

STABLEFORD AND STROKE PLAY COMPETITIONS

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. **Signing Up & Closing Date for Inscriptions**

Players may sign up at the office or via the club's homepage starting Thursday 09h00 of the week preceding the competition. The number of inscriptions is limited to the quota as defined by the club and inscriptions are handled on a first come, first served basis. Over quota inscriptions are waitlisted.

The closing date and time for competitions is 12h00, two days before start of the competition.

The draw will be posted at the clubhouse and on the club's homepage from 12h00 on the day following the inscription deadline. There will be no changes to starting times once they have been posted. Cancellations will have to strictly comply with paragraph 2.

2. **Cancellations, No-shows and No Returns**

In case a cancellation is inevitable **and as a courtesy to waitlisted players as well as fellow-competitors part of the same flight**, players must latest by **16h00** the day before the competition inform the office.

Members, who fail to appear for a competition and have not cancelled in accordance with the above procedure, ***will see their right to participate in future competitions suspended and their handicap.***

At the first offence, the player is again made aware of the procedure as outlined in this paragraph.

At the second offence: automatic suspension for the next competition.

At the third offence: automatic suspension for the next 3 competitions. Repeated offences beyond the third offence will be dealt with by committee in view of further sanctions.

No Return of score and no-shows: Players who fail to complete their round and no-shows are subject to handicap adjustment (+0.1).

3. **Check-in and Starting Times**

All players must collect their scorecard at the office latest 15 minutes prior to their starting time.

Players should be at their starting point at the latest 5 minutes prior to their starting time.

Players must start at the time established by the committee and must remain throughout the round in the group arranged by the committee.

If a player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after his starting time, ***the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole.***

Penalty for lateness beyond 5 minutes is disqualification.

4. **Form of Play and Tees**

Form of play: stableford (or stroke play) **as shown on the scorecard of the day issued by the office and announced on the inscription sheet. First category players aged 65 and older may elect to join category 2 and play off the front tees under stableford format (in this case, player is not eligible for a price).**

5. **Pace Rating**

The stipulated round must be played in 4 hours 20 minutes and a maximum time allowance per hole is indicated on each scorecard. In case of slow play the referee or committee may impose a penalty. 40 second to execute stroke in effect.

6. **Transportation**

Players must walk at all times during a stipulated round (except disabled players or seniors players).

7. **Discontinuance of Play**

Discontinuance of play when not allowed under rule 6.8 will cause disqualification of the player, and suspension of the right to participate in the next competition. The committee will deal with repeated offences.

When play is suspended by committee for a dangerous situation:

if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the committee has ordered resumption of play,

if the players are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and they must not resume play until the committee has ordered resumption of play.

The signal for suspending play due to a dangerous situation will be a prolonged note of a siren.

Resume play: two short notes of siren, repeated.

8. **Ties and Prizes**

In the event of a tie, the method of matching cards will be used. Ties are first to be decided over the last nine, then the last six, then the last 3 and finally the last hole. If this method does not produce a winner, lot will determine the winner.

A player cannot win both gross and net prizes. To be eligible for a net price, player must have an active handicap. In the event of a player being eligible for both, the gross prize takes precedence. A prizewinner must be present at the prize giving ceremony in order to receive his/her prize.

9. **Claims, Disputes or Doubtful Points**

All competitions are played in accordance with the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. Local rules apply. The player is responsible for knowing the rules.

Any claims, disputes or doubtful points must be referred to the committee before the competition is deemed to have closed, who refers it to the referee in charge. The referee's decision is final.

A competition is deemed to have closed when the prize giving has taken place.

10. **Etiquette**

Players are requested to observe the rules of etiquette at all times, conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship. The committee or referee will deal with offences and apply the rules.

If a good reason exists, the committee or the referee in charge of the competition may change above rules.