

Scottish Golf Women's Medal

FAQ

NUMBER OF SCOTTISH GOLF WOMEN'S MEDAL EVENTS

Q. How many SGL Women's Medals Events can we play each year?

A. A club must commit to and hold a minimum of six events in any of the permitted formats – Single, Alternative or Dual Day. There is a maximum of 18 events in any SGL Year, however where a club adopts the Dual Day format for all of its allocation of 12 events under any format there will be 24 actual competitions.

Q. Is a club obliged to hold as many competitions as this?

A. No – a club has to take regard of its particular circumstances. Clubs with a restricted playing season will need to balance its fixture list; medal competitions, stablefords, par/bogey, open singles competitions and 9-hole qualifying competitions can be used to meet a club's obligations under the CONGU regulations to give its players a reasonable opportunity to submit qualifying scores for handicap purposes.

Q. Must all SGL Medals be qualifying competitions for handicap purposes?

A. Yes. Although cancelled competitions may be rescheduled this may not always be possible particularly at the end of the playing season. It is recommended, therefore, that clubs schedule more than the minimum six events per year in their fixture list, to ensure that players have sufficient opportunities to compete.

Q. Must all medal competitions run by the Ladies' Committee be designated as SGL Women's Medal Competitions?

A. No. A club may run as many stroke play competitions in a medal format as it wishes. Subject to the minimum provision of six events and the maximum provision of 18 events per year, it is up to the Committee to determine how many of these competitions it designates as being qualifying for the SGL Silver and Bronze Medals.

FORMATS AND SCHEDULING OF SCOTTISH GOLF WOMEN'S MEDAL COMPETITIONS

Q. May a club hold some Competitions under the Alternative Day format and some under the Dual Day provisions?

A. Yes but this is not recommended. Committees should be aware that, initially at least, this may lead to confusion amongst players. Clear guidance should be set out for the players if this practice is introduced

Q. Who is eligible to play on the Alternative Day if this format is adopted by a club?

A. There is no restriction; the purpose of the Alternative Day is to allow as many members as possible to play in the SGL Women's Medal Competitions.

Q. May a player who has previously indicated that she wishes to play on the Alternative Day change her mind and play on the Main day, or vice versa?

A. Yes, the Committee does have the authority to ask players to indicate their preference at any time up to a week before the first day of competition. Even where this requirement is in operation the Committee has the discretion to permit a player to change the day at short notice, subject to the tee times being available.

Q. Which should be played first – the Main Day or the Alternative Day?

A. It is for the Committee to determine the dates. The Alternative Day must, however, initially be scheduled within seven days of the Main Day.

Q. When scheduling Dual Day competitions must we always use the same weekend day or the same weekday?

A. No. The weekday element of a Dual Day format can be any day of the week and the weekend element can be either a Saturday or a Sunday.

Q. Our club runs medal competitions that are open to all of the membership – i.e. to men, women and the juniors. Can we designate any of these to be a SGL Women's Medal Competition?

A. Yes. Providing Competition Play Conditions prevail and the event is run as a qualifying competition.

Q. May a Committee change the date of an already published date for the SGL Women's Medal?

A. The Committee should post notice of any change as soon as possible in the clubhouse and should notify members accordingly. Where members have given the club permission for contact by e-mail, electronic communication is encouraged.

ENTERING SGL WOMEN'S MEDAL COMPETITIONS

Q. Is there an entry fee for the Club SGL Women's Medals?

A. There is no compulsory entry fee to return a score to be included in qualifying scores for the annual SGL Women's Medal Competition. If a club competition is run alongside the SGL Women's Medals the Committee may levy an entry fee for that competition.

Q. Can a Committee restrict the time of day for playing in the SGL Women's Medal Competitions?

A. Players wishing to play should be permitted to play at any time of the day that the course is available to them. If, however, a club competition is played alongside the SGL Women's Medals the Committee is permitted to set its own conditions for that competition.

Q. Can a player play in SGL Women's Medals at more than one club?

A. Yes, a playing member belonging to more than one club can enter the SGL Women's Medals at each club of which she is a member.

Q. A player is a playing member of two clubs both of which have playing rights over the same golf course. Can the player play in stroke play competitions, including the SGL Women's Medals, at both clubs, playing over the same course, on the same day?

A. A player playing in two different stroke play competitions over the same course on the same day would be disqualified under Rule 7-1b of the Rules of Golf from the second of the two competitions for practising on the competition course prior to play. Subject to the Conditions of Competition laid down by the respective Committees (particularly regarding persons who can act as a marker) a player could play once and then use the one score at both clubs. This would be acceptable for SGL Women's Medal Competitions. In such circumstances, for handicap purposes, the one score is used in the CSS calculations of both clubs. The player's score shall be adjusted against the CSS calculated at her Home Club. If neither club is the player's Home Club (she is a member of more than the two clubs in question) then the higher CSS shall be applied (see Clause 18.8 of the CONGU® UHS).

WINNERS AND PRIZES

Q. We run our competitions over two courses on the same day. If we allow players to choose which they play over and some Silver division players play one course and others play the second course how do we decide who is the Silver division winner?

A. The winner would be the player returning the lowest nett differential relative to the SSS of the course they played on. For handicap purposes each player is assessed against the CSS of the day for the course played. Clubs are, however, responsible for the provision of any prizes for the individual competitions and any club wishing to provide separate prizes for the winners on each course is free so to do – see Clause 7-b.

Q. How do I receive Silver & Bronze Medals

A. Your club must register on SGL website to receive medals [Club Services\Club Events](#) .

Q. What if the club have already registered do we need to register each year

A. No, once your club is registered they will automatically receive the following year.

Q. Bronze medal winner handicap has changed moving her to silver category can she still compete

A. Yes, she will compete in the category that she has won with new handicap.

LOCAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

Q. Who may act as a marker?

A. A marker should be a responsible person acceptable to the Handicap Committee. This need not be a fellow competitor. Unless otherwise specified by the Committee a marker can be a male, a junior or a member of another golf club. It is recommended that a marker should hold, or have held, a CONGU® handicap.

Q. Is a player permitted to ride on a buggy when playing in the SGL Women's Medal Competition?

A. Players must comply with the Transportation Policy as set out by the Committee and must adhere to any conditions or restrictions of use of buggies that may be applicable on the day of the competition.

REGIONAL MEDAL FINALS

Q. If the overall winner of the SGL Women's Medals for one year cannot play in the Regional Medal Finals for which she qualified can the club send the runner-up or other replacement?

A. No, only the winners of the Silver and Bronze Medals may compete in the following year's Regional Medal Finals.

- Q. If the person who wins either the Silver or Bronze Medal for a year subsequently leaves the club prior to the Regional Medal Final is she allowed to represent her former club at this event?**
- A. As long as the player still holds a current CONGU® Handicap and the club is willing to be represented by her she may do so.
- Q. Given the recent CONGU Handicap changes, my handicap is between 37-54, am I able to compete in and win my club medal competitions and if so would I be eligible to qualify for the 2019 Regional Medal Finals?**
- A. Scottish Golf would encourage clubs to provide opportunities for players in the handicap range between 37-54. It would however be at the clubs' discretion whether players would be eligible to win and they would also not be eligible to qualify for 2019 Regional Medal Finals. This will be reviewed by Scottish Golf at the end of the 2018 season and any change communicated accordingly.
- Q. Can I request a preferred tee time?**
- A. Yes, however cannot be guaranteed and is dependent on the number of entries.
- Q. Can the club enter the player(s)**
- A. Yes, the club can enter the individual player by using the players unique CDH number
- Q. Do I have to compete in the nearest regional final?**
- A. .No, you can compete at any regional final which is suitable for you
- Q. Does the silver and bronze medal winners have to compete in the same regional final?**
- A. .No, each player can compete in different regional finals.