

## Terms and Conditions for Competition Play at Mayobridge Golf Club 2023

The introduction of the World Handicap System has been a source of frustration for both members and competition administrators alike. This shock to the system has not just been exclusive to Mayobridge Golf Club. It's been a hot topic in clubhouses throughout Ireland. However, it is now a season old. It appears that there are signs of increasing stability in the system as it collects more data and members increase their knowledge of its workings and become more accepting of it.

The WHS has produced some initial handicap indexes the likes of which we have never seen before. These have been for comparatively younger players too. We know that the 'improvement curve' for the player who has a higher handicap index or is new to the game can be quite steep and that their potential to play considerably under handicap is relatively high. Conversely, the potential for our established lower handicap players to play considerably under handicap is much lower and highly improbable.

For this reason the Committee of Mayobridge Golf Club have decided on the following for 2023

- **New divisional section prizes** Low Section (0-18) & High Section (19-54) based on playing handicap
- There is now a Handicap limit on **Overall Winner of All Competitions (maximum handicap index of 33.3 which equates to a playing handicap of 28 at Mayobridge) UNLESS you have 20 handicapping scores on your whs record within the last 12 months**, i.e. a full handicap record so the world handicapping system can use the average of the best 8 out of 20.

This means that older and long standing members whose handicaps are on the increase can still compete with handicap index above 33.3 Whilst Newer members with higher initial handicaps can and should still compete to build their handicap record and of course be in with a chance of winning any prize apart from overall Winner, until they get 20 scores on their whs record or their handicap index gets to 33.3 or below.

- To Win a **MAJOR** you must have at least 10 handicap counting scores on your handicap record in the previous Qualifying Period in which at least 6 must be in competition.

As a Modern Club All Competitions at Mayobridge Can be entered by  
Men, Women & Junior Members

**Competition Entry Fees** Remain at £3 entry plus optional £2 twos bet, unless otherwise stated. Matchplay Singles and Pairs will also be £3 per person. Mayobridge Masters entry is £10 for members which covers both days entry and both days twos. Midsummer Shotgun Start will be held on Friday 24th June , members entry including twos and Food is £10. It will have an afternoon start of 1.30pm and the usual 5.30pm evening start to accommodate higher entry numbers. The Win Your Membership comp on 10th/11th Sep entry is £8 plus £2 twos.

**The Optional Two's Bet is £2 and available in most comps**, this is a private wager amongst adult members and paid out in cash, the maximum two's payout is limited to £100 per person in any given comp with balance rolled over, unless there is a hole in one, then the full pot goes to that person to help them cover the bar bill. Juniors cannot enter two's comp.

**It is the players own responsibility to sign in to the competition on the computer prior to every round (with entry fee paid) and to enter their score on the computer after their round, plus submit their scorecard to the members' scorecard box.** Scores incorrectly entered on the computer may result in DQ.

### **All Competition Scorecards Must be Returned after your round**

If a member does not return their scorecard they will be suspended from competitions for a period of seven days from the close of that competition.

## **Competition Prizes**

\*Please Note that the Competitions Committee always reserves the right to reduce prizes if the number of entries are not sufficient to justify the full prize payout.

Normal Weekend Comps

- Overall Winner £35, Section Winner £35, Section Runner Up £25

Normal Weekday Summer Cups Rounds

- Overall Winner £30, Section winner £30, Section Runner Up £20

Spring & Autumn Cup Weekday Rounds

- Overall Winner £20, Section Winner £20, Section Runner Up £10

Overall Series Spring, Summer & Autumn Cup Winner £30

New Gross Prize on Weekend Weekend Competitions for both Stableford & Stroke Play

ECL Bowl Overall Series Winner ' Best Net over the All Rounds' £50

if it is a draw the winner is decided by computer countback, also there is a New ECL Plate which is for the Best Gross score over all ECL rounds £25, again computer countback if a draw.

Match Play Cup & Shield Winners £50, Match Play Pairs Winners £35 each

The 2022 Order of Merit Winner £50

## The Majors

The Subway Open, The Presidents Cup, The Midsummer Shotgun BBQ, Captain's Day, The Mayobridge Masters, The Champion Of Champions.

### Major Competition Prizes

Overall Winner 1st £75, Runner Up In Winners Section £25, Other Section Winner £35, Other Section Runner Up £25, Best Gross Prize For Stableford Majors £25

We usually Run a open draw for playing partners in all our majors, simply put your name on the entry sheet in the pro shop in the week or two preceding the event to be in the draw. Draws will then be posted on the members whatsapp group.

### **Club Matchplay Cup, Matchplay Shield Matchplay Random Pairs & Matchplay Foursomes**

Singles Matchplay Allowance 100% of Course Handicap Difference, however there is now a Maximum of 18 Strokes given by one competitor to another.

Four Ball Pairs 90% of Course Handicap Difference with lowest player off zero, max 18 strokes allowance by any competitor against another player.

Foursomes, 50% of combined team Handicap

The Matchplay Events are a Great way to meet other members, as the draws are randomly done by computer, the random pairs are entered singularly and we do a draw for your partner, again a great way to get to know other members. So when you see the sheets go up for entry in the pro shop, get your name down straight away to make sure you're in the draw.

Rules for arranging matches, No extensions will be given, members should get your matches arranged and played early. Individual rounds must be played by the dates shown on the draw sheet in the pro shop. It is the responsibility of the person/team at the top of the draw to arrange and complete any match by the due date, they should make contact with the person/team below at least 2 weeks prior to completion date and should offer 3 dates , two will be weekend, and one a weekday evening, these dates must be spread over 2 weeks leading up to completion date. Matches should use the tees being used for competition on the day the match is being played. **If on the final due date of any round, the match has not been played yet 3 dates have been offered for play. Then if a player/team makes themselves available in the pro shop at 1pm to play the match, and their opponents are not there, they will be deemed the winner and progress to next round, if neither person/team are there and ready to play then both will be disqualified. On Final Due Dates we will endeavour to have a member of the club committee in the Pro Shop at 1pm to progress players through or disqualify.**

Matchplay rounds Must Not be played concurrently with any other comps.

The overall Singles winners of the Matchplay Cup and Matchplay Shield should then play at a mutually agreeable date to get their name on the braggers trophy.

## **Series Cups - Spring, Summer & Autumn**

Spring Cup, Best 6 Out of 8 Rounds

Summer Cup, Best 12 out of 16 Rounds

Autumn Cup, Best 6 or 8 Rounds

**Champion of Champions** has no entry fee, its invite only, to get your invite you must

- Be an Overall Winner or Section Winner of any Weekend Competition from Captains Drive in until Last Chance Stableford, (stableford, medal or ecl round).
- Be an Overall Winner or Section Winner of any Summer Cup Midweek Round.
- Be a Winner of the Spring Cup Series or Summer Cup Series.
- Win the Matchplay Cup or Matchplay Shield (matchplay pairs winners do not gain entry)
- Be the overall ECL Bowl winner
- Be a Major Competition Winner, in the event of an open major winner, the highest placed club member gains entry to Champion of Champions
- Be the Order of Merit Winner

## **Who's Who @ Mayobridge Golf Club 2022**

**Captain: Mr Harry Addis**

Vice Captain: Mr Mark O'Neill

President: Mr Pat Cunningham

Hon Secretary: Mr Gerry McCarthy

Hon Treasurer: Mr Stephen Lavery

Other Committee Members ; Pat McEvoy, Paul Bradley, Martin Grant, Conor O'Hare, Colm Magee, Patrick McGivern, Gerard White, Raymond Magee

**Competitions Committee;** Gerry McCarthy, Stephen Lavery, Shane Fegan

**Handicap Committee;** Shane Fegan, Gerry McCarthy, Pat McEvoy

**Finance Committee;** Stephen Lavery, Gerry McCarthy, Harry Addis

### **Team Captains**

Our team Captains for 2023 are as follows

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### **Juniors and Competition Entry**

Junior Members with official WHS handicaps can enter all competitions at Mayobridge Golf Club and are encouraged to do so. This includes our majors, so please take part in as many as you can, Junior Opens are hoped to be held during the week in July & August.

## **SLOW PLAY....The Bane of most clubs.**

Players should play at a good pace. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. **If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it MUST invite the group behind to play through immediately, irrespective of the number of players in that group or if it has already let a group or groups through.**

Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, it MUST invite the faster group to play through straight away, as to delay will only bunch up more groups behind it. A two ball playing matchplay should be allowed through at the very earliest opportunity by all groups as it has priority on the course because it's usually a very quick match.

**If you're a slower group, you must not force every other group behind you on the course to play at your slow pace, you should pull aside regularly and let groups through ! This will keep the pace of play respectable for the course and everyone using it.**

**Groups that regularly slow the course down may be asked to avoid peak tee off times!**

Mayobridge welcomes the use of Ready Golf by groups, i.e. hitting a shot when safe to do so, even if there are players further away from hole who may still be assessing their options. Shorter hitters teeing off first. Marking scores at the next tee box , not at the green. Above all show consideration, it's a game after all, enjoy !