

### **SENIOR'S SECTION GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES**

This section complements, and shall be read in conjunction with, the HWM Constitution. Unlike the Constitution this document can be amended by The Committee at any time to accommodate immediate and changing requirements but any permanent changes need to be ratified at the next AGM.

1. The Men's Senior's Section (collectively named as The Highwaymen – HWM) is open to all members aged 55 or over. The HWM meet on a Thursday morning from the Club's first tee time; registration is on a roll-up basis and names are entered into the competition start sheet in order of appearance. The registration desk is manned by Committee members or volunteers and is nominally open for one hour after the first tee time of the day.
2. Roll Up – on signing in each person pays an agreed sum (currently £2) which is then used as follows:
  - £1 is used to fund that day's competition prizes,
  - £1 is retained by the HWM's funds to be used mainly for charitable donations, gratuities, contingency costs, subsidies etc.
3. The prime purpose of the HWM is to promote and organise social and competitive golf, arrange internal competitions and inter-club matches. A minimum of 12 qualifying competitions will be arranged each year. Trophies and prizes are awarded at the Annual HWM Dinner in December and presented by the outgoing Captain.
4. Handicaps shall be in accordance with CONGU rules; however some competitions will have a handicap limit of 28 which will be advertised accordingly. For internal individual competitions handicap reductions are given to winners of the prize money as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> cut by 3; 2<sup>nd</sup> cut by 2; 3<sup>rd</sup> cut by 1; 4<sup>th</sup> cut by 1. This is to balance handicaps in order to give other players a chance of winning prize money. Such reductions are effective for the periods 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> March when they are re-set to CONGU handicaps. The HWM handicaps only apply for winning prize money in individual competitions. CONGU handicaps apply in team competitions.
5. Inter club matches are arranged by the Match Secretary and advertised accordingly. Players are encouraged to participate in these matches with away team selection favouring those who play in the home matches.
6. Entry to most competitions/roll-ups is open to all HWM without restriction. However, players wishing to enter the following competitions must have played in at least 6 Roll-Ups, or inter club matches, in the preceding 12 months to qualify for entry:

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- Thomas Trophy (medal off the white tees);
- Costello Bowl (individual matchplay knockout);
- Kim Short Trophy (4 clubs and a putter, stableford format);
- Staunton Memorial Shield (randomly selected pairs competition);
- Serenyi Salver (medal off the yellow tees with players allowed strokes equal to their age plus handicap. The winner of the salver is the player who gets the furthest round the course with their allowed strokes);
- Winter Pairs (stableford pairs better ball).
- Balgarnie Cup (stableford competition for HWM aged 70 or over)
- Elliott Cup (summer competition played over 7 rounds)
- Eclectic (winter competition played over 7 rounds)

The Committee also reserves the right to apply a maximum handicap, irrespective of CONGU handicaps, in certain competitions.

7. In addition to the above competitions friendly matches are arranged with the ladies' section, namely:
- Baxter Trophy: mixed teams Texas Scramble
  - Chris and Derek Thomas Bowl: mixed pairs competition.
  - Patricia Baxter Trophy: Mixed teams of four, two ladies and two men, with best two Stableford scores to count

Currently, games are also arranged with HWM against WGC Staff and the Tuesday Boys.