

As we have now moved to Step 2 of the Protocol for the Re-Introduction of Golf in Northern Ireland, we are permitted to run closed club competitions. Therefore, gent's 18-hole handicap qualifying competitions will commence on Friday 12th June.

The World Handicap System (WHS) will be implemented in November; therefore members should try to play as many handicap qualifying rounds as possible before then in order to ensure their handicap is reassessed correctly.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, we will not be following our previous fixture list or playing any club match-play competitions. Trophies being played for will be decided prior to the results being published. We will review this strategy at the end of June and may re-publish a fixture list for the remainder of the season. Prize money will be dependant on the numbers playing in each competition and winnings will be credited to the members pro shop account.

We will be running 2 competitions at weekends, a Friday/Saturday competition and a Sunday competition, and all competitions will be Stableford Points. **For the Friday/Saturday competition, members can only play in the competition on either Friday or Saturday, not both.** They can however play casual golf on their non-competition day.

To play in a competition:

- Book a tee time on BRS. **You will not be permitted to play unless you have booked a time on BRS.**
- For Friday, Saturday and Sunday bookings, BRS will open at 6:45 pm on the preceding Monday.

On the day of the competition:

- Do not arrive at the club too far ahead of your tee-time and remember to observe all social distancing rules.
- Sign in to the competition in the pro shop, the £3 entry fee will be deducted from your competition Purse. If required, you can top up your competition purse in the Pro Shop, preferably using contactless payment.
- You will be asked if you wish to enter the two's competition; if you do the £1 entry fee will also be deducted from your competition purse.
- You will not be given either a card or sticky label – take your own card and write your Name, Handicap and the Day/Date on it.
- Agree which of your playing partners will be your marker – do not exchange cards with your playing partners.
- During the round mark your score on your own card in the Player A column and your marker's score in the Marker column.
- At the end of the round, verbally agree your score with your marker.
- Sign your card and write your markers name on it.
- Do not put your card into the card slot in the locker room – keep your card yourself in case there are any queries.

The handicap committee will not be working in the clubhouse so your card will not be collected.

Returning your score:

Your score must be returned electronically using the MasterScoreboard Online Scorecard.

Note: All MasterScoreboard passwords have been reset. If you cannot log in with your usual password, use the default password 'slowplay99' and when prompted reset your password.

- Log on to Master Scoreboard:
 - In a web browser, go to <http://www.ballyclaregolfclub.com> and click or tap the blue **MasterScoreboard** button.
 - Select your name from the **Player** list and enter your password (see note above).
 - On a PC, click on **Score Entry** in the menu across the top.
 - On a mobile device tap the **SCORE ENTRY** icon, bottom right.
- Click or tap **Enter a Score**.
- Choose the competition you are returning a score for.
- Ensure the correct Player and Tee are selected and click or tap **Next**.
- Enter your gross score (**not your points**) for each hole into the on-screen scorecard
- If you have a ding, enter the maximum score of 10 rather than zero.
- When you are happy everything is entered correctly press **Submit**.

If you can't use this method, you can either get your playing partner to enter your score on Master Scoreboard for you or email a picture of your card to mh@ballyclaregolfclub.com.

All scores must be submitted by 7.00pm on the following Monday. Any scores not received by then will result in disqualification. (This will not be strictly applied for the first couple of weeks to allow members to become familiar with returning scores electronically)

Results will be published to MasterScoreboard by the following Thursday.

Important Points to note:

Before commencing play check the club local rules as there may be changes due to changing regulations.

Rakes have been removed from bunkers. Personal rakes are available for purchase in the pro shop at a cost of £7. **Bunkers are in play – you should play the ball as it lies and smooth the sand after you have played out of the bunker.**

Flagsticks should remain in the hole when putting. The ball is considered holed when at rest with any part of it below the surface of the putting green, even if not lodged against the flagstick.

Members without a handicap are not permitted to play in competitions, so anyone who doesn't have a handicap should submit 3 cards as soon as possible. Anyone who had a handicap at another club should obtain a handicap report from their previous club and email it to mh@ballyclaregolfclub.com.

We will be reviewing the competition protocols regularly, so please keep checking your email for any changes or updates that may be applied.

If you need any information or help please email mh@ballyclaregolfclub.com.

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