



TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR WALES GOLF MEDAL COMPETITIONS 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

All Wales Golf Medal Competitions are Qualifying Competitions for handicap purposes, as defined in the World Handicap System (WHS) and must be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited, Rules of the World Handicap System and with Local Rules and Bye-laws of the club which must not contravene any Regulation of Wales Golf.

2. DEFINITIONS

Affiliated Club

A golf club affiliated to Wales Golf.

Club Committee

The Committee responsible for the course including, where appropriate, the Committee of the Ladies' Section where the management of the club and its course is entirely in the hands of the Committee of the Ladies' Section.

Committee

The Committee responsible for Competition organisation at an affiliated club.

Marker

A marker is one who is acceptable to the Committee to record a competitor's score in stroke play.

Playing Member

A member of an affiliated club who is eligible to hold a handicap index under the World Handicap System

3. WALES GOLF MEDALS

Wales Golf will award a memento to each affiliated club to be presented to the player with the best **four** net medal scores over the calendar year. However, any competing club **may** elect to use the best **two** net medal scores if running four competitions in 2022 is difficult. The memento will be issued by Wales Golf every September.

4. NUMBER OF WALES GOLF MEDAL COMPETITIONS

The Committee may run a **minimum of two** stroke play competitions for the Wales Golf Medal awarded annually to each affiliated club. In order to enable all players to have an opportunity to play in at least two Medal Competitions it is recommended that at least two competitions are arranged at weekends and two on weekdays, and if possible a minimum of four competitions both weekdays and weekends is advised. Any, or all, of these competitions may be played in conjunction with a club stroke play competition, as authorised by the Committee.

5. QUALIFICATIONS

- 5.1 All playing members, including junior members, with a handicap index are eligible to compete and win.
- 5.2 A playing member belonging to more than one affiliated club may compete in the Wales Golf Medal Competitions held at each of these clubs and may play in two medals on the same day, provided they are not played on the same course but she may only compete in one Area Final.
- 5.3 Committees may not make a condition requiring a minimum number of scores to be returned before a member is eligible to compete in a Wales Golf Medal Competition.

6. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

6.1 Registering Intention to Compete

On the day of a Wales Golf Medal Competition a player must register her intention to compete by ensuring that her entry has been inserted in the competition entry book/list, manually or by computer as required by the Committee in the Terms of Competition. If she fails to do so she is deemed not to have entered the competition and her score does not count for the competition or for handicap purposes.

6.2 Minimum number of entries

Should only one player enter the competition her score must be recorded and count for Wales Golf Medal purposes. If no player enters the competition the WALES GOLF Medal Competition will be deemed to have taken place unless Regulation 10 applies.

There shall be no compulsory draw or entry fee for players competing in the Wales Golf Medal Competitions only, but the Committee may make its own conditions regarding draws, starting times and entry fees for any competitions played in conjunction with Wales Golf Medal Competitions.

7. MARKING OF SCORES

Play may be in twos, threes or fours. Where there is a single competitor the Committee shall appoint an eligible marker whose appointment may be authorised by the Committee retrospectively.

8. MORE THAN ONE COURSE

Where a club has more than one course, the Wales Golf Medal Competitions need not all be played on the same course, provided that all competitors play the same course in any one competition.

9. FIXING OF DATES

The dates of the Wales Golf Medal Competitions (minimum of two) at each affiliated club should be arranged and fixed as soon as is practically possible

10. CHANGE OF DATE

10.1 The date of a Wales Golf Medal Competition may only be altered should the course be pronounced unavailable by the Club Committee, or if the Committee or its authorised representative considers that for any reason the course is not in a playable condition, or that there are circumstances which render the proper playing of the game impossible.

10.2 If more than two temporary greens are in use on the day of a Wales Golf Medal Competition, the scores will not count for handicap purposes. The Wales Golf Medal Competition must be postponed or cancelled. If circumstances permit a new date may be arranged.

11. WINNER OF THE WALES GOLF CLUB MEDAL

The Wales Golf Medal will be played for annually. The winner will be the player who returns the lowest aggregate of two or four net scores in Wales Golf Medal Competitions in a calendar year. Where more than one course has been used the aggregate score shall be calculated as the aggregate of the net differentials between the standard scratch score and the net score returned. If two or more competitors tie, the winner shall be decided on the net score of the last 9, 6, 3 and 1 hole(s) of all two/four cards added together. If still a tie, the decision shall be by play-off over eighteen holes on current playing handicap.

The Club shall issue to the winner of the Medal a memento, supplied by Wales Golf and advise the relevant Area Organiser on the entry form distributed to clubs by Wales Golf.

12. WALES GOLF AREA MEDAL FINALS

Each Regional Medal Final will consist of 18 holes of stroke play. **The winner and runner-up of the 2022 Wales Golf Club Medal are permitted to play in a Wales Golf Area Medal Final, no substitutions are allowed.**

A player may only qualify for either the Medal or one of the Challenge Bowls Area Finals.

A player may only play in the Area Final of the area which includes the club through which they qualified.

The 8 best net scores in each Area Final will automatically qualify for the Wales Golf Medal National Final. If any of the automatic qualifiers are unable to play in the Wales Golf Medal National Final the Area Organiser will invite other players in net score order until there is a full complement of 8 players to put forward to the Wales Golf Medal National Final. No further substitutions will be allowed after the closing date for the submission of finalists from the Area Organisers of Wales Golf has passed.

In the event that two or more players' scores are tied their position shall be decided on the net score of the last 9, 6, 3 and 1 hole(s) respectively. If still a tie the decision shall be made by lot.

13. WALES GOLF MEDAL NATIONAL FINAL

The Wales Golf Medal National Final will be played in August each year and will consist of 18 holes of stroke play.

The winner will be the player who returns the lowest net score. In the event of a tie the winner (and subsequent places) shall be decided on the net score of the last 9, 6, 3 and 1 hole(s) respectively.

If there is still a tie for the position of winner or runner up there will be a three hole play-off with handicaps. Players will receive one sixth of their playing handicap. Handicap stroke fractions of one half stroke or more will count as a full stroke and any lesser fraction will be disregarded.

NB Any club which does not permit a junior girl member with a Handicap Index to compete in and win the Wales Golf Medal Competitions shall not be entitled to receive the Wales Golf Medal winner's memento.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FORMAT

- Q) Do you have to have a handicap to play in Wales Golf Medals?**
A) Yes. In order to compete in Wales Golf Medal Competitions a player must hold a Handicap Index. The maximum Handicap Index for any player will be 54.0
- Q) How many medals can we play each year and can we play more than one a month?**
A) Added flexibility was added in 2022, meaning the Committee may run a minimum of two. There is no maximum number. It is recommended that a mix of at least four weekday and four weekend medals are staged. More than one medal may be staged per month.
- Q) If my club has 36 holes, must all Wales Golf medals be played on the same course?**
A) No. Where a club has more than one course, the Wales Golf Medal competitions need not all be played on the same course provided that, all competitors play the same course in any one competition.
- Q) Why remove Alternate Days?**
A) Wales Golf wishes to encourage clubs to have medal days. Each medal is a separate competition. Anyone can play on any medal day, without signing up a week in advance.
- Q) Is it permissible for a male, junior or other such person to act as a marker?**
A) Yes, as long as the person is acceptable to the Committee.
- Q) Must we play in two balls?**
A) No, you can play in two, three or four balls.
- Q) Can the Committee restrict us to playing in the Wales Golf Medal at a certain time of day?**
A) No, there will be no compulsory draw or entry fee for Wales Golf Medals. If a player wishes to play in the Wales Golf Medal, she should be permitted to play at any time when the course is available to her. However, the Committee may make its own conditions for any competition played in conjunction with the Wales Golf Medals.

COURSE CONDITIONS

- Q) Can a Wales Golf Medal be played on temporary greens?**
A) Yes, as long as there are no more than two temporary greens in use.
- Q) Can we play Wales Golf Medals using preferred lies?**
A) Yes, preferred lies may be used between 1 October and 30 April. Outside that period Competition Play Conditions will not apply if preferred lies are in operation, unless the consent of Wales Golf /Area Authority has been first obtained.
- Q) Can the Committee declare a Wales Golf Medal a non-qualifying competition for whatever reason, for example, if the weather was bad?**
A) No, you cannot make a Wales Golf Medal a non-qualifying competition.

SCHEDULING OF DATES/POSTPONMENT

- Q) Can the Committee change the already published date of a Wales Golf Medal at short notice?**
A) Although not advisable, under exceptional circumstances, some clubs may have to change the dates of Wales Golf Medals at short notice. When this occurs the Committee should notify the members accordingly.
- Q) How long do we have to re-arrange a cancelled Wales Golf Medal?**
A) Wales Golf recommends that every effort is made to arrange a new date as soon as possible.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Q) Prior to play, must I sign a book or sheet on the day of the Competition?

A) A player must register her intention to compete on the day, in the manner indicated by the conditions of the competition, before she commences her round. If she fails to do so she is deemed not to have entered the competition and her score does not count for the competition or for handicap purposes.

Q) Do you have to pay to enter a Wales Golf Medal?

A) No, there is no entry fee for a Wales Golf Medal but you may have to pay to enter the club competition played in conjunction with it.

Q) When am I considered to have entered a Wales Golf Medal?

A) A player is only considered to have entered a Wales Golf Medal when she has registered her intention to compete on the day of the Medal.

Q) A player signed the book on the day then decided not to play. Has she recorded a No Return?

A) No, a player can only record a No Return after playing a stroke on the course and thus commencing her medal round.

Q) If I am a member of two clubs can I compete in two Wales Golf Medals?

A) Yes, a playing member belonging to more than one Affiliated Club may compete in the Wales Golf Medal competitions held at each of these clubs.

PRIZES

Q) Does Wales Golf provide prizes for each monthly medal?

A) No, each club must purchase their own mementos for the competition running in conjunction with the Wales Golf Medal.

Q) What prizes and medal information does Wales Golf send out and when can I expect to receive them? Are they free?

A) Wales Golf will provide a memento (free of charge) to each affiliated club to be presented to the player with the best two/four net Wales Golf medal scores over the calendar year. These are sent out each September. Entry Forms are sent via email every January.

Dates and venues for the Area and National finals will be posted on the Wales Golf website as soon as they are secured.

AREA MEDAL FINAL

Q) If the Wales Golf Club Medal Winner or Runner-Up cannot compete in the Area Final can the club send a replacement?

A) No, only the winner and runner-up are permitted to play in the Area Final.

Q) How do we resolve a tie for the Wales Golf Club Medal Winner?

A) If two or more competitors tie, the winner shall be decided on the net score of the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes(s) of all four cards added together. If there is still a tie, the winner shall be decided by play-off over 18 holes

Q) The person who has won the Wales Golf Club Medal has left the club. Should she still be awarded the prize even though she is no longer a member?

A) As long as the lady still has a Handicap Index and you are happy for her to represent your club in the finals, there is no problem. She won the medal while she was a member and therefore, the result should stand.

JUNIORS

Q) Can Junior Girls compete in Wales Golf Medals?

A) Yes. Junior Girls should be actively encouraged to play. A club which does not permit a girl golfer who holds a Handicap Index to compete in and win the Wales Golf Medal competitions will not be sent the Wales Golf Club Winner's Memento and the club cannot be represented at the Wales Golf Area Medal Final.



TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR WALES GOLF SILVER AND BRONZE CHALLENGE BOWLS

Affiliated Clubs are asked to hold a medal competition to find two qualifiers for the area finals of the Wales Golf Silver (Handicap Index up to 20.0) and Bronze (Handicap Index 20.1 to 54.0) Challenge Bowls (one for each bowl). An entry fee of £3.00 per person is to be charged for the bowls' competitions. This competition may be run in conjunction with a Wales Golf medal or other club medal competition. An alternate day should be held for the Wales Golf Challenge Bowls qualifier (but not for a Wales Golf Medal).

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The Challenge Bowl Competitions are Qualifying Competitions for handicap purposes, as defined by World Handicap System and must be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited, The Rules of the World Handicap System, and with Local Rules and Bye-laws of the club which must not contravene any Regulation of Wales Golf.

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Committee

The Committee responsible for Competition organisation at an affiliated club.

Marker

A marker is one who is acceptable to the Committee to record a competitor's score in stroke play.

Playing Member

A member of an affiliated club who is eligible to hold a Handicap Index

3. QUALIFICATIONS

- 3.1 All playing members, including junior members, with a Handicap Index are eligible to compete and win.
- 3.2 A playing member belonging to more than one affiliated club may compete in Wales Golf Challenge Bowl Qualifiers held at each of these clubs and may play in two qualifiers on the same day, provided they are not played on the same course. But she may only compete in one Regional Final.
- 3.3 Committees may not make a condition requiring a minimum number of scores to be returned before a member is eligible to compete in a Wales Golf Challenge Bowl Competition.

4. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

4.1 Registering Intention to Compete

On the day of a Challenge Bowl Competition a player must register her intention to compete by ensuring that her entry has been inserted in the competition entry book/list, manually or by computer as required by the Committee in the Terms of Competition. If she fails to do so she is deemed not to have entered the competition and her score does not count for the competition or for handicap purposes.

4.2 Minimum number of entries

Should only one player enter the competition her score must be recorded and counts for Wales Golf Challenge Bowl purposes. If no player enters the competition the Challenge Bowl Competition will be deemed to have taken place unless Regulation 10 from the Wales Golf Medal Conditions applies.

5. MARKING OF SCORES

Play may be in twos, threes or fours. Where there is a single competitor the Committee shall appoint an eligible marker whose appointment may be authorised by the Committee retrospectively.

6. WINNER OF THE SILVER AND BRONZE CHALLENGE BOWLS QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

For each of the bowls qualifying competitions the winner will be the player who returns the lowest net score in their respective competition. In the event of a tie the winner shall be decided on the net score of the last 9, 6, 3 and 1 hole(s). If still a tie, the decision shall be made by play-off over eighteen holes on current playing handicap or by lot at the discretion of the committee.

The winner of each of the Silver and Bronze Bowl qualifying competitions will automatically go through to the area final. If the automatic qualifier is unable to play in the area final another player may be substituted up until 48 hours prior to the area final.

The winners of the Silver and Bronze Bowl qualifying competitions will remain in the division through which they qualified for the Area (and potentially National) Final irrespective of subsequent handicap changes.

A player may only qualify for either the Medal or one of the Challenge Bowls Area Finals.

7. WALES GOLF CHALLENGE BOWLS AREA FINALS

Each Challenge Bowls Area Final will consist of 18 holes of stroke play.

The 4 best net scores for each of the Silver and Bronze Challenge Bowls in each Area Final will automatically qualify for the Wales Golf National Final. In the event that two or more players' scores are tied their position shall be decided on the net score of the last 9, 6, 3 and 1 hole(s) respectively (using the approach recommended in the current CONGU UHS Manual). If still a tie the decision shall be made by lot.

If any of the automatic qualifiers are unable to play in the Wales Golf National Final the Area Organiser will invite other players in net score order until there is a full complement of 4 players for each Challenge Bowl to put forward to the Wales Golf National Final. No further substitutions will be allowed after the closing date for the submission of finalists from the area organisers to Wales Golf has passed.

A player may only play in the Area Final of the area which includes the club through which they qualified.

8. WALES GOLF CHALLENGE BOWLS NATIONAL FINAL

The Wales Golf Challenge Bowls National Final will be played in August each year and will consist of 18 holes of stroke play.

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