

# Mid Wales County Golf Association

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## COMPETITIONS FORMAT & ADMINISTRATION FOR 2021

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Committee is responsible for setting out the conditions of all MWCGA competitions and these will be reviewed on an annual basis. The Committee has authority to amend a competition format to meet exceptional circumstances.
- 1.2 All MWCGA competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and such Local Rules and Conditions of Competition as shall be approved by the Committee.

### 2. ENTRY TO COMPETITIONS

- 2.1 To participate in all MWCGA competitions, competitors must be:
  - a Full Member of MWCGA by purchasing an annual County Card and
  - their club must also be affiliated to MWCGA by paying the appropriate annual fee.
- 2.2 The exception to this is Associate Membership when players of clubs not affiliated to MWCGA may enter competitions (but not the County Championship or play in County matches) by paying the appropriate fee to become an Associate Member (details available under Rules & Constitution on the Association web site) – [www.mwcga.co.uk](http://www.mwcga.co.uk).
- 2.3 Competitors must be an amateur golfer having an official WHS Handicap Index in order to compete in all MWCGA competitions. Unless otherwise stated, the maximum Handicap Index will be 54.
- 2.4 The competition entry form and entry fee should be sent to the MWCGA Competitions Secretary. Closing date for entries will be 14 days prior to the competition date. Late entries will be accepted where tee times are available and subject to the conditions of the competition.

### 3. CANCELLATION POLICY

- 3.1 Competition start sheets will be published 10 days prior to the competition date (on the MWCGA website and by email to the Club Delegate). Cancellations will be accepted and entry fees refunded for cancellations made up to 10 days prior to the competition day.

### 4. COMPETITION TIES

- 4.1 In the event of a tie in all the strokeplay and stableford 18 hole competitions the winner(s) shall be decided on the lowest score for the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole.

### 5. PRIZE ALLOCATION

- 5.1 Prizes will be allocated in proportion to the number of entries received for each competition and number of players in the appropriate division if applicable. 60% of entry fees received for each competition will be allocated to prizes with 40% being retained in County funds. The percentage amount will be reviewed annually.

### 6. TWO'S COMPETITIONS

- 6.1 **Due to the Covid-19 restrictions it is unlikely that 2s competitions will be held in 2021.** Host Clubs will be encouraged to organise a 2's competition. Number of balls available dependent on the income raised and the cost of balls. Balls to be divided between all players scoring a two on any hole. MWCGA policy is that if there are no two's scored, balls will be divided between all players scoring a birdie and/or eagle on any hole.

## 7. COUNTY CARD COMPETITIONS

7.1 The number, format and details of the County Card competitions will be reviewed annually and published in a booklet form. The County Card booklet will be made available, for purchase, to all members of MWCGA Affiliated Clubs at the beginning of each golfing season through the Club's County Delegate. The details of County Card competitions are set out below:

### 7.1 Spring Teams of Three

**Date:** Usually on a weekend during March  
**Format:** Teams of Three, Stableford – Handicap Allowance - 85% of Course Handicap for each player  
**Scoring:** Two best scores on each hole to count  
**Prizes:** For best team of three and other prizes in relation to the number of entries received.  
**Trophy:** No trophy

### 7.2 Spring Meeting

**Date:** Usually in April on a weekend if permitted by the host club  
**Format:** **Silver Division** - Individual Strokeplay – Handicap Allowance - 95% of Course Handicap  
**Bronze Division** – Individual Strokeplay - Handicap Allowance - 95% of Course Handicap  
The Silver Division is for players with an official WHS Handicap Index of 20.0 or less and the Bronze Division is for players with an official WHS Handicap Index of 20.1 or above.  
**Scoring:** Gross score  
**Prizes:** Best Gross & Best Nett  
**Silver Division** prizes in proportion to number of entries in the Division;  
**Bronze Division** prizes in proportion to number of entries in the Division;  
No money value for team prize.  
**Trophies:** **Judith James Trophy** Best Gross score  
**Meg Bowen Salver** Best Nett score after applied Handicap allowance  
**Team Shield** Awarded to Club with the best 3 nett aggregate scores

### 7.3 Stableford

**Date:** Usually in May on a weekend if permitted by the host club  
**Format:** Individual Stableford – Handicap Allowance - 95% of Course Handicap  
**Scoring:** Stableford system  
**Prizes:** Overall best stableford score  
**Silver Division** prizes in proportion to number of entries in the Division;  
**Bronze Division** prizes in proportion to number of entries in the Division;  
The Silver Division is for players with an official WHS Handicap Index of 20.0 or less and the Bronze Division is for players with an official WHS Handicap Index of 20.1 or above.  
**Trophy:** **Welshpool Crystal** Best overall stableford points scored

### 7.4 Seniors' Meeting

**Date:** Usually in June on a weekday or weekend subject to the host club  
**Qualification:** Open to all players aged 50 or over on the date of the competition  
**Format:** Individual Stableford – Handicap Allowance - 95% of Course Handicap  
**Scoring:** Stableford system  
**Prizes:** Best overall stableford points scored;

**Division A** (age 50-59) prizes in proportion to number of entries in the Division;  
**Division B** (age 60-69) prizes in proportion to number of entries in the Division;  
**Division C** (age 70+) prizes in proportion to number of entries in the Division;

**Trophy:** **Seniors' Trophy** Best overall stableford points scored.

## 7.5 Summer Teams of Three

**Date:** Usually in July on a weekend if permitted by the host club  
**Format:** Teams of Three, Stableford - Handicap Allowance - 85% of Course Handicap for each player  
**Scoring:** Two best scores on each hole to count  
**Prizes:** For best team of three and other team prizes in relation to the number of entries received  
**Trophy:** No trophy

## 7.6 Autumn Meeting

**Date:** Usually weekday in September or on a weekend if permitted by the host club  
**Format:** **Silver Division** - Individual Strokeplay – Handicap Allowance -95% of Course Handicap  
**Bronze Division** – Individual Strokeplay - Handicap Allowance -95% of Course Handicap  
The Silver Division is for players with an official WHS Handicap Index of 20.0 or less and the Bronze Division is for players with an official WHS Handicap Index of 20.1 or above.  
**Scoring:** Gross score  
**Prizes:** Best Gross & Best Nett;  
**Silver Division** prizes in proportion to number of entries in the Division;  
**Bronze Division** prizes in proportion to number of entries in the Division;

**Trophies:** **Mr L. Griffiths Trophy** Best Gross score  
**Mrs G. Owen Salver** Best Nett score  
**West Bromwich Bowl** Awarded to player with the best aggregate NETT score of the Spring and Autumn Strokeplay Meetings.

## 7.7 Mixed Greensome Strokeplay

**Date:** Usually on a weekend in late September  
**Format:** Greensome Strokeplay - Men – White tees; Ladies – Red Tees Each player must be an amateur golfer having an official WHS Handicap Index of not more than 36.0 for Men or Ladies; Combined Course Handicap: 60% of Lowest Course Handicap plus 40% of Higher Course Handicap  
**Scoring:** Gross score & Best nett score (gross less partnership's Course Handicap allowance)  
**Prizes:** Best Gross - Lady & Gentleman;  
Best Nett - Lady & Gentleman;  
Further prizes in relation to the number of entries received

**Trophies:** **MWGA Best Gross Trophy** Best Gross score  
**Gill Goodwin Shield** Best Nett score

## 7.8 Autumn Teams of Three

**Date:** Usually on a weekend during October  
**Format:** Teams of Three, Stableford - Handicap Allowance - 85% of Course Handicap for each player  
**Scoring:** Two best scores on each hole to count  
**Prizes:** For best team of three and other prizes in relation to the number of entries received.  
**Trophy:** No trophy

## 7.9 County Championship

- Date:** Over two days in April at a date to avoid other major competitions.
- Format:** 18 holes qualifying stroke play (Handicap Allowance - 95% of Course Handicap) followed by Matchplay knockout (100% of Course Handicap)  
Open to MWCGA Full Members with an official WHS Handicap Index of 20.0 or less at the time of entry.  
Entry limited to **24** competitors. In the event of entries exceeding this number, priority will be given to entrants with the lowest official WHS Handicap Index on the closing date for entries. The matchplay element will be limited to **16** players.
- Registration:** Players must register in person with the Championship organiser at the venue at least **30** minutes before their notified tee time. Failure to do so will result in the player forfeiting their place.  
Players who do not wish or intend to play in the match play stages (Championship and Plate competitions) must declare the fact to the Championship organiser at the time of registration. Their strokeplay score will NOT be taken into account when determining the cut mark for the matchplay knockout stages.
- Start Times:** Players shall start at the times laid down by the Committee and in accordance with the Rules of Golf. However if a player arrives at the starting point, ready to play, no more than five minutes late, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, the player must apply a general penalty (2 strokes in strokeplay and loss of 1 hole in matchplay). Otherwise the penalty for the breach of the Rules is disqualification.
- Buggies** Use of a Buggy is **NOT** permitted, unless a competitor has received permission from the County Captain or Competition organiser on the day and has a valid medical certificate of disability.
- Caddies** Use of a caddie is permitted in accordance with the Rules of Golf and provided that the caddie is not a Professional golfer.
- Day 1 AM** 18 Hole Stroke Play.
- Day 1 PM** Best gross scores 1-8 qualify for the Championship Knockout draw  
Best gross scores 9-16 qualify for the Championship Plate draw
- Knockout ties:** Knockout matches tied all square will be completed by a hole-by-hole play-off which will take place immediately. Play-off holes and the number of holes to be played, to be determined by the Committee according to the course layout. **In 2021 (Welshpool) the play off holes will be Holes 1 and 2 and Hole 12 repeated as necessary.**
- Day 2 AM:** Semi Finals - The Championship  
Semi Finals - The Plate
- Day 2 PM:** Final - The Plate  
Final - The Championship
- Scoring:** Gross score in qualifying round  
In the event of a tie the winner shall be decided on the lowest score for the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole.
- Cancellation Policy:** In the event of the course being closed, due to weather conditions, the competition may be restricted to one day only. In this event the County Champion will be the player with the lowest gross score over 18 holes strokeplay.
- Prizes:** Best Gross in qualifying round  
Best Nett in qualifying round- **after** Handicap Allowance applied of 95% Course Handicap  
County Champion  
Championship Runner-Up  
Championship Plate

<b>Trophies:</b>	<b>Pat Morgan Championship Salver</b>	Championship (Matchplay)
	<b>Sue Wilson Runner-Up Salver</b>	Championship Runner-up (Matchplay)
	<b>Championship Plate</b>	Championship Plate Winner
	<b>Sue Sherman Gross Trophy</b>	Best Gross in qualifying round
	<b>Meg Bowen Nett Brooch</b>	Best Nett in qualifying round

## 7.10 Mid Wales Girls' County & Open Championship

**Date:** Usually on a weekend during April

**Format:** Individual Strokeplay (Handicap Allowance applied of 95% of Course Handicap) over 36 holes strokeplay comprising of one round of 18 holes strokeplay on each of two days. Caddies are not permitted.

Open to players under the age of 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year and with official WHS **Handicap Index of 36.0 or 28.0** or less at the time of entry.

Entries limited to 30 competitors. In the event of entries exceeding this number, priority will be given to Full Members of MWCGA and thereafter players with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date for entries.

**Ties:** In the event of a tie after two rounds, the winner of the Championship will be decided by the lowest score for the last 18 holes (or the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes). If the ties still arises, the scores for the 1<sup>st</sup> round shall be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.

**Scoring:** Gross score

**Cancellation Policy:** In the event of a course being closed, due to weather conditions, the competition may be restricted to one day only. In this event the County Champion will be the player with the lowest gross score over 18 holes strokeplay.

**Prizes:** Best Gross and prizes in proportion to the number of entries  
Best Nett –**after** Handicap Allowance applied of 95% Course Handicap

<b>Trophies:</b>	<b>Rees Evans Trophy</b>	Mid Wales Girls' Open Champion, Best Gross
	<b>Anna Hubbard Trophy</b>	Mid Wales Girls' County Champion, Best Gross
	<b>Nett Prize</b>	Best Nett

## 8. HANDICAP LEAGUE

**Date:** To be played annually from March to August with the semi-finals and final in September/October.

**Format:** Affiliated Clubs may enter one or more teams  
Teams shall consist of a maximum of six players  
Matchplay four-ball better ball with strokes to be allocated – Handicap Allowance applied - 90% of the difference in Course Handicap.  
Open to players who are Members of a MWCGA Affiliated Club who hold an official WHS Handicap Index (maximum 36.0). A player may only play for one Club and one team, throughout the season.  
Teams will be drawn into Divisions of three to five teams, dependent upon the number of teams entered. Matches will be played on a home and away basis.  
Semi Finals and Finals will be played on a neutral course.

**Scoring:** Scoring for each pair will be:  
Two points for a win or concession  
One point for a halved match. The exception will be the finals, which shall be played to a conclusion, until the winning team has been determined.

Full results of all Divisional matches to be returned to the MWCGA League organiser by 31 August each year

**Competition Rules:** A complete set of competition rules will be distributed to each Club that enters a team in the League and the rules will be published on the MWCGA website annually

**Trophy:**        **Shield**

## **9. ASSOCIATED PAPERWORK**

9.1 The Committee maintains records and reviews documentation associated with the County competitions, which are generally available on MWCGA Dropbox as follows:

- Host Club Responsibilities
- Committee Member Responsibilities (County Card Competitions)
- Handicap League Rules
- Record of MWCGA Competitions by Venue
- County Championship Draw & Championship Plate Draw Sheets
- Match Referee score card
- Competition Results Sheets