

Galway Bay Ladies Club Terms of Competition 2019

The Committee has laid down and approved the following terms under which Galway Bay Ladies Club Competitions are to be played.

1) Rules of Golf

1.1 All competitions will be run in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf and Club Bye Laws, Local Rules as made and published on the scorecard shall apply to all.

2) Eligibility:

2.1 All paid up members of Galway Bay Ladies Club holding a valid CONGU handicap are eligible to enter our club competitions

3) Method of Entry

3.1 Members **must** Swipe their ILGU Card on the computer **Before Play** to receive their printed label which will give details of Competition, Name, Handicap, Date, Format and your account balance. In the event of a malfunction with the computer please sign into the Competition Entry Book **Before Play** and write your Name, Handicap, and Date on your scorecard.

3.2 Member's accounts must hold sufficient funds to cover entry fee for all competitions prior to play. Member's accounts can be credited in the Pro Shop. The minimum top-up is €20

3.3 Competitors play off the Red Tees and must start on the First Tee unless otherwise stated or displayed by the Course Superintendent.

***Note** Failure to enter the Competition correctly will result in the competitor not having an acceptable score either for competition or for handicap purposes*

4) Matchplay

4.1 The conditions under which Ladies Club Matchplay competition(s) are to be played shall be laid down by the Committee and displayed beside the Draw Sheets on the Noticeboard

5) Handicapping Rules & Allowances

5.1 Matchplay Allowance:

Singles: Full difference between the handicaps of the players
Fourball Better Ball: Back marker to concede strokes to the other three players based on 90% of the difference between the full handicaps.

6) Pace of Play:

6.1 Groups shall play without delay in accordance with the pace of play guidelines as laid down by the Club.

6.2 Players are expected to keep their place on the course by avoiding slow play – (your place on the course is immediately behind the group ahead and not immediately in front of the following group).

6.3 If a group fails to keep place on the Course and loses more than one hole on the players in front, it should invite the group following to pass.

7) Score Cards

7.1 All cards, complete or not should be returned. All Score cards should be marked and signed by the competitor and marker and entered in the Computer having completed their final hole.

7.2 The Committee requests that players assist the Committee:

- Total their strokes or stableford points on their score card in a clear and legible manner
- Enter scores into the computer.
- Place scorecard in the Scorecard Box. Only then is it deemed to be returned.

8) Disputes and Rules of Golf:

8.1 Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to the Handicap Committee, **as soon as possible**.

9) Decision on Ties

9.1 The manner in which Ties are decided will be by matching the tied score cards to determine the winner based on count-back, as follows:

- Last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole. If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes and final hole of the first nine holes will be considered in turn.
- Decide the last 9 holes –6-3-2-1 and if still ties, decide on last 3 holes -6-7-8 of the first 9. If this fails to produce a result the Competition is a tie.

10) Presentation of Prizes

10.1 Players are expected to turn up for prize presentations as a courtesy to our Sponsors, whose generosity is much appreciated. If in exceptional circumstances a person is unable to be present to receive a prize, the player must have a representative collect her prize. Prizes not collected will be retained by the Ladies Committee and used at their discretion.

10.2 Prizes will only be awarded when **Eight** or more competitors enter a competition (Including Thursday and Sunday) One person playing constitutes a Competition for handicap purposes

11) General Conditions:

The Committee reserves the right to:

11.1 Alter the published competition or terms of same if it is deemed necessary.

11.2 Cancel a competition due to insufficient entries to postpone or abandon it at any stage in exceptional circumstances, if the Committee so decides.

12) Lady Captains Prize, Captains Prize, Presidents Prize & Directors Cup

12.1 To be eligible to win any of the above Major's a member **must** have returned **3 Cards** in 18-Hole Single Ladies Club Competitions in the current year.

13) Use of Buggies

13.1 Use of buggies is permitted only when buggies are allowed on the Course. No Medical Certificate is required.

14) Junior Girls

14.1 Junior girls are eligible to PLAY in all ladies weekly competitions including 9 hole-qualifying competitions provided they play in company of an adult.

14.2 Junior girls are eligible to win all ladies club competitions; however, they are not eligible to win first Prize in the Majors i.e. Lady Captain's, Captain's, President's & Directors Cup.

14.3 Junior girls are eligible to play for Galway Bay in ILGU inter-club Ladies competitions

15) Suspension of play

15.1 The Captain, Club professional and Course Superintendent have the authority to suspend play.

15.2 In the event of thunder and lightning on the golf course, please consider your safety and leave the course for the duration of the thunder and lightning. Competitors must mark position of ball pending possible re-commencement of play. Contact the Lady Captain, Handicap Secretary or a member of the Handicap Committee before you resume play.

16) Maximum Score (*Rule 21.2)

16.1 For Stroke Competitions only and **excluding all Major Stroke Competitions**, the Maximum Score rule will apply "relative to par e.g. Two Times Par. Examples as follows:-

- Par 3 – Maximum Score 8
- Par 4 – Maximum Score 9
- Par 5 – Maximum Score 10

***Rule 21.2: Overview of Maximum Score**

"Maximum score is a form of stroke play where a player's or side's score for the hole is capped at a maximum number of strokes as set by the Committee, such as two times par, a fixed number or net double bogey"

17) Golfer of the Year (GOY)

17.1 Golfer of the Year starts from the first qualifying competition and ends on the last qualifying competition.

17.2 GOY Points will be awarded for all qualifying competitions only. There will be no GOY points for cancelled competitions.

17.3 GOY Points Allocation:

- *Majors* (Lady Captain's, Captain's, President's, Director's Cup): **Double** GOY Points.
- *Qualifying Singles Competitions*: **Single** Points.
- *Club Matchplay*: As Noted in the Matchplay Rules