable venue, the date to be announced by the Competitions Committee. During and after dinner, sweepstake counterfoils and the names of the players are to be drawn one for one and entered in a tally sheet. The player will immediately be auctioned to the highest bidder. This will continue until all the players have been drawn and auctioned. Ticketholders will receive half the auction price of each player for whom tickets are held. It is recommended that a clear plastic revolving drum is used for the raffle tickets and that one respected individual is co-opted for the evening to make the draw of both the player and the raffle ticket.

The draw for the competition will be made the next day after the Hangover Cup. Only Creasy Cup dinner attendees may play in this competition.

A sheet will be placed in the Golf Clubhouse showing details of the auction and advising all amounts of money due to and from Members.

A player has the option to purchase from the owner a half-share in himself, but this option MUST be claimed before playing his first game. He will signify his intention by signing the sheet and the financial arrangement is personal between him and the owner.

Prize money is to be assessed in the following way:

For owner/joint owner of Winner - 50% of half the total auction money

For owner/joint owner of Runner-Up - 30% of half the total auction money

For owner/joint owner of each Semi-Finalist - 10% of half the total auction money.

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Apart from the competition money, the winner and runner-up will be presented with a token trophy commemorating their win. The balance of the competition fund is to be credited to the accounts of the RMGC to assist in furthering the cause of golf in Malta.

Ticket holders and Owners are at liberty to sell their holdings or part of their holdings at any time, but the financial implications are a personal matter and debits and credits are to be collected and paid in accordance with the sheet.

The competition is open to players who are over 18 at the time of the Creasy Cup Dinner.

5.8.2 GLOVER CUP

- 4BBB Match Play knockout.
- Choose own partner.
- Full handicap allowance.
- Played 90% Handicap Difference off back marker.
- A club trophy is available.

5.8.3 R&A TROPHY

- Individual Match Play knockout.
- No Handicap limit.
- Full Handicap difference.
- A club trophy is available.

5.8.4 FOURSOMES CHALLENGE CUP

- Foursomes Match Play knockout.
- Choose own partner.
- Full handicap allowance.
- Played ½ difference of combined handicaps.
- A club trophy is available.

5.9 MIXED KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

5.9.1 RMGC Mixed 4BBB

- Mixed 4BBB Match Play knockout.
- Choose own partner.
- Full Handicap Allowance.
- Played 90% Handicap Difference off back marker.
- A club trophy is available.

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5.9.2 RUNDLE GOLF CUP (ROSEBOWL)

- Mixed Foursomes Match Play knockout.
- Choose own partner.
- Full Handicap Allowance.
- Played ½ difference of combined handicaps.
- A club trophy is available.

5.10 MIXED COMPETITIONS

These competitions are usually played on public holidays. Ladies are awarded extra shots as per the course SS.

5.10.1 INSPIRE TROPHY

- Step Aside Scramble
- Four person teams.
- 10% Combined Handicap.
- Players pay an entrance fee towards INSPIRE.
- Sponsor's Prize to Winner.

5.10.2 BLUE BUTTERFLY TROPHY

- Individual Stableford Competition
- Full Handicap Allowance
- Played to raise money for Environment Committee
- A club Trophy is available
- Prizes Overall Winner Plus Best Man and Best Lady

5.10.3 ALEX MANGION MEMORIAL SHIELD

- Individual Mixed Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Competition Fee of €10 per player, with proceeds going to charity
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-Up.

5.10.4 STARS AND STRIPES TROPHY

- Mixed Greensome Medal competition - choose your own partner.
- Teams must be mixed (two ladies or two men cannot play together).
- ½ combined handicap of partners.
- Minimum 6 drives each player.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winning and Runner-Up Team.

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5.10.5 FREDDIE ZAMMIT MEMORIAL

- Individual Mixed Stableford competition.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winner and Runner-Up.

5.10.6 DEMAJO GROUP CHALLENGE CUP

- 4BBB Match Play between an RMGC team and a Demajo team.
- One point per hole plus one for the match – nineteen points.
- Full handicap allowance.
- A club trophy is available.
- Prizes: Winning team members.

5.11 RUNNING COMPETITIONS

5.11.1 ORDER OF MERIT

- The RMGC computer handicapping software, “CLUB V1”, contains a facility for the definition and automatic allocation of Order of Merit points to competition leaders.
- The first 20 placed competitors in a QUALIFYING competition are allocated points ~ 20 points to the winner, 19 points to the runner-up, then 18 etc. The overall winner gets an additional 5 points.
- Points are allocated on an EQUAL basis to the top twenty finishers in all QUALIFYING competitions during the official golf season. EQUAL points mean that tying players all get the same number of points, e.g. 1st, 2nd and 3rd all tied on net 64 in a monthly medal ALL get 20 points, 4th gets 17 points, etc. Scores for best back nine, etc (Rules 2.2.8-10) are only taken into consideration for the allocation of the 5 extra points for the overall winner.
- In a competition where there is more than one division (as in Monthly Medals) points will be allocated to the overall score ignoring divisions.
- Points will be awarded for overall results for Major competitions (The Championship, Scratch Challenge, Handicap Challenge and Wedgwood Trophy) played over more than one day. The number of points awarded will be multiplied by the number of rounds played. i.e. for a two round competition the points will be 40 for best score, 38 for second etc, with 10 additional points for the overall winner. Three round competitions will be 60 points for the winner, 57 for second etc, with 15 additional points for the overall winner.
- The Kinnaird Centenary Trophy and the Centenary Plate (net competitions played alongside the Scratch Challenge and the Championship) will award points as if they were standalone 1 day qualifying competitions.

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- Points will be awarded for knock-out competitions as follows:

Creasy Cup and R&A Trophy: 25 points for the winner, 10 points for the runner-up, 5 points for each losing semi-finalist

Glover Cup and Foursomes Challenge Cup: 10 points for each winner and 5 points for each runner-up

- No additional points will be awarded for other qualifying competition played within another qualifying competition (e.g. Veterans Cup played with Monthly Medal – points will be given for Medal results only).

Order of Merit standings are taken into consideration in team selection for the annual Malta v The Rest match (see 5.3.2).

The OFFICIAL GOLF SEASON starts with the September Monthly Medal and ends with The Championship or the last QUALIFYING competition played in May, whichever is the later. The QUALIFYING competitions are all individual stroke play competitions unless otherwise notified – see the Competition Calendar on the RMGC website.

5.11.2 SMART - SERVIZO MEN'S ANNUAL RUNNER-UP TROPHY

Qualifying Competitions for the SMART are Monthly Medals from September to June and Captains' League competitions. The winner of a Qualifying Competition is awarded 50 points, the runner up is awarded 100 points, 3rd place is awarded 80 points, 4th is awarded 60 points, 5th is awarded 40 points and 6th is awarded 20 points. The June Monthly Medal and the Captains' League Presentation Round will earn double points.

In addition to the points above, players will also earn a par bonus calculated as 1 point per shot/ point better than the players handicap returned in a Qualifying Competition.

A special trophy and a SMART watch are awarded the season winner.

5.11.3 GROSS ECLECTIC

The Gross Eclectic is the best gross score that a player registers for a particular hole over the official golf season. Only qualifying rounds are eligible for Eclectic considerations. The gross score for each hole played in the first qualifying round is noted on the Eclectic score sheet. In subsequent rounds only improvements on each hole are recorded. This procedure is continued until the end of the official golf season.

At the end of the season, the best gross scores of each hole are added together. The winner of the Gross Eclectic is the player with the best total gross score. Prizes for winner and runner-up.

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5.11.4 NET ECLECTIC

The Net Eclectic is the same as the Gross Eclectic above but the best Net (after handicap deduction) score is used for each hole.

At the end of the season, the best net scores of each hole are added together. The winner of the Net Eclectic is the player with the best total net score. Prizes for winner and runner-up.

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6 COMPETITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE LADIES' SECTION

There follows a description of all competitions administered by the Ladies' Competition Committee. With the exception of the majors the exact format of the competitions and/or the number of prizes are subject to change by the Competition Committee from time to time to balance the competition calendar. Not all of the competitions listed will necessarily be played each season.

In appreciation of our Sponsors, the Ladies' Committee asks that players stay for prize presentations. All prize winners are requested to be there in person to receive their award. If the winners cannot be there, by prior agreement with the Competition Committee and Sponsor, they may nominate another person to collect their prize on their behalf. Saturday players in particular should refer to the Competition Committee if they have difficulty attending a Thursday presentation and appoint a nominee. If such arrangement is not made, then the prize/s may be awarded to the player(s) with the next best score in the competition.

Where flights are placed in divisions the current sections are: -

Division 1:	Handicaps 0-22.4	(Silver Division)
Division 2:	Handicaps 22.5-36.4	(Bronze Division)
Division 3:	Handicaps 36.5 - 54	(Club Division)

Players in the Club Division are not entitled to enter Medal Competitions. In such cases a Stableford Competition will run parallel to the Medal Competition. Returned cards, appropriately signed, will be processed for handicap purposes.

6.1 LADIES' SECTION MAJOR COMPETITIONS

6.1.1 THE HUA WEI CHAMPIONSHIP CUP - QUALIFYING

- The format for this competition is scratch medal and it is open to all lady golf members with a handicap of 0-22.4. It is played over 2 consecutive days the winner being the one with the lowest gross aggregate scores combined over the two days.
- There is a matched draw on Day 1 and the scores for Day 1 determine the start times on Day 2. Day 1 the lower handicap ladies go out first. In an endeavour to speed up play on Day 2 multiple tees will be used with the top scorers starting from the first tee and higher scorers starting from alternate tees.
- In the event of a tie the result shall be decided by a playoff over 3 holes. In the event that this does not resolve the tie a sudden death play-off hole is played until one player leads by a stroke. The Competitions Committee shall decide the play-off holes.

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- This competition qualifies for double Order of Merit points on aggregate score awarded on Day 2 (double points for ten ladies) and it is not combined with the Moya Hann for Order of Merit purposes.
- The player with the lowest gross aggregate scores over two days wins the competition. Prizes for winner and runner-up.
- Additional prize for lowest net aggregate score.
- No Saturday play.
- Eclectic.

6.1.2 THE HUAWEI MOYA HANN TROPHY - QUALIFYING

Sponsored by Intercomp

- The format for this competition is scratch medal open to all lady golf members with a handicap of 22.5-36.4 and is played concurrently with the Championship Cup.
- Day 1 is a matched draw. On Day 2 they are matched according to the scores of Day 1, with the highest scorers going out first. In an endeavour to speed up play, on Day 2 multiple tees will be used with the top scorers starting from the first tee and the higher scorers starting from alternate tees to speed up play.
- The player with the lowest gross aggregate scores over two days wins the competition. Prizes for the winner and runner-up.
- Additional prize for the lowest net aggregate score.
- Order of Merit points on aggregate score awarded Day 2 (double points for ten ladies).
- Eclectic.
- No Saturday play.

6.1.3 MEDAL HANDICAP CUPS - DIV 1 (SILVER) AND 2 (BRONZE) - QUALIFYING

Sponsored By Blevins Franks

- The format for this competition is stroke play medal and is played over 2 days.
- It is played in two divisions, Division 1 and Division 2.
- The draw is matched on Day 1. By score order on Day 2.
- Prizes are awarded to the overall winners in each Division on completion of Day 2.
- Prizes are awarded to the winner and runner-up in each Division on both days
- Only one prize shall be awarded to any one person
- Double Order of merit points awarded on day 2 to each division on aggregate score.
- Eclectic.
- No Saturday play.

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6.1.4 THE FINAL IBM MEDAL CHALLENGE CUPS

Sponsored by Mr Anton Cristina

- The format for this competition is stroke play medal.
- It is played in two divisions, Division 1 and Division 2.
- The draw is matched.
- Cups and Prizes are awarded to the winner in each Division
- Eclectic
- Qualifying for this challenge are all winners, runners up and third placed players of all Monthly IBM Medals throughout the previous season. A minimum of 3 rounds have to be played to qualify.
- Saturday play allowed.
- A Qualifying Stableford will run alongside on the day for Ladies who did not qualify.

6.2 OTHER (LADIES SECTION) COMPETITIONS

6.2.1 THE IBM LADIES MONTHLY MEDAL - QUALIFYING

Sponsored by Mr Anton Cristina

- Usually played on the first competition day of the month.
- The format is sign up in your Division
- Two tees will be used by Divisions alternatively
- Prizes are awarded to the winner and runner-up in the 1st Division and to winner and runner-up in the 2nd Division.
- Order of Merit points awarded to the top ten scores irrespective of Division.
- Eclectic.
- Previous Saturday play allowed.
- Handicaps 36.5 and above have the option to play Stableford for handicap purposes, EclecticEntry fee will be €6 including ball sweep. They will not be eligible to win the Monthly Medal.

6.2.2 STABLEFORD COMPETITIONS - QUALIFYING

- A general sign-up in one division is normally used. Periodically, a balanced draw will take place at the discretion of the Committee.
- Winner and runner up prizes are awarded. Occasionally the competition is sponsored and prize distribution may vary.
- Order of Merit points awarded to the top 10 scores.
- Eclectic.
- Previous Saturday play allowed, unless otherwise stated.
- The first Stableford of the season will be played as Memorial Day Competition.

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6.2.3 BOGEY COMPETITION - QUALIFYING

Sponsored by Michelle Allsopp

- A general sign-up in one division is normally used with the draw being balanced
- Winner and runner up prizes are awarded. Occasionally the competition is sponsored, and prize distribution may vary.
- Order of Merit points awarded to the top 10 scores.
- Eclectic.
- Previous Saturday play allowed.

6.2.4 TWISTEES - QUALIFYING

Sponsored by Ray Calleja

- Full Handicap Allowance 54.
- Stableford with prize for overall winner and Runner up.
- Balanced draw in one Division
- Order of Merit.
- Eclectic.
- Saturday play allowed

6.2.5 LIVINGWELL - QUALIFYING

Sponsored by Living Well Gym

- The format for this competition is Stableford.
- Full Handicap Allowance 54
- One Division with a matched draw
- Competitors under the age of 16 are not eligible to win the competition, however an alternative prize will be awarded from the Ladies' Section, if applicable
- Order of Merit.
- Eclectic.
- Saturday play

6.2.6 BENJAMIN MILTON REFLEXOLOGY - QUALIFYING

- Full Handicap Allowance 54
- Stableford
- Balanced Draw
- Order of Merit
- Eclectic
- Saturday play allowed

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6.2.7 MEMORIAL DAY COMPETITION - QUALIFYING

- Stableford played in one division, usually as the first competition of the Ladies Season. Multi-tees may be used.
- Full Handicap Allowance 54
- Balanced Draw
- Order of Merit
- Eclectic
- Saturday play allowed

6.2.8 SENIORS CUP - QUALIFYING

Sponsored by Mrs Terry Davies, Lady Captain 1994

- Stableford competition played for by ladies aged over 60 with a maximum handicap of 36
- Extra points added to handicap according to age. 65- 69 = 1 extra shot, 70-74 = 2 extra shots, 75-79 = 3 extra shots
- Multi-tees may be applied
- Played alongside Stableford for the other players (Juniors)Ladies under the age of 60 pay a Qualifying Stableford alongside from a different starting tee
- No Order of Merit points
- Eclectic
- No Saturday play for Seniors
- Saturday play allowed for other players under the age of 60

6.2.9 YOGA- NON-QUALIFYING

Sponsored by Yvonne van Beek

- Telford - MAXIMUM choice of 7 clubs including putter
- Full Handicap Allowance
- Stableford played in one division with prize for winner and runner-up
- Players are allowed to increase their handicap by one shot for each club less than 7 in the bag

6.2.10 HAMILTON-HILL TROPHY - NON-QUALIFYING

Sponsored by Andrea Hamilton-Hill (Lady Captain 2008-2009).

- Choose your own partner (teams of two).
- Pairings are then drawn.
- Full handicap allowance.
- 2BBB Stableford - the best Stableford score per hole per team.
- Prize for winning pair and runners-up.

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6.2.11 LADY CAPTAIN v LADY VICE-CAPTAIN

- Match play format decided by Captains over 18 holes.
- Full Handicap Allowance
- The Lady Captain and her Vice-Captain draw the teams and notify their players. These two ladies sort their teams into pairs and allocate a start time to each. On the morning of the competition the two start sheets are put on the notice board. The element of surprise adds to the occasion. Traditionally, the Captain's team wears blue and the Vice-Captain's team wears white.
- The players of the winning team (Captain's or Vice-Captain's) are rewarded with a ball.
- The competition is usually followed by a glass of wine supplied by the Captain and Vice-Captain.

6.2.12 HOMES OF QUALITY - QUALIFYING - MIXED

Sponsored by Homes of Quality

- Format for this two day mixed competition is Stableford.
- Played on Thursday and the following Sunday
- Ladies SS entitlement shots added to handicap on both days
- Full Handicap Allowance
- The draw is the same format as for the Men's Section.
- Best 72 scores from Men's Section and Ladies Section play on Day 2
- Order of Merit points awarded on Day 2
- Eclectic
- Saturday play allowed immediately following the men
- Prizes are awarded on the Second Day of playing

6.2.13 FALCON CUP/EYAS TROPHY

This competition was originally introduced by past Lady Captain Andrea Hamilton Hill, in conjunction with Nigel Stibbs of IIG Bank

FALCON CUP

This is a team competition played by 4 teams over 5 rounds, all Stableford played in one division. The team with the best overall score wins the Falcon Cup. Full Handicap Allowance 54.

The best five scores per team will count in each round to be added together to achieve the team aggregate score. These will be carried forward. The worst round in each team will be eliminated by the team captain so only 4 rounds will count towards the final score. In the event of a tie the last round will be the decider going back a round at a time if necessary.

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Team Captains: The incumbent Lady Captain will automatically qualify as a Team Captain. The other 3 Captains will be drawn from a list of past Lady Captains. Teams will be named in accordance with the Team Captain, e.g., Team Allsopp. The Falcon Trophy will be inscribed accordingly.

Team Selection: A notification will be sent to all Ladies to enter their names when the competition is set up. An upfront entry fee of €25 will apply plus the cost of ball sweep for each round. Teams will then be selected after all handicaps have been banded into groups of four. A balanced team will be selected using the following method: - Captain's names will be drawn to determine the sequence of the selection process. The first Captain drawn will pick first from the first handicap band followed by the second Captain picked and so on. The Captain who chose first then becomes the last to choose in the second round and the second drawn Captain has first choice. This process continues until all Captains have chosen their players. Should the number of players not be exactly divisible by the number of Captains then some teams will have one more player than others.

Ladies that wish to enter after the draw has been made are welcome to play, however they are not eligible to win if they are not part of a team.

EYAS TROPHY

Played in conjunction with the Falcon Cup, the Lady with the best score over the 5 rounds (drop worst score) wins the Eyas Trophy. Players must have played in at least 4 rounds to be eligible for the Eyas Trophy prize and if only 4 rounds are played of the 5, then all 4 scores will count. An Upfront entry fee of €25 will apply plus the Ball sweep fee per round. Ladies that wish to enter after the draw are still welcome to play.

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Prizes will be presented to the winning team and to the best overall individual scorer. There will also be a top scorer prize for each round. Players who do not participate in at least 3 rounds will not be entitled to any prize that their team might be eligible for.

All rounds are qualifying for handicap, order of merit and eclectic. There will be a ball sweep for each round. Saturday play is allowed.

Ladies who do not enter the team competition will be welcome to play but their cards will count for handicap and eclectic purposes only.

A lunch will be provided following the final round.

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6.2.14 MEDALFORD COMPETITION (not played 2018/19)

- Played over two days on consecutive Thursdays.
- Day 1 is a medal round played in two divisions. Day 2 is a Stableford played in 1 division according to score
- The Stableford points are deducted from the net Medal scores to arrive at an overall Winner and Runner-Up for the competition.
- Handicap played on Day 1 is retained for Day 2
- Should there be a tie the winner will be decided in accordance with 2.2.9.
- Order of Merit
- Eclectic.

6.2.15 NINE HOLE QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS.

- The Designated Course will be Holes 1 to 9 or 10 to 18.
- Played on Thursdays after the main competition, entry fee 3 euros.
- For Handicap purposes only, no OM or prizes.
- May be used for the purpose of re-activating handicaps.
- Eligibility at the discretion of the Competition Secretary and Competition Committee.

6.2.16 TWELVE HOLE STABLEFORD - NON-QUALIFYING

- Normally played on holes 1 - 7 and 14 - 18
- Full Handicap is applied
- Play a normal Stableford round using your shots where you receive them in accordance with the score card stroke index
- A general sign up in one division or time zone is normally used. Periodically a draw will take place at the discretion of the Committee
- In a mixed event the ladies are eligible for 3 extra shots, but only to the relevant holes

6.2.17 TWELVE HOLE- NON-QUALIFYING

- Played in a Medal Format
- Normally played on holes 1 - 7 and 14 - 18
- 2/3 of Handicap is deducted from the gross score
- Play a normal Stableford round using your shots where you receive them in accordance with the score card stroke index
- A general sign up in one division or time zone is normally used. Periodically a draw will take place at the discretion of the Committee
- In a mixed event the ladies are eligible for 3 extra shots, but only to the relevant holes

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6.3 LADIES' SECTION RUNNING COMPETITIONS

6.3.1 THE ECLECTIC COMPETITION

- This is a running competition played over a given number of weeks in the Autumn and the Spring of each year. It is a competition in which each individual plays against the course and tries to improve her score on each round

How it is played:

- The first round commences with the first qualifying competition of the season and the score for each hole is noted on the Eclectic score sheet.
- At the end of a specified period the 18 holes show each player's best efforts.
- The results are formed by adding the best scores on each hole at the end of the competition period.
- Prizes will be presented for 1st& 2nd place for both Spring and Autumn Eclectic based on 5/8ths of handicap. Trophies will be presented to the winners.

6.3.2 MGA MEDAL AWARD

Sponsored by the MGA

- Prize awarded to the best performance in both 1st (Silver) and 2nd (Bronze) Divisions over the season in all individual medal competitions as calculated by the computer system.
- A minimum of 4 rounds played is required.
- Awarded at the Ladies AGM.

6.3.3 THE THREE LILLIES PLATE

Sponsored by Dr Marianne Schaefer Noll (replacing the Hikake Plate from 2018/19 onwards)

- The format for this competition is match play foursomes.
- It is a knock out competition played between February and May with a random draw for the first round.
- Maximum handicap 36.4
- The handicap allowance is 50% the difference between combined handicaps of both teams.

6.3.4 THE VANSITAART NEAL CUP - played since 1925

- The format for this competition is match play singles.
- Competitors play off a maximum handicap allowance of 30.4 and the allowance is full difference from the lower handicap player.
- The draw is random for the first round and thereafter the competition is knock out.

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6.3.5 THE GEORDIE CUP - Presented to RMGC in 2003 by G&M Booth

- The format for this competition is 4BBB match play
- It is a knock-out competition played between October and May with a random draw for the first round.
- For this competition the upper handicap limit is off 36. The handicap allowance is 90% difference from the lowest handicap player with a maximum of 18 shots

6.3.6 THE BIRDIE COMPETITION

Sponsored by Mrs Beverley Hall (Lady Captain 2007/2008)

- This is open to all divisions.
- All the birdies scored during the season are recorded and a prize is given to the top player with most birdies in Divisions 1 and 2.
- The best player must have a minimum of 2 birdies for a prize.

6.3.7 THE MOST IMPROVED GOLFER

Sponsored by the Royal Malta Golf Shop

- This award is presented to the player who has made most improvement during the year in terms of percentage reduction in handicap.
- The qualifying players should have handicap of 36 or less and must have played in at least 10 qualifying competitions.

6.3.8 ORDER OF MERIT

- The Order of Merit is based on the results of all qualifying rounds played between the start and end of season, usually 1st October to the final day of the Ladies Championships. The letter 'O' for Order of Merit should appear beside the competition on the fixture list to indicate it is OM qualifying. If there is no 'O' it is excluded.
- The best 10 players overall in each qualifying competition all scored as if in one division will receive 10 to 1 Order of Merit points in descending order according to their placing. The computer handicap system is programmed to decide ties and so only one player receives points at each placing.
- The three major two day competitions (Medal Handicap Cup, Championship & Moya Hann) will each earn double OM points on the aggregate scores, otherwise rules are as described above.
- An Order of Merit prize will be awarded at the Ladies AGM to the OM winner and the OM runner-up.

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6.4 MIXED COMPETITIONS

6.4.1 MGA SHIELD (NESCAFE DOLCE GUSTO) - QUALIFYING - MIXED

- 2-day competition played on Thursday and following Sunday
- Maximum handicap is 36.4 for the Ladies
- The format is at the discretion of the MGA
- The draw is according to the rules applied by the MGA and follows the rules of the Men's Section Day 1
- Order of Merit points on aggregate score awarded on Day 2
- Eclectic
- Saturday play allowed

6.4.2 FENSTON - QUALIFYING

ENTRANCE:

The entrance fee for the competition must be paid before the draw is made. It is advised that not more than 2 members of the same team and not more than 2 juniors may play in the same flight.

Late entries will be allowed at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

Teams will compete against each other by using the best 5 scores of their team. (The number of best scores may be altered for the current year, if necessary, depending on the number of players in each team.)

The competition is a stableford league format and will be played over six rounds. (Should there be any cancellation of a round due to bad weather conditions two rounds may have to be played within a month to make up.)

Maximum handicap for men is 36 and for ladies is 44. Ladies are entitled to add three extra shots to their playing handicap (which may increase their handicap above 44).

TEAM SCORING:

The best 5 scores of each team will count for the teams aggregate score for that round. Points will be awarded for each placing, e.g., 6 points for a win, 5 points for second place, etc. If any team (or teams) is unable to return 5 scores before the competition results are posted, the result will be considered incomplete and that team/s will be awarded the statutory 1 point.

In the event of a tie between two or more teams during any one round, the points applicable will be shared equally between the teams that tied, e.g., if two teams tie for first place the points for the 1st and 2nd place, 6&5 points = 11 points, would be shared equally between them, i.e., 5.5 points each. If three teams tie then points for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd would be shared equally, i.e., 5 points each, etc.

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In the event of a tie at the end of the whole competition, extra points will be awarded to the teams who are tied for any 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in all of the rounds in order to decide the winner. 3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd and 1 point for 3rd.

PRIZES:

A prize of €12 is awarded to each member of the winning team who played that round. In the event of a tie for first place the winning team is determined by adding the 6th score to that team, and so on, until there is a clear winner.

A prize of €12 is also awarded to the highest scorer of the day. Only team members qualify for the top score.

Following each round of the competition a draw is made for 2 bottles of wine from the team members ladies and men's cards. Team members have to be present at the draw to win the prize. Juniors are not eligible for the draw.

At the end of the competition a prize will be awarded for the two individual top scorers – i.e., the best overall individual score for the whole competition – category men and ladies.

A team member must play a minimum of 3 rounds to qualify for a prize regardless of being in any winning team.

Prizes for each round are presented the following month. Once the draw has been made no new entrants will be considered unless there is agreement from all the sponsors and organisers.

Reserves – none allowed.

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