

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN LADIES SECTION COMPETITIONS AT BRAMSHAW GOLF CLUB

The Ladies' section committee runs competitions during the membership year. These fall into two categories – '**Trophy Board Competitions**' (e.g. Tups Clifford, The Wiltshire Trophy, Scratch Cups) and **Medals and Stablefords**.

The purpose of this document is to provide clarity on the eligibility to compete in these competitions.

Ladies Section Competitions

Ladies wishing to compete in **Trophy Board Competitions** in 2023 must meet the following entry criteria. The player must:

- Have a WHS® Handicap Index.
- From 1st June 2023, have played 10 qualifying rounds* (consisting of a minimum 4 x 18 holes and 6 x 9 or 18 holes) in the 12 months preceding the date of playing the competition.
- Players who have attained their initial WHS® Handicap Index in 2023 are only required to have played four subsequent qualifying rounds* of 18 holes within six months of attaining their Handicap Index
- Meet any additional Trophy Board Competition entry criteria specified within the tournament rules (these will be detailed in the rules on Golf Genius).

(NB) The Captain, Vice-Captain and Competition Secretary will continue to retain the power to review circumstances surrounding the qualification criteria, for instance, long term ill-health or other such factors that might seriously impact on a player's ability to meet the criteria.

Ladies wishing to compete in **Medals and Stablefords** must:

- Have a WHS® Handicap Index.

Notes

- It is the player's responsibility to check their eligibility to compete in any of the Ladies' Trophy Board competitions. Players will not be eligible to compete if they do not meet the qualifying criteria. **This is your responsibility to check.** The Competition Secretary will only check prize winning positions. Once a competition is closed, competition entry fees will not be available for refund if a player is not eligible to compete.
- To attain a WHS® Handicap Index, a player is required to return Score Cards or General Play Cards totalling 54 holes (3 x 18, 6 x 9 holes as examples) to the Golf Hub. An initial Handicap Index will then be awarded.
- General Play Scores (*which is the replacement term for 'supplementary scores/cards' following the introduction of the WHS in November 2020*) can be recorded by Bramshaw Golf Club, or any other club. To record a General Play Score at Bramshaw for purposes of handicap, ensure that the following procedure is followed:
 1. You must advise the Golf Hub that you intend to record a General Play Score.
 2. Register your intent on the Golf Genius app, England Golf app or terminal in The Golf Hub.
 3. Your score must conform to the Rules of Golf (i.e., no gimmee's)

4. Post your score on the Golf Genius app or terminal in the Golf Hub and hand your card in to the Golf Hub.

To record a General Play Score Card at another club, please notify the local Golf Hub of your intent and use the England Golf app to record your score.

- A competitor's "Playing Handicap" is referred to where any competition states a 'maximum handicap.'

***Qualifying Rounds are General Play Scores, and Qualifying Competitions played at any Golf Course.**

FAQ's

Q. I want to play in the Ladies' Club Championship in 2023. What do I need to qualify?

A. From June 1st, 2023, Ladies are required to have a WHS® Handicap Index and have submitted 10 qualifying rounds* in the 12-month period of the date of play. If the player has attained their first Handicap Index in 2023, they must submit 4 scoring rounds (General Play Score Cards or in Monthly Medals/Stablefords) in the six months after gaining their Handicap Index. Players must also meet any entry criteria specified within the Club Championship rules (these will be detailed in Golf Genius).

Q. I am a member at Bramshaw, I have a WHS Handicap Index attained before 2023 and have only played one qualifying round in the last twelve months and want to play in a Trophy Board Competition in 2023. How do I achieve this?

A. By the date of play of the competition all competitors must have a WHS® Handicap Index and have submitted 10 qualifying rounds* in the 12 months preceding the date of play. Competitors must also meet any entry criteria specified within the tournament rules.

Q. How do I check whether I am eligible to play in Trophy Board Competitions?

A. A list of your qualifying rounds can be seen using the England Golf web page, My England Golf App or via the Golf Genius system.

Q. I have had a lengthy lay off due to illness. Does the qualifying rule still apply?

A. As explained in (NB) above, you may ask the officers for dispensation in extenuating circumstances.

Q. May I play in a Ladies' Trophy Board Competition if I do not have the prerequisite number of qualifying rounds?

A. It will not be possible to compete (win prize money or a trophy) if you do not meet the criteria set out in this document. On an event-by-event basis, it may be possible to play (pay an entry fee but not win prize money or a trophy) if there is a space in the field and a player wishes to gain competition experience or submit a qualifying score. This would be decided on an event-by-event basis and any player wishing to play would need to speak with the event manager to discuss the possibility of playing.

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