



Rossendale Golf Club

Men's Competition Rules

1. From 1st April no Member is entitled to play in any Club competition unless, or until, they have paid their annual subscription or direct debit.
2. **When the starting sheet for the competition has been finalised on the night prior to the competition, you are deemed to have entered the competition and are liable for the entry fee. If for any reason you are unable to play on the day of the competition you must inform your playing partners AND the Professional.**
3. Competitors who wish to alter their starting times **must** ensure before they do so that their original playing partner is accompanied by at least one member. Apart from extreme circumstances competitors will **NOT** be allowed to alter their starting times on the day of competition.
4. **Competitors entering two-day competitions must be available to play on the final day if qualifying.**
5. All rounds of 'knockout' competitions must be completed by the specified date and any games not completed will result in both parties being eliminated. Winners of each round are responsible for entering the result immediately after the match has been played. No substitutes are permitted at any stage of a Pairs knockout competition, unless with the permission of the Competitions Secretary.
6. It is the duty of all competitors to ensure that the Rules of Golf are strictly applied at all times. **With particular reference to late arrival on the tee, offenders must penalise themselves as per Rule 6.3.**
7. Competitors' cards must be clearly marked with the date, competitor's name and handicap. Failure to do so will result in disqualification under Rule 6.6.b.
8. Play in a competition may not start before the time fixed by the Competition Committee. A complete round of 18 holes may not be commenced after 5.00pm except for mid-week competitions.
9. **All** competitors **must** play off their lowest Club handicap. All competitors are responsible for the declaration of their correct handicap.
10. Players taking part in a competition may pass other matches upon a request being made. The order of priority in knockout competitions shall be two-balls, greensomes and four-balls.
11. **Any player in a major competition knowing that he cannot be present to receive his prize must: -**
 - a) Before commencing play, inform the Donor, Captain, Vice Captain, Member of Competition Committee or the Professional of his inability to attend the presentation.
 - b) Sign his competition card stating that he cannot attend the presentation.
 - c) Nominate another player to accept the prize on his behalf.Failure to comply with **a, b or c**, could result in the prize being forfeited.
12. No competitor may take more than one prize in any competition.
13. It is the responsibility of any group to keep up with the group in front. If any group loses a clear hole and is delaying the group behind, they should invite those behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, the faster moving group should be invited to play through.

Attention is drawn to the Rules of Golf governing pace of play.

Members are reminded that the Competition Committee has the power to penalise players for

persistent slow play. Complaints regarding the slow play of individual members should be made in writing to the Competition Committee.

14. The minimum number of competitors required to constitute a medal round shall be six in each division.
15. At the discretion of the Council, juniors shall be eligible to play in competitions, provided that their handicap is at least one stroke less than their age and they pay the subscription applicable for an 18-year-old member.
16. Playing times will be strictly in accordance with those allocated by the Competition Committee.
17. Players **must** ensure that their competition cards are processed through the personal score input (PSI) system, when in use, and their cards whether complete, must be signed immediately and posted in the competition box. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
18. **Members should be familiar with the new rules and recommendations relating to Pace of Play (Rules of Golf 2019 5.6b) taking their shot as quickly and as safely as possible.**
19. Players having played the 13th hole and before taking their drive at the 14th, **must** allow players following to drive off.
20. Players on the 18th hole must, on reaching the green, mark their balls and allow the players following to drive off.
21. The ruling of the Competition Committee is final at all times.
22. Council are determined to improve standards and will take action in cases of: -
 - failing to honour starting times
 - late arrival on the tee
 - slow play
 - failing to apply rules regarding procedure when a ball is lost
23. Only GPS devices which measure, or gauge **distance** may be used in Competitions (Rules of Golf 14-3)