



Myerscough Golf Club

Winter League



Terms of the competition

Entrants Must:

1. Be a paid-up Member of Myerscough Golf Club.
2. Have an 'active' handicap.
(Active means a minimum 8 qualifying scores on their WHS scoring record within the previous 18 months).
3. Have been a member of the club for a minimum of **3 months** in the competition year.
4. If there are outstanding entry fees, competitors will not be eligible to continue in the competition or enter future club competitions.

This is a 9-hole Stableford **NON qualifying** competition that will consist of up to 12 qualifying rounds, played over nominated weekends. Followed by a final, for those who qualify, being played over 18 holes.

*Non qualifying means that any scores submitted **WILL NOT** be recorded on the World Handicap System (WHS) and therefore **WILL NOT** affect your Handicap Index (HI).*

The committee will maintain a spreadsheet of handicaps that will be adjusted after each round by making a deduction of .3 for every stableford point above 18 points. The revised spreadsheet will be posted on the website before the next round.

The final will be held using course handicaps as recorded on the winter league spreadsheet.

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity – for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Showing consideration to others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
- Taking good care of the course – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.

Applying the Rules

- Player Responsibility for Applying the Rules. Players are responsible for applying the Rules to themselves:



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Meaning of “Rules”;

The “Rules” means:

- Rules 1-25 and their Definitions in the Rules of Golf, and
- Any “Local Rules” the Committee adopts for the competition or the course.

It is recommended that players read up on some of the more useful rules such as, but not limited to.

- Abnormal course conditions.
- Embedded Ball.
- Red Penalty areas.
- Ball unplayable.
- Loose impediment.

For anyone with an interest it is also recommended that you download the Rules App.

Local Rules

Preferred lies will be in force throughout the competition in the general area.
Mats restricted to the fairways.

On the Fairway

- You can Mark, lift, clean and replace the ball within 6 inches, **no nearer the hole**, onto a Mat or if you don’t want to use a Mat you can.....
- Lift, clean and place your ball off the fairway, on the side nearest to the ball, but **no nearer the hole**.
- Mats **MUST** only be used on the fairway. If you can’t define the difference between the fairway or the rough then you **MUST** assume you are in the rough and **MUST NOT** use a Mat.

Off the Fairway in the General area (rough)

- Lift clean and **replace***.
 - **replace*** means put the ball back in the same place with the same lie and **NOT** within 6 inches. (Not teed up on a nice tuft of grass)
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Bunkers

You can lift clean, rake and replace your ball within 6 inches but no nearer the hole.

If there is water in a bunker you can lift clean, rake and place your ball anywhere in the bunker that allows no interference to ball or stance from the water.

If it is not possible, due to the amount of water, to do the above then you can take a free drop out of the bunker **back in line with the flag**.

Competition

Due to the shortening of the course (9th hole) and other ground conditions this is a NON qualifying stableford competition. Your WHS handicap record will not be amended.

The club will maintain a '**Winter League ONLY**' handicap listing (the spreadsheet).

In order for the competition to reflect members play a reduction of .3 will be applied to every point above 18 points scored in every round. This reduction will be annotated on the spreadsheet.

Scoring for the subsequent weeks will be done using the revised handicap listing as maintained by the committee.

The listing will be updated and published on the members forum (website).

All entrants must have registered and paid the entrance fee.

The qualifying rounds can be played anytime over a fixture weekend. Players will be entitled to sign in and play a round on either, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

Dates will be available on HowDidiDo.

Members playing in the competition must play with another club Member.

Entrants must sign in on HowDidiDo and enter their scores onto the system **on the day of play**.

It is advised that members complete a card and put it in the box in reception. Any member who has difficulty with HowDidiDo either on the APP or in reception **MUST** place a card in the box and let Barry Jackson know ASAP after your round.

Entrants will start the competition playing off 95% of the course handicap.



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The qualifying rounds will be followed by a final play-off competition.

There will also be a 2's competition.

The final will be played over 18 holes using the Winter Handicap Listing.

Note: *in the event of inclement weather on the day of the final the committee reserves the right to reduce the final to a 9-hole competition or as a last resort reschedule the event to the next available Saturday the course is fit to play.*

The results will be published on MGMF.co.uk as soon as possible after the necessary Calculations/reductions have been applied.

Winners and other prizes will be presented at prize giving during the AGM or an alternative date agreed by the committee.

Qualifying

- a) Out of all possible qualifying rounds, competitors must submit at least four qualifying cards from the qualification stage. The best four rounds submitted per player count towards qualification to the final.
- b) The top 25% with the best four round total scores, including ties will qualify for the final. No substitutes or replacements for anyone not able to make the final.
- c) In the event of fixtures being cancelled, the number of qualifying scores may be reduced or a competition weekend may get rescheduled.
- d) A weekend qualification round will not be cancelled if the course is closed for a single day. If due to course conditions (and the college is not able to close it) less than 30% of entrants play over a given weekend that round will be cancelled.
- e) On the day of the final the first tee off will be at 09:00. All qualifiers are required to check in with club officials by no later than 20 minutes before their allocated tee time. Players arriving after and no later than 5 minutes past their tee time will incur a 2 shot penalty. If a player arrives after 5 minutes past their tee time they will be disqualified.
- f) On the day of the final the player with the highest Stableford score over the number of holes played will be the winner.
- g) Any additional Local or Competition rules will be published prior to the start of each competition round. These local or Competition rules apply for each qualification round and the final if required.



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- h) Any issues arising during the Competition are to be raised with a Committee Member as soon as possible and before 16:00 hours on the Sunday of the weekend being played.

Prizes will be awarded to players placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the finals or further depending on the prize fund. All players making the final will be presented with an award to mark qualification to the final. The winner will be announced on the day and acknowledge at the AGM.

Issues or concerns during play

Issues or concerns raised during any competition must be reported to either Barry Jackson or member of the committee as soon as is practicable but at the latest on the Monday after the competition closes.

A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty:

- The player must decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and before making a stroke.
- The player should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball, by announcing that choice to his or her marker or to another player before making a stroke.

Amendments

Myerscough Golf Club reserve the right to make amendments, as agreed by the committee, to any of the above competition rules and if required the rescheduling of any rounds taking into account the weather forecasts and conditions.

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