



Worcestershire County Golf Ltd

General Terms of Competitions

The following General Terms of Competitions, together with any additions or amendments in the “Information for Competitors”, will apply to all WCG Ltd. (WCG) competitions, matches and events and should be read in conjunction with WCG Ltd Local Rules for Competitions and any policies and documents referred to in this document.

Note: Competitors entering County events should also refer to the specific rules and entry criteria for each County competition which are published on the County website.

1. Rules of Amateur Status

All players must be of Amateur Status as defined by The Rules of Amateur Status.

2. Rules of Golf

All Competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and such Local Rules and Terms of the Competition as shall be approved by WCG.

3. Qualification Criteria

Only male amateur playing members of Golf Clubs affiliated to WCG may enter WCG men's competitions (or mixed events, which female playing members of clubs affiliated to W&HLCG Ltd may also enter)

For team events players must have nominated the club they wish to represent as their Home Club for WHS handicapping purposes

4. Player Conduct

All players are expected to familiarise themselves with and comply with the WCG 'Code of Conduct for Participants in County Competitions, Matches and other Events'

5. Caddies

Caddies are allowed in all competitions. However, anyone caddying for a player in a Junior Event must also be a Junior, i.e., U18 on 1st January of the year in question.

Players must ensure that all the duties of a caddie are carried out by only one person at any time. Players may be asked to identify their caddie to County Officials or Referees before or during a round. Also, it is advisable that the player informs the Championship Committee before play that they have a 'named' Caddie

6. Distance Measuring Devices

Distance measuring devices may be used for measuring distance and direction only

7. Inclement Weather, Cancellation and Force Majeure

If, in the opinion of WCG, it becomes impossible to complete a Competition in accordance with that Competition's conditions because of adverse weather or other circumstances, WCG may vary the format to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

WCG reserves the right to cancel, or postpone indefinitely, the event at any time if required to do so, or if in its opinion it is reasonable in the circumstances to do so, due to events beyond its reasonable control.

8. Returning Scorecard

A scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the card has been placed in the Recorder's Box.

9. Results of Match or Competition – Competition Closed

- a. **Match Play** - The result of a match is officially announced when it has been recorded by the County Secretary.
- b. **Stroke Play** – When the results of the competition are officially announced or published, and the competition is closed.

10. Withdrawals and 'No Shows'

a. Stroke Play Competitions and Other County Events

A player who fails to turn up for a competition or event for which they have entered or confirmed attendance and fails to provide a satisfactory explanation may, after consideration of the circumstances by the WCG Board or nominated officials, be excluded from future County competitions, matches or events.

b. Match Play Events

If a player who has entered for or qualified for an event fails to turn up for match or withdraws from an event without reasonable notice or satisfactory explanation may, after consideration of the circumstances by the WCG Board or nominated officials, be excluded from future County competitions, matches or events

11. Related Policies

In addition to policies mentioned above players are expected to familiarise themselves with and comply with the following:

- [Pace of Play Policy](#)
- [Transportation Policy](#) (i.e. use of buggies/motorised transportation)

12. Decisions of the WCG Championship Committee

The decisions of the Championship Committee (WCG Board in respect of paragraph 10. above) or its delegated officers shall be final