



IWLGA COMPETITION RULES

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

1. IWLGA members may play in all events. All players must have a current WHS Handicap Index.
2. All competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, and with Local Rules as may be approved by the Tournament Committee.
3. Players must walk at all times unless permitted to ride by the Tournament Committee in accordance with the England Golf Transportation Policy. Although this policy asks for a valid medical certificate to be obtained, the IWLGA committee can grant permission without ladies having to go to these lengths when a genuine situation is recognised. Ladies seeking to use a buggy **must** speak to their delegate at the time of entry and the competition secretary will review each case. Playing partners are not permitted to ride in the buggy. However, buggies will not be allowed in the following competitions; IWLGA Championships (including the Sibyl Browne).
4. For all competitions a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (eg gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.
5. Caddies, who must be members of the IWLGA, are permitted in IWLGA singles matchplay events. Caddies must not enter into any discussions or disputes and are requested not to go on to the greens.
6. Any disputes in any competition shall be settled by the Tournament Committee of the day, whose decision shall be final.
7. In the event of adverse conditions, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the format of the competition in order to achieve a result.
8. Ties for all stroke play Trophies and Prizes, and the last qualifying places for match play events, shall be decided by card countback over the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole.
9. No refunds will be made once the start sheet has been published except in exceptional circumstances, any such claim being at the discretion of the organising IWLGA Official.

See the following pages for additional information / rules relating to specific IWLGA competitions.



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SIBYL BENNETT CUP

1. The Sibyl Bennett Cup is an 18-hole Stableford Competition.
2. All IWLGA members with a WHS Handicap Index 29.0 and over may enter.

IWLGA CHAMPIONSHIPS MEETING

1. There are three Divisions in the IWLGA Scratch Championships Meeting:
IWLGA Championship
Silver Division 2 Championship
Bronze Championship
Each Division plays an 18-hole scratch medal qualifying round in the morning of the first day of the meeting, from which the top 8 qualify for the subsequent match play stages.
2. The handicap ranges of the Championship and Silver Div 2 fields will be decided when entries close and the split will make the two events as evenly numbered as possible. The Bronze Championship is open to players with WHS Handicap Indexes of 21.0 - 28.9
3. The match play draws will be normal seeded draws from the qualifying rounds scores, and the draws will also indicate the times of the semi-finals and finals which will take place on Day 2 of the Championships Meeting.
4. Caddies are requested not to go on to the greens, and they must not become involved in any disputes.

IWLGA SIBYL BROWNE VASE

1. The Sibyl Browne Vase is open only to players who have entered and played in either the Sibyl Bennett Cup or the Championships Meeting Qualifying Rounds/first match play round.
2. The Sibyl Browne Vase is an 18-hole Stableford Competition and takes place on Day 2 of the Championships Meeting.



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ISA BALLARD ROSEBOWLS

1. The Isa Ballard Rosebowls is an 18-hole Greensomes Stableford competition.
2. The handicap allowance for the competition will be half combined.
3. Players may enter with IWLGA members from other Isle of Wight clubs.
4. There will be a maximum WHS Handicap Index allowance of 60.0 per pair.

CENTENARY AM-AM

1. The Centenary Am-Am is a team 18-hole Stableford with each player receiving full WHS Handicap Index allowance.
2. Teams of four players will be drawn.
3. The best 2 scores on each hole will count.

CLIFF DINHAM SALVERS

1. The Cliff Dinham Salvors are played for in an 18-hole Medal Foursomes competition for pairs with a maximum combined WHS Handicap Index of 60.0. Handicap allowance will be exactly half combined.
2. Pairs enter together.
3. Playing partners will be drawn.



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VETS' MEETING

1. The Vets Meeting is an 18-hole singles Stableford competition. (Qualifier).
2. Entrants must be aged 60 or over on the day of the event.
3. Play will be in two-balls and competitors may enter in pairs, either with a member of her own club or with a member of another Isle of Wight club.
4. The over 70's trophy will be awarded to the highest placed lady but with no prize voucher.

PAST & PRESENT CAPTAINS' DAY

1. The competition is an 18-hole singles Stableford - non-qualifier.
2. Entrants must be or have been Captain of the Association or Ladies' Captain of any recognised golf club.
3. Players should enter in twos, either with a member of her own club or with a member of another Isle of Wight club. The scores of each partner will be added together to find the winning pair.
4. Playing partnerships will be drawn and play will be either in groups of two or three, depending on the number of entries.
5. The entry fee will include tea.

PEMBERTON TROPHIES

1. The Pemberton Trophies is an 18-hole Stableford Foursomes competition.
(Depending on the number of entries and the venue of the event, the number of holes played may be reduced. The AGM will follow on as soon as the result of the competition is finalised).
2. There will be a maximum combined WHS Handicap Index allowance of 60.0. Handicap allowance will be half combined handicaps.
3. Players may enter either with a member of her own club or with a member of another Isle of Wight club.



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IWLGA FOURSOMES LEAGUE

1. A club foursomes round-robin match play competition played for annually in accordance with a programme grid.
All matches will be limited to a maximum of 18 holes.
2. Players belonging to more than one club may only represent one club throughout the competition and must declare the club they will represent that season before the first day of the competition.
3. At each venue clubs will nominate two foursomes pairs.
Pairings may be different in each round of the competition.
4. All players nominated by a club must have a current WHS Handicap Index.
The maximum playing WHS Handicap Index individual limit in the Foursomes League is 28.0.
Handicap allowance shall be half the difference in combined handicaps.
5. In the event of unfavourable weather conditions the day's programme will be rearranged at the same venue.
6. Caddies are not permitted.
7. In each individual match, clubs will receive 2 points for a win, 1 point for a halved match, and 0 points for a loss.
8. The winning club will be the one with the most points at the end of the programmed series of matches.
In the event of a tie, there will be a countback of matches won by holes up – the club with the most holes up total being the winner.
If there is still a tie after that, there will be a countback of matches lost by holes down – the club with the fewest holes down being the winner.
If there is then still a tie, both (or all) tied clubs will be declared joint winners.
In the event of a team failing to appear for the meeting the team will be penalised 2 points and the opponents will receive 2 points.
The club unable to field a team(s) may apply to the committee for exceptional circumstances to be considered. If agreed, the committee will determine what, if any, penalty will apply.
9. The Winning Club and Runners-up shall hold the trophies for one year.



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IWLGA FOURBALL MATCH PLAY

1. Both partners entering the Fourball Matchplay competition must be members of the same Isle of Wight Club.
Entry fees must be paid to Club Delegates in advance. Entrants who have not paid the entrance fee will not be included in the draw.
2. Matches will be played in accordance with the current WHS Handicapping regulations.
3. All players must have a current WHS Handicap Index. The maximum handicap index allowance in this event is 32.0.
4. The match play draw will be made by the IWLGA Organising Committee and will indicate which pair will play at home (which will also be drawn). If the number of entries is not a power of 2, the match play draw will be made in accordance with standard uneven draw protocol where some players will receive a bye into the second round.
The venues for the Semi-final and Final matches will be decided upon by the Organising Committee.
5. All competitors are equally responsible for arranging matches. Each pair must provide three dates, one of which will be at a weekend. If pairs cannot reach agreement on a date for a match, appeals may be made to the Organising Committee, whose decision will be final.
6. The final date by which each round must be played is the last day of each calendar month. These dates must be strictly adhered to.
In the event that the match is arranged on the last day of a month and the "Home" players' course is closed, the match will be played at the "Away" players' course.
It should be noted that playing a match on a home course is an advantage therefore opponents should be notified of any course changes at least 24 hours prior to the match ie; temporary greens or tees etc.
If a match is not played by the final date allowed, the committee will decide on the toss of a coin who will proceed to the next round.
7. The winning pair is requested to forward the match result to the Fourball Match Organiser within 48-hours.
8. Each match, including the final, shall consist of one round of 18 holes. A match that ends all square should be played off hole by hole until one side wins a hole (handicap strokes should be taken as in the stipulated round).