

## Competition Rules

Elton Furze Golf Club Competitions are played in accordance with The Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU) regulations.

Only bona fide fully paid up members may enter EFGC competitions. Five day members must pay a green fee in order to play at weekends or bank holidays.

Players who have any golf 'professional' status may not participate in competitions.

Some competitions have restrictions. Players should check the competition entry criteria to entering their name.

With the exception of medals (Stroke Play or Stableford), all entrants must have a Competition (c) handicap. Competitors without a competition handicap can win Club medal competitions but not qualify for any regional final.

**The following is a new rule agreed at the Club's 2016 AGM ...**

For the Club's most high profile competitions, those with an honours board associated with them, a higher standard of entry criteria applies. Competitors are required to have played in at least **5 qualifying** competitions (in the 12 months prior to the date of the competition) that require an entry fee to be paid before they can win 'boarded' competitions. Entry details for such competitions will be made clear before people enter them.

Entry fees for competitions are payable via the computer touch screen in the clubhouse foyer using a club card. The entry fee will be deducted when the player has confirmed their tee time, at sign-in on the day of a competition. An entry fee will be refunded only if a member withdraws from the competition on the computer, or the member has notified the pro-shop prior to their booked tee time. A member, who having entered a competition, fails to attend at their tee time, will have their entry fee deducted when the competition is formally closed on the computer. Some knockout competitions may require members to place their entry fees in a clearly marked envelope and placed in the relevant box in the clubhouse foyer.

Players not previously entered in a medal, may play at the end of booked tee times, providing they book in via the touch screen and pay their entry fee. These players have no preference on the tee and must wait their turn. All other competitions must be entered by the last tee time on the date of the competition.

For all competitions, except knockouts which are exempt from signing in, players must register, prior to playing, on the day of a competition by signing in at the touch screen.

Any player who misses their booked starting time may not play at a later time.

A 'stipulated round' (see Rules of Golf definition) of golf at Elton Furze starts at the first hole and continues in the sequence 1-18. However, some specific competitions may allow starting at more than one tee.

In Midweek medals and Roll-Up medals only, players may commence their round on the tenth tee. In such cases players must ensure the correct starting tee is shown on their card. When arriving at the first tee, players who have started at the tenth tee have no priority and must wait their turn. Players in Midweek medals and Roll-Up medals may play only as two-ball, three-ball or four-ball.

Caddies may be used by players, as long as such use complies with the Rules of Golf. In knockout competitions members are asked, out of courtesy, to notify their opponents, at the time the date of the match is arranged, that they intend or might intend to use a caddy.

In the case of knockout competitions, please refer to the Knock Out Competition Rules. The winner/s of each round is/are, responsible for ensuring the result is entered before the closing date of that particular round. Disqualification may arise as a result of failure to comply.

The Committee may occasionally have cause to vary these rules. Any variation will be entered on the relevant competition notice board.

Players entering a competition will be expected to complete the full round of golf. Players unable to do so because of injury, illness or any other reason must enter their scores for all holes played and sign and return their cards.

Failure to comply with any of these rules may result in disqualification.

### **Rules that apply to Juniors**

A Junior is a playing member of EFGC as defined in the Proprietor's description:

*... any person under the age of 18 on 1 May and, for the purpose of competitions, will remain a Junior for the whole of that playing year, irrespective of their playing ability.*

The Club welcomes Junior golfers to play in its main competitions, but the rules and guidelines stated here apply at all times.

If Juniors play in main competitions payment regulations will apply as they do for adults.

The Rules of Golf, golf etiquette and the requirements of CONGU apply equally and with no exceptions for Juniors, in the same way they apply to adults.

When Juniors are eligible to enter adult knockout competitions, they must ensure that they are available to play on the day and at the time required and not be restricted by transport arrangements or educational commitments.

Any Junior in any main club competition must play with an adult member in their group, or have an adult member mark their card.

Juniors playing in any adult competition must play from the competition tees: Red for ladies (girls) and White (or Yellow in winter) for men (boys).

As is the case for all Club members, Juniors must not alter their chosen tee times if by doing so they would leave a fellow competitor without a playing partner.