

## **Winter League and winter season notes 2025:**

- All handicaps will be managed through Master scoreboard (MS) with effect from 1st November for ALL winter competitions including Sunday roll ups. C&H will 'freeze' your handicap effective Monday 27/10 and transfer these to Master Scoreboard.
- C&H intend to manage players handicaps throughout the winter period only through MS adopting a similar style to the old Congu format based on player divisional category, we are currently testing this within our upgraded MS license and will provide further update when testing has been finalised.
- We intend to adjust handicaps for all winter competitions this year using MS, these can go up as well as down, come the start of the new season you will then revert back to IG and your WHS handicap index.
- For Winter League the maximum shot allowance for any player will be 24 shots.
- Any handicap adjustments will be made and managed through MS
- Winter League format will be based on your best 5 performances during the winter league calendar. Weather permitting we are aiming to stage a minimum of 6 qualifying competitions.
- Cut-off date for the Order of Merit phase is end of January.
- Cut-off date for the Knockout phase conclusion is the end of March.
- Winter League can be competed in over both Saturday and Sunday.  
**Please note the following on course closures/reduced holes:**  
**Saturday:** In the event the course gets closed on a Saturday, the competition scheduled for the weekend will be closed. This is the main competition day for all competitions and takes preference to all results.  
**Sunday:** In the event the course gets closed/holes reduced on a Sunday, but the main competition did proceed on the Saturday, the main competition day will stand and be completed as per the results on Saturday.
- Winter league tees will be dictated by the course presented be it white, yellow or green tees. The Greens committee decide when the course moves from yellow to green tees and C&H will provide a Winter handicap thru MS for each course.
- Please note the club does expect to move to winter mats as and when weather and course require it.
- **Winter Mats: Some basic rules on using mats**
  - \* You cannot use a mat when using your putter
  - \* You cannot use a mat in the teeing area.
  - \* Once you have placed the mat on the ground it cannot then be adjusted to act as an aid for taking aim
  - \* Mats **CANNOT** be used within any hazards, normal penalty relief can be taken, or the ball will be played as it lies

- **Competition Entry:**

1. You can only play in a competition once, where it is a multi-day competition on a Saturday and Sunday, you can then either play in the main competition on the Saturday or the Sunday, but not on both days. You have the ability to play on the Saturday and enter the 'Sunday Roll Up' competition and act as marker for others, providing you have signed in and paid entry fee in the clubhouse, and then enter the main competition on the Sunday.
  2. Players are expected to have a tee booked in BRS. You must sign in on Master Scoreboard and pay your entry before you tee off on the first hole. Once you have signed in for a competition, you have officially entered that competition and cannot withdraw to play another day unless an exceptional circumstance was to occur.
- All players entered into the competition must return their card under all circumstances. (committee members do a check and balance that we have a card for everyone entered and can spend inordinate amounts of time searching for cards to ensure ALL members scores have been entered, so regardless of whether you completed your round please submit your scorecard to help committee members balance and close off a competition)

With effect 1st November 2025 all competitions will be managed through MS and IG will be there to provide updates on the course, member directory, messaging, clubhouse balance but not for handicap records and score entry.

PLEASE NOTE ANYONE CAN COMPETE IN THE WEEKLY PAIRS COMPETITION EVEN IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO COMPETE FOR THE WINTER LEAGUE ORDER OF MERIT, SO IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO ENTER THE ORDER OF MERIT COMPETITION YOU CAN STILL ENTER ON THE WEEKEND AND COMPETE FOR THAT DAYS COMPETITION, YOU JUST WONT GET ALLOCATED ANY ORDER OF MERIT POINTS, THE ORDER OF MERIT IS A SEPARATE INTERNAL COMPETITION WHICH YOU CAN CHOOSE TO ENTER WHICH CULMINATES IN YOU THEN ENTERING A KNOCKOUT PHASE IN THE NEW YEAR, SUBJECT TO SATISFYING THE MAJOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

### **MAJOR ELIGIBILITY**

Please note qualification to compete for a MAJOR trophy remains you must have submitted 5 competition scorecards in the last 12 months which have qualified towards your handicap. (a qualifying competition is a competition played in where there are no preferred lies in the rough and where the card can be used towards handicap maintenance/upkeep). If you do not meet this criteria you can still enter and compete in the competition but would not be eligible to win the major, that would then be awarded to the runner up