



SWANSTON GOLF CLUB – LADIES SECTION CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION 2018

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1. The following Rules apply to all Ladies' strokeplay, bogey, par and stableford qualifying competitions at Swanston. Nothing in these Rules over-rides The R&A Rules of Golf, CONGU Unified Handicapping System and Swanston Golf Club Byelaws.
2. For all competitions, Ladies must register their intention to play by 4pm on the day before the competition by adding their name to the tee sheet via the website, BRS or by contacting the Shop directly.
3. If a player decides to withdraw from playing in a competition, she must inform the Shop or another competitor at least 30 minutes before the first tee time.
4. Before playing, competitors must “sign in” to play at the Shop where they will be instructed by staff on the arrangements for that day.
5. There is an optional sweep of £1.00 for ladies playing in all qualifying Swanston Ladies' competitions. This is payable at the Shop when “signing in” to play and should be paid prior to teeing off. The winner of a competition will receive the sum total of that competition's sweep in cash, provided she paid £1 prior to teeing off. The winner of the competition will be awarded the appropriate trophy, medal, etc at the Prizegiving whether or not she takes part in the sweep.
6. A further optional entry for Two's (£1.00) for all Swanston Ladies' qualifying competitions is payable through the Shop. (See separate sheet for more information on Two's).
7. It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure she checks her current CONGU handicap before playing and that this figure is written on her scorecard. A competitor will be disqualified if she plays off the wrong handicap.
8. For each competition with a blocked tee time, a blind draw will be organised by a Committee member at least 10 minutes before the first tee time. If no Committee member is available, another competitor will be appointed to organise the draw. It is the responsibility of each competitor to be aware of the block-booked tee times and to be ready for play before the draw. If any player arrives more than 5 minutes after the first tee time for a competition, she will be disqualified from playing in that competition.

9. At the conclusion of a qualifying competition, score cards should be checked and signed and returned to the Shop. Competitors will be instructed before the competition whether to use the computer to return scores or whether to hand signed cards to shop staff. When the Shop is closed, signed score cards should be placed in the box below the Ladies Noticeboard in the corridor outside the Shop.

10. **Scottish Golf Limited (SGL) Womens' Medals:**

During 2018, there will be the opportunity to play in 9 Scottish Golf Women's Medals at Swanston Golf Club. There will be one Saturday Medal each month April - September. There will also be one Thursday Medal each month May, June and July. Scottish Golf Women's Medals may not be cancelled because of too few entries.

It is preferred that members play within the booked slots. Any lady unable to play within the Medal block may play at a time convenient to herself on the Medal day provided her Medal score card is marked by "a responsible person acceptable to the Committee". In this regard, the Committee prefer that the marker is another competitor; or, failing that, a lady member of Swanston Golf Club who is willing to walk the course to mark a fellow member's card. Provided at least 3 days' notice is given, the Committee may be approached to assist in finding a marker.

The winners of Scottish Golf Limited (SGL) Womens' Silver and Bronze Medals (awarded annually) must have competed in a minimum of 4 SGL Medals during a golfing calendar year. The winners will be players from each category who return the lowest aggregate of four Nett Differentials between the Standard Scratch Score and the Nett Score in the designated SGL Women's Medal Competitions.

11. **Club Championship Qualifiers:**

In 2018, the results of the June and July Medals will be used to determine the seeding for the Ladies Championship. Only Full, Senior and Youth members can qualify. The better **gross** score of the two Medals is used for this purpose. If a lady enters only one Championship Qualifying Medal, that one gross score will be used. The Medal winner each month will still be the player with the best net score.

12. **Trophies :**

Swanston Ladies' qualifying Trophy competitions are listed on Page 5 (para A). These are open to Full, Senior, Limited and Youth members within the booked slots and are subject to a blind draw.

13. **Stablefords:**

All Ladies' 18-hole (x8) and 9-hole (x4) Stablefords are qualifying competitions. Ladies must play within the booked slots and will be subject to a blind draw.

14. **Supplementary Scores:**

A player intending to return a Supplementary Score must notify the Shop before their round. If that player then does not return a scorecard, their handicap is increased by 0.1.

Players in **Handicap Categories 2-6** are eligible to submit as many Supplementary Scores as they wish per year over 18 holes or designated 9 holes, at any club of which they are a member; the same applies to **Category 1 players with handicap of 2.5 to 5.4**, though they may only complete supplementary scores at their **home** club. **Category 1 players with a handicap of 2.4 and below** can only submit a maximum of 3 Supplementary Scores just to retain their handicap and only between 1 September and 31 December.

15. **Cancellation:**

Qualifying Medal competitions may not be cancelled due to bad weather unless the course is declared unplayable under The Rules of Golf in which case the cancelled Medal competition will be re-arranged at a future date. If a Medal competition already underway is officially abandoned and therefore declared null and void, the Competition Scratch Score shall be regarded as equal to the Standard Scratch Score and players, who have already completed the course, returning nett differentials of less than zero shall have their exact handicaps reduced to the extent dictated by the nett differential. A nett differential of zero or above shall not result in a handicap increase.

16. **Postponement:**

The Ladies' Committee may make the decision, prior to commencement of any competition other than a Medal competition, to postpone due to bad weather. The Ladies' Committee in consultation with the Club will arrange another suitable date.

17. **Disputes and Complaints:**

These will only receive consideration if put in writing (e-mail acceptable) and sent to the Lady Captain for the attention of the Ladies' Committee.

18. **Ladies' Conditions of Competition:**

This document will be posted on the Ladies' Section of Swanston website and on the main Ladies' Noticeboard. The Conditions of Competition will be reviewed annually at the start of each calendar year and revised as necessary by the Ladies' Committee. Any relevant comments should be submitted in writing for the attention of the Ladies' Committee. The Conditions of Competition will be retrospectively ratified at the AGM.

Any revisions to this document during the course of the year will be e-mailed to members, posted on the Ladies' Section website and on the Ladies' Noticeboard within 7 days of revisions being agreed by the Ladies' Committee with an explanation for the changes.

19. **Annual Handicap Review:**

This will be carried out in December or January each year by the Handicap Secretary in consultation with the Ladies Committee. If there is a recommended change to a member's handicap, she will be notified by the Handicap Secretary. A list of members and their handicap changes will be posted on the Noticeboard.

Swanston Ladies' Committee - March 2018

SWANSTON LADIES' COMPETITIONS 2018 to be played April - September

- A. Qualifying competitions:** all are open to Full, Senior, Limited and Youth. Competitions marked ** are open to 5 day members as well (only on weekdays):
 Saturday/Sunday Medals (6)
 Thursday Medals (3) **
 Saturday/Sunday 18 hole Stablefords (6)
 Thursday 18 hole Stablefords (2) **
 Thursday 9 hole Stablefords (4) **
 Stableford Trophy (May) - stableford
 Summer Cup (June) - strokeplay
 Bogey Trophy (August) - like stableford scoring (see explanation at foot of page)
 September Cup (September) - strokeplay
- B. Non-qualifying competitions:** open to Full, Senior, Limited and Youth. Competitions marked ** are open to 5 day members as well:
 Caerketton Trophy (flag - see explanation at foot of page)
 3-Club competition (strokeplay)
 Friendship Cup ** (either Greensomes or Foursomes)
 Putting Challenge **
 Lady Captain's Day ** (format will be chosen by Lady Captain)
 Lady Captain -v- Vice Captain (on Templar) **
 Christmas Charity game (on Templar) **
- C. Hareburn Trophy: Matchplay;** non-qualifying - open to Full, Senior and Youth. Limited and 5-day members are excluded. Details for draw, rules, etc will be circulated in March.
- D. Club Championships:** open to Full, Senior and Youth. Limited and 5-day members are excluded.
 Ladies' Silver Trophy and Bronze Trophy (qualifying Medals played in June and July)
- E. Swanston Ladies Greensomes Open:**
 Sunday 27th May 2018 - entry fee £15 per pair
- F. Informal Competitions:**
Janice Sutherland Trophy - Texas Scramble in teams with Senior Gents in April, with return game, **Jim MacLeod Memorial Trophy**, in August - both for charity.
The Nine Hole Challenge - Matchplay over 9 holes; open to all members of main course.
- G. Friendlies - Greensomes:**
 Played against other Clubs during the summer months, usually 3 pairs per Club; either Home or Away; with a meal provided after the game.

Bogey Competition (see qualifying comps): similar to Stableford scoring.
 0 = Par; Bogey or worse = - (minus); Birdie or better = + (plus). At end count up how many up (+) or down (-) against par.

Flag Competition (see non-qualifying comps): Strokeplay.
 Shots allowed = your handicap + SSS. Play until you have used all your shots - place your flag where final shot taken from. Winner: flag furthest on course.

