



# Alternate Day Competitions

For those Clubs which have members who find it difficult to play on the Main Competition day, and providing the Club Committee is willing to grant the necessary permission, the Committee may arrange an 'Alternate Day(s)' for their club competitions.

The following are guidelines for Committees to enable as many players as possible to play in their Competitions, promoting participation and the return of scores for handicapping:

- If Trophy Competitions are played on one day only, consideration should be given to running Trophy Competitions on an Alternate Day.
- The Alternate Day should be arranged within 7 days of, and prior to, the Main Day so that the competition is closed after the Main Day. Scores are not published until close of play on the Main Day.
- Players may not compete for the Trophy on both the Alternate Day and Main Day and must indicate before play if their score is to count for the Trophy. However, a player may either return a general play score for handicap or enter only for divisional prizes/club 'sweep' on either day, where the Terms of Competition allow.
- All complete scores from 18 hole competitions are now eligible to qualify for the England Golf Women's Medal: so it is no longer necessary to designate either day as an EG Medal qualifying round: both rounds will be included. This would also apply to acceptable scores which qualify for the men's England Golf Race to Woodhall Spa.
- The Committee may request members to indicate their preference of entry date on a prepared list or booking system prior to the first of the competition days. However, it is recommended that Committees should be flexible with the emphasis being on inclusivity. Where the Club Committee limits the number of members who may compete on either day, the Committee should



decide the fairest apportionment of opportunity for those wishing to participate.

- There should be no restriction as to who may play on the Alternate Day. The emphasis should always be on providing the opportunity for as many members as possible being able to participate and return competition scores for handicap.
- Alternate Days will be treated separately for handicapping purposes. The PCC for each day will be applied, with handicaps being adjusted accordingly after each day. Prizes will be awarded based on the best score (lowest gross/net/highest number of points): any adjustment for PCC is used only for handicapping purposes.
- It is acceptable for Committees to arrange and approve flagsticks and tee positions to be altered, grass to be cut, and the course to be otherwise maintained between any days of the competition. The effect on scoring will be minimal, as what is seen as 'difficult' to one player might not be so to another. Differences in weather conditions may also be evident, but such differences are part of the game of golf and must be accepted. After all, these changes could happen during the course of a single day's play.
- Committees will need to carefully consider their Terms of Competition when discussing the possible rearranging of a date, or allocation of prizes, when either the Alternate or Main day is cancelled. It should be noted that an Alternate day must be afforded equal consideration and given the same relative importance as the Main day.