

# Scottish Seniors Golfing Society General Terms of Competitions



## 1. Rules of Golf

All SSGS Events shall be played in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf, and any specific Terms of the Competition.

All events will be run by Scottish seniors Golfing Society to whom all disputes will be referred and whose decision will be final.

In the case of entry by a golfer with disability, he/she can apply to SSGS for adoption of the Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities.

## 2. Amateur Status

All players must be of amateur status as defined by the Rules of Amateur Status.

## 3. Entries & Fees

- a) All entries must be completed and received by SSGS by 12 noon on the closing date. They must be accompanied by payment either by direct Bank Transfer or by Cheque payable to 'SSGS'.
- b) It is the entrant's responsibility to check that their entry has been received by the closing date.
- c) SSGS will only consider late entries should the maximum field size not be achieved, on a first come first served basis.
- d) In the event of a competition being over-subscribed, the level of entries will be reduced to maximum field size number in order of exact handicap at close of entry. (See SSGS Ballot Rules for full details)
- e) If any entrant withdraws after the closing date their withdrawal is final.
- f) An entry fee will only be refunded if the entrant confirms their withdrawal prior to the closing date by email to [comps@scottishseniorsgolf.com](mailto:comps@scottishseniorsgolf.com) , or if they fail to gain entry to any event as a result of a ballot.
- g) Competitors must walk at all times during a stipulated round, unless granted permission to use a buggy by SSGS prior to event.
- h) All entries are subject to approval of SSGS who reserve the right to refuse or accept or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry.
- i) Correspondence will be sent electronically where an email address has been provided. All Competition information will be available to view on [www.scottishseniorsgolf.com](http://www.scottishseniorsgolf.com) Entrants will require to view their starting time on SSGS website after draw has been completed. SSGS will not be held responsible for any correspondence that fails to arrive or be delivered.

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## 4. Handicaps

- a) The exact handicap certified at close of entry by Centralised Database Handicap (CDH)/Member ID from country of origin' will be used for all purposes.
- b) Where an entry is made using the (CDH)/Member ID from country of origin' no further handicap verification will be required. However, it is the entrants' responsibility to ensure that their exact handicap is up to date at all times. SSGS will take no responsibility for any out of date handicap used for balloting purposes.
- c) Entries received from Non CDH/Member ID players will only be accepted if the player's handicap is verified by their Home Union/Federation/Association at close of entry.
- d) Entrants entering from GB&I must be in a possession of a CONGU Competition Handicap.
- e) Entrants holding both a CONGU and overseas authority handicap must enter the championship using their CONGU handicap.
- f) Entrants entering with a USGA handicap or a handicap from another country adopting the USGA handicap system, will be required to have held a USGA handicap index for a continual period of 3 years or more. **Exception:** A competitor who has held a USGA handicap index for less than 3 years will be considered for entry if their last held handicap under a recognised handicapping system would gain entry under the ballot system.

## 5. Reserves

- a) Entrants who fail to gain entry will be allocated a place on a reserve list in order of exact handicap at close of entry.
- b) A reserve list will be maintained and managed by SSGS. Should a place(s) in the starting field become available, reserves will be invited to play in the order they are listed on the reserve list.
- c) Should a reserve be unable to be reached, SSGS reserve the right to contact the next available reserve on the list in order to obtain a full starting field.
- d) Refunds of entry fees will be issued to those entrants who fail to gain entry, at the end of the calendar year, in order to reduce costs to SSGS.

## 6. Withdrawals

- a) In the event of a competitor withdrawing after the closing date, the entry fee will not be refunded. Any request for a refund will be subject to consideration on the individual merit.
- b) Withdrawals will not be accepted at any time unless confirmed by email to [comps@scottishseniorsgolf.com](mailto:comps@scottishseniorsgolf.com)
- c) Any competitor who:
  - Withdraws from an event after the draw has been published.
  - Fails to appear on the tee at their appointed start time.
  - Having commenced an event fails to continue for a reason explained to SSGS and deemed unacceptable.

May be subject to an automatic ban (or other disciplinary action) from playing in or entering any SSGS event for such a period as SSGS deem appropriate

## 7. Registration

Competitors must register with the event administrators on the day of the event a minimum of 30 mins prior to their tee time. Failure to do so may result in their tee time being re-allocated.

## 8. Inclement Weather or Exceptional Circumstances

If, in the opinion of SSGS, it becomes impossible to complete an event in accordance with that events Terms of the Competition, because of adverse weather or other circumstances, SSGS reserves the right to amend the event format to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

## 9. Trophies / Prizes

All trophies awarded for any event shall be retained by Scottish Seniors Golfing Society.

Competitors may only win one prize per event. Where a competitor qualifies to win multiple prizes the higher value category takes precedent and any other (s) will be awarded to the next eligible competitor(s).

## 10. Policies/Procedures

The following policies and local rules apply to all Scottish Seniors Golfing Society events and are available at [www.scottishseniorsgolf.com](http://www.scottishseniorsgolf.com)

- a) Terms of the Competition
- b) Disciplinary Policy
- c) Code of Conduct Policy
- d) Pace of Play Policy
- e) Anti-Doping Rules – SSGS follow the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by UK Anti-Doping (or its successor), as amended from time to time. Such rules shall take effect and be construed as the rules. You can find the UK Anti-Doping Rules at <http://www.ukad.org.uk>.

## 11. Disclaimer/Consent

Neither the host venue nor Scottish Seniors Golfing Society can be held responsible for any personal injury, loss of or damage to equipment, or personal possessions at any SSGS event.

When you enter with the intention of competing in a SSGS event you give consent for your personal information to be collected in order to confirm your entry and provide you with any event specific information directly related to your participation in the event.

You have the right to object to SSGS using your personal information for the above purposes. Should you wish to object please contact [comps@scottishseniorsgolf.com](mailto:comps@scottishseniorsgolf.com) to have your details removed. Please be aware that by removing data may result in you not being able to directly receive championship specific and draw information which may affect your ability to compete.