



The Naunton Downs Estate Club Competition Formats, Terms & Conditions 2025

Introduction

1. The contents of this document apply to all competitions organised by The Naunton Downs Estate (TNDE) and the club's Handicaps and Competitions Committee. They do not apply to competitions organised internally by the Ladies' Section or the Seniors' Section.
2. Players new to competition golf are encouraged to look at [this guide](#).

Handicapping

3. Most competitions are open to all male and female members with a valid Handicap Index for 18 holes.
4. Men will play off the yellow or white tees (specified for the particular competition) and ladies will play off the red tees.
5. In future there may be some individual competitions that are restricted (e.g. only high handicappers or just ladies).
6. Members will use their Golf England Handicap Index (HI) and their Course Handicap is defined by the following formula.

$$\text{Course Handicap} = (\text{HI} \times \text{Slope Rating} / 113) + (\text{Course Rating} - \text{PAR}) \text{ **Not Rounded**}$$

7. The PAR at Naunton Downs is 70 and the slope and course rating depend on the tees used:

Tee	Slope	Course rating
Men (Yellow)	128	68.0
Men (White)	129	69.3
Ladies (Red)	125	71.0

8. The computer system will work out your course handicap, and then work out:
Playing Handicap = Course Handicap x Handicap Allowance (rounded to the nearest whole number, 0.5 and above goes up)
9. A player's handicap allowance depends on the competition being played (see below).

	Competition	Handicap Allowance
Strokeplay	Individual Medal/Stableford	95%
	Pairs Betterball/Fourball	85%
	Pairs Foursomes	50% of the combined handicap
	Pairs Greensomes	60% of low handicap + 40% of high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% of low handicap + 40% of high handicap
	Scramble (2 Players)	35% low / 15% high
	Scramble (4 Players)	25%/20%/15%/10% (lowest to highest handicap)
Matchplay	Individual	100%
	Pairs Betterball/Fourball	90%

10. Note: The R&A Rules of Handicapping c/1 – Impact of field size on recommended handicap allowance states that, for competitions with an individual stroke-play format, “for the field size of fewer than 30 players, a handicap of 100% could be considered”.

Scoring

11. After completion of the round, the scorecard should be signed by the player and marker (“Attestor”) and posted in the box next to the BRS terminal.
12. The marker keeps the score during the round on the club scorecard and signs it before giving it to the player for his/her signature.
13. In pairs competitions, the marker cannot be your playing partner. In team competitions, two players from the team should keep score and sign the card.

Formats

14. For those not familiar with the common golf competitions, here are the main formats.

Foursomes	Golfers play in pairs and take alternate shots to complete the hole. One player will commence play from odd numbered holes and the other will commence from even numbered holes.
Greensomes	Similar to foursomes except both players tee off at each hole before choosing which ball to play. For the rest of the hole, they take alternate shots.
Match Play	Head-to-head golf. Each hole is treated as a separate competition and players can either win, halve or lose a hole. The winner is determined by the number of holes won.
Medal or Stroke Play	Each shot is counted and added up at the end of the round. If it is a handicap competition, the golfer plays using their playing handicap.
Stableford	A point-scoring system depending on the shots taken on each hole. This is a very popular format because one or two bad holes do not rule out a good overall score.
Texas Scramble	A popular team format. Each player in a group tees off. The best of these shots is then chosen to be used for the next shot. Each member of the team hits their shot from that spot. This continues until you finish the hole. In some cases, the team will be required to take a specified number of drives from each player.
Pairs Betterball/ Fourball	Two pairs play together, and each pair plays as a team. The team score on each hole is the best score on their team after taking account of the handicaps. The overall score is the sum of the scores on all the holes (either Stableford or Medal format).

Notes

15. The full calendar of competitions is available on the BRS app. On the opening screen, click on “View Competitions” or click on “Competitions” in the main menu. The calendar of competitions can also be found on the club’s [website](#).
16. Entries open two weeks prior to the competition and close at 17:00 on the Friday before the event.
17. To book, members will first need to top up their competition purse via the “Competition Purse” tab in the main menu of the BRS app.
18. Members can register via the BRS booking system for all competitions. Enter a competition by going to “Book a Tee Time”. Once a competition entry is closed, the club will send players an email giving details of the competition format and instructions for the day.
19. Entry fees will be determined by the Handicaps & Competitions Committee. The number, form and value of prizes will be determined on the basis of the number of players entering a competition. 100% of the entry fees will be awarded as prizes. The club will not retain any funds from the entry fees.

20. Members may withdraw from a competition up to the Friday before the competition. After this date, no refunds will be issued.
21. Each player is responsible for acquainting themselves with the conditions under which competitions should be played.
22. On the day of the competition, players must sign in/register for the competition using the BRS terminal or the iPad in the bar before playing. After signing in, players will be able to see the competition format and their playing handicap.
23. Gross scores must be entered on all competition scorecards. NR (No return) should be recorded against any hole not completed. Players should continue to score for all remaining holes. Scores should be entered on the BRS terminal or the iPad in the bar. In team competitions, the individual players should enter their scores for handicapping purposes. The BRS software will calculate the team score.
24. Scorecards must be signed by the player and the marker (the "Attestor") to confirm the accuracy of the player's score, before being placed in the box below a BRS terminal.
25. Submitted scorecards will be checked by the club against the round scores uploaded to the England Golf WHS platform. Scorecards shall be retained for a period of 12 months.
26. Results of competitions will be published on BRS. Players should check their Handicap Index after publication of results for any changes.
27. Save in the case of a manifest error, when the result of a competition is published, the result is deemed to be officially announced, and the competition is closed.
28. Any dispute regarding competitions must be referred to the Handicaps & Competitions Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Checking your playing handicap

29. A player can check their playing handicap using the BRS app (press the yellow button "Golf Events and HI") or the BRS scoring app as follows:
 - Note your handicap index
 - Select "Course Handicap Calculator"
 - In the "Handicap Calculator" enter your "18-Hole H.I." from the previous screen
 - Enter the "Course Rating" (68)
 - Enter the "Slope Rating" (128)
 - Enter the "Par" (70)
 - Enter the "Handicap Allowance" for the relevant competition (the default is 100%, use the dropdown menu for the other allowances as show in the competition formats above)
 - Calculate!
 - Example:
$$\text{Handicap Index (21.2)} \times \text{Course Rating (68)} \times \text{Slope Rating (128)} \times \text{Par (70)} \times \text{Handicap Allowance (85\%)} = 19 \text{ strokes Playing Handicap}$$