

## SSGS COMPETITION BALLOT RULES

### **Points Considered**

Maximum fields at Regional Opens and Spring and Autumn meetings will be 141 and this will be exceeded from time to time. Smaller size field exist for Matchplay events.

- It is neither practical nor fair to increase entry numbers beyond this figure as the volunteer administrator's day already stretches from circa. 07:30 to 20:00.
- Ballot system and reserve list/standby rules must be fair and we must be able to demonstrate that fairness. We have to differentiate between under and over 55's in the ballot system as we have a rule whereby no more than 20% of the field can be in the 50-55 age band.
- Members travelling a distance usually travel in two's and three's and arrange accommodation together.
- As approved at the AGM in August 2017 all Honorary Members and Committee Members and the winner of the Annual Dinner Free entry prize, are exempt from the Ballot.

### **Rules for ballot in the event of oversubscribed tournaments.**

1. Where the maximum entry level of 141 is exceeded as at closing date (28 days prior to each event) then a ballot system will be employed, based on exact handicap at date of entry.
2. The ballot system will operate on two separate lists, under 55's and 55's and over.
3. The under 55's ballot will ensure that the Society's rule that "Under 55's comprise no more than 20% of the maximum field" is enforced.
4. Those balloted out will form two reserve lists and will have the opportunity of a) withdrawing from, or b) remaining on the lists.
5. Those remaining on the two reserve lists will be given the opportunity to join the field, in order of their handicaps, if spaces become available before the tournament date.
6. The opportunity will be on a like for like basis, i.e. if an over 55 withdraws then the next person on the over 55's reserve list will be offered his place, The same rule will apply to the under 55's **UNLESS** the person at the head of the over 55's list has a lower handicap. In that case he would be offered the vacant place.
7. Those players remaining on the 2 reserve lists whp have not gained a place through withdrawal of another player before the start of the event are free to attend the event as standby players. They will require to register with the administrators on arrival and will be treated on a first come first served basis, irrespective of handicap. If a standby player is required to leave before the last tee time, he should advise the administrators of his intention to do so in which case the next in line will move up.
8. It is a **STRICT RULE** that if a standby player does not receive a cancellation place during the event **he will not be permitted** to compete at the end of the field.

**NOTE:** Any player not gaining a place in the field as a result of the ballot will receive a full refund of their entry fee.