Port St Mary Ladies Golf Club – Competition Rules

The Committee reserves the right to alter postpone or abandon any competition. The Lady Captain and the Committee are responsible for drawing up and interpreting conditions for all competitions.

If at least 6 members start a competition regardless of how many finish the round, the competition will be judged to have been played with prizes being awarded. If the number of entrants in a competition is below 6 the competition will be abandoned, no prizes will be awarded, and the entry fees will be refunded. If 10 or less members enter any competition, then the number of prizes will be reduced.

It was agreed by the members at the 2023 AGM that if a competition is to be cancelled due to a poor weather forecast that the decision will be taken by the committee and communicated to the competitors after the afternoon update from the IOM Met Office about 5:30pm on Friday.

Players wishing to enter a competition must enter the Competition via Master Scoreboard. Medal Competitions will normally be a 2-ball draw and Stableford's normally a three ball PYO (pick your own partner)

The Competition Secretary will send the draw by email to each player and put the competition start sheet on Master Scoreboard. If a player wants to enter a competition after the Start Sheet has been produced, if possible, let the Competition Secretary know and she may be able to amend the start sheet, or the player can join the competition with an existing group.

If a player must withdraw from a competition, they must let their playing partners know and if possible, the Competition Secretary. The remaining player should make up a three ball or split into two 2 balls, if more appropriate.

Competitors may play either earlier or later than the reserved tee times. If playing later, scores should be entered into Master Scoreboard no later than 5 pm on Saturdays, except by prior arrangement with the Handicap Secretary.

Before commencing the round players must sign into the competition via Master Scoreboard either on their own device or via the touchscreen in the pavilion. The Competition entry fees will be collected periodically by the Treasurer. Signing into a competition on Master scoreboard constitutes entering the competition and the appropriate entry fee will then be due.

On completion of the round, scores should be entered via Master Scoreboard and then cards should be put into the box or handed to a club official. Players are responsible for the proper return of their score cards. The card should have the date, competition details, Handicap Index, playing handicap, signature of player and marker and **gross** score. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Slow Play

Please avoid slow play by being aware of the general pace of the competition. If players fail to keep place and lose more than one clear hole in front, they should allow the following players to pass. "Ready golf" should be played where possible, and players should tee off as quickly as possible to keep the course flowing.

Prizes and Presentations

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Competition results will be emailed to competitors. Any prize winner unable to attend a presentation, should send an apology and ideally nominate someone to collect their prize. The number of prizes allocated in a competition will be dependent upon the number of entries and sponsorship.
For Club Nights and Winter 9-hole competitions where there are less than 10 competitors only 1 prize will be awarded.

Captains Day, Presidents Day and Club Championships
To be eligible to win in the above major competition's players must have entered at least three club competitions in the current year.

Competition Handicap Restrictions
The above major competitions and Open Competitions will use a maximum Handicap Index of 36. If a player with a handicap Index above 36 would have won a prize off their full handicap, then they will be awarded a prize to the value of the last nett place awarded.

Match Play
Deadlines will be strictly enforced. It is the responsibility of the first named player/players to offer 3 suitable dates to their opponents. Failure to play the match within the allotted time will result in disqualification at the discretion of the committee.

Club Nights
Club Night competitions will be run on a Thursday Evening competitors will be encouraged to play between 5pm and 6:15pm to allow it to be a better more sociable event. Competitions will generally be 9 holes with a mix of individual qualifying competitions and team formats. Competitions will be available to book on Master Scoreboard, normally as PYO partners.