KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS 2026

Rules of Entry

- The e-mail address of the competition organiser is: **comps@mhgcmembers.com** and any queries should be directed to this e-mail address.

- The Mens and Ladies singles competitions will be played from the White and Red tees respectively. All Men, Ladies and Mixed pairs competitions (4BBB, Greensomes and Foursomes) shall be played from Yellow and Red tees as applicable.

- The closing date for entries to the knockout competitions is Sunday 15th February 2026.

- All Knock-out competitions will start once the draw has been published on the members' website on the 22nd February 2026. The final of each competition must be played before the 29th November 2026.

- The entry fee of €5 per person per competition must be paid (in the Pro shop) before the 15th February 2026. Late entry fees for those members out of the country will be accepted only with prior approval by the Committee.

- It is assumed you have committed to play once draws are published on 22nd February 2026.

- There will be no refunds of entry fees after commencement of the knockout competitions on 23rd February 2026.

- The closing dates for each round of a competition will be tailored according to the number of entrants for that competition and the specific round. The expected closing dates will be published on the members' website one week before the close of entries ie 8th February 2026 If after seeing these closing dates you feel that you cannot commit to playing any competition you have entered, please delete your name from the entry sheet and if you have paid the fees you will be reimbursed. There shall be no extensions to closing dates.

- Singles and Teams should be available for at least 50% of each playing period to ensure that matches can be arranged and played without defaulting.

- In team events a substitute player is acceptable provided both players have not played in a previous round of the specific team competition.

- If one person in a pairs team has to withdraw then, provided the team has not yet played its first match, the remaining player may substitute a new partner, provided they are not partnered with anyone else in that competition.

- **Please Note: The first named player/team is the challenger and must arrange the date of the match, which may be booked up to a month in advance in the Pro shop. At least 3 dates should be given which cover at least a 4 week period to allow for any holidays, etc. Dates must include a weekend to allow for working members to take part. This should initiate communication between the players and a mutual date agreed for the match.**

- All players are responsible for calculating their own playing handicaps to be agreed before each match begins.

- The 4BBB competition is a pairs team competition therefore both players must sign up as a Team. Rule 23.4 - 'One or Both Partners May Represent Your Side' - will be applied throughout the competition.

- The Mixed 4BBB, Mixed Greensomes and Mixed Foursomes competitions shall use the men's stroke indices when giving stroke allowance. Ladies handicaps are adjusted to account for the difference in par.

- The listings are available on the website and the notice board. The ***winning player/team*** is responsible for updating the notice board and for e-mailing the result to the competition organiser for inclusion on the relevant webpage.

- Players/Teams should make every effort to complete ties before the closing dates. If any match that hasn't been played/decided by the end of day on the closing date ***the challengers*** shall report to the competition organiser. The Committee will investigate and make a decision that shall be final.

- Caddies are permitted in any of the knock-out competitions, however they can only help ball spot, score and talk to the players. They must not give advice on club selection or course management. They can help with clarification of Rules.

- Buggies are permitted in any of the knock-out competitions.

- **To avoid possible problems, please try to organize match dates to be as soon as possible after the match competitors are known.**

MGC Committee

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