

Lee Valley Ladies Club



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Terms of Competition

▪ Method of Entry

Select competition to enter on **BRS** or book via phone call to the Pro Shop. Booking opens Monday nights at 9pm for Saturday, Sunday and the following Wednesday competitions.

Sign in for the competition on the computer in the locker room or pro shop.

Players are responsible for checking details of the competition in the

Pro Shop prior to all competitions (i.e. Are bunkers in play /or not, preferred. Lies, Holes in Play etc.)

▪ Entry Fee

Entry fees are taken through the purse on the BRS System. Closing time for entry is 23:00 on Tuesday for Wednesday competitions and 19:00 on the eve of Saturday and Sunday competitions. If you cancel after this time your money will not be refunded. If the competition is cancelled or the course is closed no money will be taken from your account. This equally applies to Open Days.

▪ Scorecard

Players are requested to put their name, the date and competition name on their scorecard.

Please ensure that full handicap index, course handicap and playing handicap are recorded or affix your printed label, which will have all these details.

Ensure the scorecard contains the signature of the **marker** and the **player**. Any changes made to the scorecard must be initialled by the marker.

It is the responsibility of the marker to enter your score into the computer and ensure that the scores entered agree with the scorecard. Place the completed scorecard in the Cártaí box provided as soon as possible after completion of the competition.

All cards **must be returned** in all Competitions. Failure to return your scorecard will be subject to a penalty following an initial warning.

▪ Times of Starting

Players must start at the time entered into the computer timesheet. Ladies must play off the Red tees at all times unless otherwise advised. All Competitions will start on the First Tee unless otherwise advised.

Players must be on the First tee ready to play 5 minutes prior to their starting time. If the player arrives on the tee box up to 5 minutes after her starting time the penalty is **2 strokes** or loss of hole in match play.

If the player is more than 5 minutes late the penalty is **disqualification**.

- **Format of Competition**

The format of each competition Stroke or Stableford will be displayed on BRS.

It is possible to run Stroke Competition and Stableford Competition (9hole) in conjunction with each other, if decided by the committee. All Stroke medal competitions will be full stroke.

- **Amalgamated Competitions**

There will be a quorum of 25 required in order to run a valid competition over 2 days, i.e. an amalgamated competition eg. Helen Hodson Memorial, Easter Hamper, Christmas Hamper. If the quorum is not reached or the Wednesday competition day is cancelled the previous Saturday will revert to a 'stand-alone' competition.

All alternate day competitions will proceed the main competition day of Wednesday. In keeping with Golf Ireland recommendations, these competitions will be no more than seven days apart.

- **Eligibility for competitions**

The player must be a paid up member, including club levy, of Lee Valley golf club (except invitational / Open Days) and must hold a valid WHS Handicap, (a handicap calculated on the return of 20 acceptable scores)

- **Quorum for Competitions**

A minimum of 6 golfers are required for Wednesday 13/18 hole competitions. This adjusts to a minimum of 5 golfers for each of the weekend 13/18 hole and Wednesday 9 hole competitions.

- **Delayed Opening**

In the case of delayed course opening, the Competition stands and the running order of the original timesheet will remain in place from when the course is opened by the course staff. Any player whose tee time has passed can re book via the pro shop if space allows and play in the competition.

- **Pace of play & "Ready Golf"**

Reminder to all players of their obligations regarding pace of play

- Be on time and ready to play at your designated tee time.
- Be ready to play every shot when it is your turn. Have your club to hand.
- Tradition of having the honour at the tee box can still be relevant provided the lady in question is ready to take her position on the tee box without delay.
- Leave your bag at the side of the green nearest the next tee.
- Mark the card as others in the group are teeing off.
- Walk as you talk, do not delay play for conversation.

- It is your responsibility to keep behind the group ahead and not ahead of the group behind.
- If you are falling behind for any reason, invite the group behind to play through.
- Play a provisional ball if you think your ball will be lost or may be out of bounds.
- A ball not found within **3 minutes** is lost and out of play.

- **Prize Structure**

Prizes to the value of 50% of intake will be given out in all competitions in a ratio of one prize for 6 players. For Saturday and Sunday competitions this adjusts to one prize for 5 players.

Prize value increases for major days.

- **Procedure for General Play/Casual Golf for handicap purposes**

Players should ensure that they sign the book in the locker room prior to starting their round. Player must create a scorecard in their Golf Ireland app before playing from the first tee. Player should make their playing partners aware of their intention to submit a casual round for handicap purposes. Playing partner must mark and sign the card. Player's card must be returned to the Cártaí box after the round. The score should be recorded in the player's Golf Ireland app after they finish playing. When completing a scorecard use – PU or O when you exceed the strokes allowed for your handicap. NP when an allowed hole is not played.

- **Matchplay Competitions**

Entry for match play competitions will be via BRS and entry fee will be taken from the purse. The conditions of the club match play competitions will be displayed on the draw sheets and posted on the Notice Board.

Matches must be played by the stated date. No extensions.

A match that ends all square shall be played off hole by hole until one side wins a hole.

- **Winter League and Spring Challenge**

On the day of play the competition is run over the **first nine holes in play**. Return your signed scorecard to the correct box in the locker room after playing.

- **Major Competitions**

A Handicap Index of 36.0 will apply to all Major competitions.

- ✓ A player must have played in **three 18 hole** single qualifying competitions in the current year in Lee Valley and returned completed score cards.
- ✓ The player must be a member of Lee Valley Ladies Club on Jan 1st of the current year.
- ✓ The player must have paid her membership fees.
- ✓ The player must have a fully developed handicap index i.e. a handicap index calculated from 20 acceptable scores.

9 Hole on Major Days:

- The 9 hole will be a stableford competition
- A player must have played in **six 9 hole** single qualifying competitions or **three 18 hole** qualifying competitions in the current year (a total of 54 holes)
- The player must be a paid up member
- The player must have a fully developed handicap index i.e. a handicap index calculated from 20 acceptable scores. These can be a combination of 9 and 18 hole scores.

Juniors on Major Days:

- Junior girls with a handicap of 39.9 or less are eligible to play in 18 hole competitions only.
- They must have a fully developed handicap index (i.e. a handicap index calculated from 20 acceptable scores)
- They must have played in **three 18 hole single** qualifying competitions in Lee Valley in the current year.
- Junior members will be ineligible to win the Overall or Runner up prize.

▪ **Golfer of the Year**

At the beginning of each year it will be decided which competitions will be considered qualifying for Golfer of the Year (GOY). For the months of May, June, July August and September Stroke GOY competitions will be played on Wednesdays.

GOY will be the highest amalgamated points of $\frac{3}{4}$ of eligible competitions depending on how many are run during the year.

In the event of a tie at the end of the year the best 6 scores for each player from qualifying competitions will be taken into account. If a tie remains the decision will revert to the best 3 scores.

▪ **Stableford/Stroke play competitions**

Ties in all 18 hole stroke play competition will be decided as follows;

Last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes, finally the last hole. If still undecided, the last 12 holes will be used to decide the winner.

▪ **Suspension of Play**

The Greenkeeper/Company or two members of Committee may suspend play due to adverse weather conditions. If play is suspended due to a dangerous situation (e.g. lightning) play must be discontinued immediately.

The committee reserves the right to alter, postpone or abandon any competition prior to the start of the competition.

A competition cannot be cancelled once completed despite difficult playing conditions.

- **Handicap Stroke Allowance**

Singles – Full handicap allowance

Four-Ball - each player receives 90% of handicap

Foursomes – half of the aggregate handicap of partners.

Scotch Foursomes/Greensomes- Full Greensome handicap.

In all handicap stroke competitions, a fraction of one half or more counts as a full stroke; any other fractions are disregarded.

Committees have the discretion to define the stroke allowance in the Team events –

e.g. 1/10 of total handicap in Scramble etc.

Calculation of Greensome handicap = (lower hcp x 0.6) + (higher hcp x 0.4).

- **Juniors Golfers (u.18)**

All junior girls with a handicap of 39.9 or less are eligible to compete in the ladies competitions.

Junior girls are ineligible to win first prize or the runner up prize in the following competitions;

Easter hamper, Lady Captains, Mr Captains, Mr Presidents and Lady Presidents and Christmas

hamper. Where the timesheet cannot accommodate all adult golfers, junior golfers will be

restricted from entry. For this reason booking opens for juniors on Thursday evenings for at 7pm

for the following Saturday and Wednesday competitions.

Additionally junior girls with a handicap greater than 39.9 are eligible to compete in nominated 9

hole and 18 hole competitions. These golfers may not enter all stroke medal competitions

including the Lady Captain's competition.

A relaxed dress code is in place for all junior golfers.

Whilst the Ladies club will do their utmost to ensure health and safety and safeguarding of all

Junior members it is ultimately the responsibility of their parents to know who their playing

partners are.

- **Closing of Competitions**

In all competitions, players are responsible for ensuring their scorecard is returned promptly after

completing their round. Competitions will be closed by the end of the day. Every effort will be

made to publish results as soon as feasible after a competition.

- **Adjustments to Booking**

If you need to amend or remove your booking, as a courtesy to your playing partners, please

communicate with those golfers you were due to play with.

- **Buggies**

Use of buggies in competition is restricted to those with doctor's certificate.

- **Open Days**

A maximum playing handicap of 36.0 will be in operation for all open day competitions.

- **Distance measuring devices (DMDs)**

DMDs may be used provided they measure distance only. The use of DMDs which are capable of measuring elements other than distance are prohibited even if those functions are disabled.

Penalty of breach: **Disqualification.**

It is at the discretion of the Ladies' Committee to amend these Terms of Competition as deemed necessary. The decision of the Ladies Committee is final.

The committee reserves the right to alter competitions according to conditions of the course.

Ladies Committee 2026

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