

Competition Rules – Men’s Section

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Men - General Competition Rules

1. Qualification Rules

- a. Club Competitions are open only to members with a *valid handicap*, subject to the rules for individual competitions in Annex B below
- b. *Entry to competitions is dependent on the competitor being a current member of the Club.*
- c. Competitors must enter the competition and *pay the entry fee* to the Professional or the Secretary before commencing play.

2. Trophies & Prizes

- a. No competitor shall be allowed to win more than *one main prize* in any one Club Competition.
- b. All the Club's trophies must remain on the Club's premises, i.e. they *cannot be taken home*. This is a requirement of the club's insurance policy.
- c. *Club Presentation Night* is normally held in October and will be advertised in advance on the notice board. It is the responsibility of prize winners to make sure that they:
 - (i) *Turn up in person* to collect their prize, or
 - (ii) Arrange for *someone else* to collect the prize on their behalf, and tender their *apologies to the Captain*, in advance.
 - (iii) The Club will make reasonable efforts to remind trophy winners prior to the AGM/Presentation evening

Failure to follow these rules will result in *winners being expected to donate £20* to the Captain's charity

3. Conditions & Decisions

- a. The Committee shall arrange all Club Competitions and have the power to make such regulations and temporary regulations which it deems to be desirable. The Committee may revise the conditions, entry fees and handicap limit it deems advisable and it reserves the right to deal with any unusual circumstances that may arise.
- b. The *penalty for breach of any condition* of a competition is disqualification
- c. All Committee *decisions will be final*.

4. Play

- a. All players must book in to the Pro Shop a minimum of *10 minutes before their scheduled tee time*. Failure to do so may result in the slot being re-allocated by the Pro Shop staff. Subsequent re-allocation of a late arriving player's tee time will be considered but a place and start time cannot be guaranteed.
- b. Competitors shall start at the time laid down by the Competition Secretary. However, if a competitor *arrives late* at his starting point, ready to play, but *within five minutes of his starting time*, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in R&A Rule 5-3a, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes or loss of first hole. Thereafter, the competitor shall be disqualified.
- c. The use of a Professional Golfer or an Assistant Professional Golfer of whatsoever status as a *caddie* is not permitted.
- d. If, after entering, a member *cannot play in a competition* he must:

- Inform the pro shop of his unavailability (and record the name of the person taking the call) at least 24 hours before the day of the competition, e.g. for a Saturday competition, notification before pro shop closes on Thursday.

Failure to do so may result in the following:

- 1st occurrence - a referral to the rules to ensure they are aware of their existence
- 2nd occurrence - within 6 months of 1st occurrence, player will receive a warning that failure to comply may result in a 2-event ban from club competitions
- 3rd occurrence (within 6 months of 2nd occurrence) results in a 2-event ban from mid-month and end of month competitions

NB. A player coming off the reserves list must confirm their availability before above rules become applicable

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This provision will be rigorously and consistently applied.

- e. **Combining stroke play with match play** is discouraged (R&A Rules – Committee Procedures 6C-12)

5. Handicaps & Handicap Allowances

- a. Unless the published conditions of a specific competition states differently, the following **handicap allowances** will be used:
- (i) Handicap **Matchplay** competitions (max handicap is 24; handicaps 25 to 54 must play off (refer to annex B):
 - Singles: full difference
 - 4-Ball-Better-Ball (4BBB): 90% of difference
 - Foursomes: ½ of difference
 - Greensomes: 60% of lower + 40% of higher
 - (ii) Handicap **Strokeplay** competitions:
 - Singles Medal: full allowance (singles medal and stableford)
 - 3-Ball & 4-Ball: 90% (medal and Stableford)
 - Foursomes: ½ (medal and stableford)
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- b. If a player writes a **higher handicap** on his card than he is entitled to, he will be disqualified. Writing a **lower handicap** will not cause disqualification but will result in the player receiving fewer shots than he is entitled to.
- c. Handicap adjustment. If for any reason a **player's handicap has not been reduced** when it should have been the player shall make such reduction to his playing handicap as shall be appropriate under the current handicapping system.

6. Administration

- a. Scores must be entered into the club's competition & handicap software and cards must be returned to the **competitions box** outside the Professional's shop within 5 hours of the last Competition tee time, or alternatively handed in person to the Manager, the Competition Secretary or his/her representative on the day.
- b. Cards must be **marked by another Member**. However, they need not enter the competition. A **Junior** (under 18) may not mark another Junior's card in a Men's Competition.
- c. It is the player's responsibility to sign and hand in all cards, including Nil Returns. **Cards not signed or not filled in correctly** will lead to disqualification. The following **information must be filled in on the card**, or it will be disqualified:
- (i) Competition name and date
 - (ii) Player's name(s)
 - (iii) Handicap(s)
 - (iv) Gross score for each hole
 - (v) Players and markers signatures
- d. For non-qualifying competitions, the Committee may decide what **information is required to be completed on scorecards** prior to being handed in, but this must be posted on the noticeboard in advance of the competition. Players not complying will be disqualified.
- e. Unless the **course is closed**, players must turn up for their Competition tee-off times. Failure to do so will result in para 4d above applying. If the **weather is bad**, it is the player's responsibility to check that the course is open (refer to Club website or ring the Club to check).
- f. Unless otherwise stated, Competitions and Matches will be played from the **white tees** unless they have been removed from the course, in which case yellow tees should be used.
- g. Once a competitor has teed off he must complete his round unless injured or in other exceptional circumstances - in which case his card should be marked N/R. **N/R cards** in all drawn competitions must be submitted in accordance with para 6a above. Penalty for breach – could result in disqualification from club competitions and team matches for the next 30 days.

Annex A

Men - Specific Rules for Knock-Out Competitions

1. Entries & Fees

- a. Players shall choose their own *partners* for pairs competitions.
- b. Only those competitors who *enter on or before the closing date* specified shall be included in the draw for each competition. Entry fees must be paid on or before the closing date for entries. Instructions for the payment of entry fees shall be posted on the notice board and/or on the relevant entry form(s). Entries for which the fees have not been paid will be excluded from the draw

2. Draws

- a. Draws shall be made *by lot*.
- b. *Draw Sheets shall be posted* on the Club Notice Board within seven days of each draw (and on the appropriate online forum).

3. Arranging Matches

- a. Players Responsibilities
 - (i) Both players or pairs have equal responsibility for arranging matches and failure to play the match by the closing date will result in both players/pairs being disqualified.
 - (ii) Individuals must ensure that their contact details (held by the Club) are up to date so that they are contactable by opponents.
 - (iii) Players have a duty to make themselves aware of the date the Draw is posted and the closing date of rounds. Lack of knowledge of these dates and the consequent Match arrangement deadlines is no defence in a dispute.
- b. **Responsibilities of the Competition Secretary in a tie dispute:**
 - (i) If the Club's *contact details* of any player in a tie are *incorrect* or unclear then that player or pair may be disqualified.
 - (ii) Only the Competition Secretary or his appointed deputy has *authority to disqualify* a player/pair and he will update the Draw Sheet accordingly.
 - (iii) *No extensions will be granted* (subject to para3d below). In situations where, in the view of the Competition Secretary, responsibility for not completing a tie is shared equally then both players/pairs will be disqualified. Where the Competition Secretary decides that the balance of responsibility for not completing a tie rests with one player/pair then that player/pair will be disqualified.
 - (iv) If *no result has been posted* on the day after the closing date for that round and no query has been addressed to the Competition Secretary, then both players/pairs will be disqualified.
- c. The winner of each match is responsible for entering his/their name/s on the Draw Sheet. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- d. If the *course is closed* at any time for any reason the Competition Secretary and the Committee may at their discretion extend the closing date(s) for any outstanding competition rounds by a maximum of a further 7 days.
- e. If a player becomes aware that he *cannot play in a subsequent round* he should scratch from the competition immediately.

4. Substitutes

- a. A player in a pairs match may be substituted for another player *after the draw* but not after the side has played its first match in the competition. The substitute must not have been in the original draw for the competition and must meet qualifications rules.

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- b. Once a substitution in a pairs match has taken place, the *original player substituted*, may take no further part in the competition.
- c. Substitution in a Singles Knockout once the draw has been 'posted' is not permitted

5. Format & Handicaps

- a. **Men's Singles Match Play:** The player with the lower handicap plays off scratch. The other player receives strokes in accordance with para 5(a)i of the General Rules above.
- b. **Men's Match Play Four-Ball (better-ball):** The player with the lowest handicap plays off scratch. The other 3 players receive strokes in accordance with para 5(a)i of the General Rules above. If the player with the lowest handicap is not present for the match, strokes received are still based on his/her handicap.
- c. **Men's Match Play Foursomes or Greensomes:** The side with the lower aggregate handicap plays off scratch. The other side receives strokes in accordance with para 5(a)i of the General Rules above.
- d. In all competitions, *strokes received* shall be taken according to the Stroke Index.

6. Match Rules

- a. All matches must start from the *1st tee (or an alternative tee as specifically designated by the Committee)*.
- b. Unless otherwise stated, Matches will be played from the *white tees* unless they have been removed from the course, in which case yellow tees should be used.
- c. If both players in a team in a pairs match or one player in a foursomes match, *arrives late* but within 5 minutes of their starting time, they shall lose the first hole. Thereafter they shall be disqualified. R&A Rule 3a
- d. *Order of play* from the first tee shall be decided by lot.
- e. The normal Rules of Golf shall apply. See para 8 below for a summary of what to do in the event of a dispute.
- f. The Committee may appoint a *Match Referee* for each final match.
- g. In the event of a match being *all-square after 18 holes*, extra holes shall be played under the same handicap allowances until a hole is won (sudden death). During '*sudden death*', if both players agree that it has become *too dark to continue*, then the match must continue on another day or, if both players agree, decided by lot. This agreement may not be made during the play of an extra hole - only once that hole has been completed and the score remains all-square. If the decision is to continue on another day, then the match shall resume at the point on the course where the match was interrupted.

7. Disqualification

- a. Any player who is no longer a member (subject to General Competitions Rule 1b) or whose *handicap is suspended* on the day a match is scheduled to be played, shall be disqualified.
- b. It is the intention that all final rounds shall be played. In the event of a *player/side being unable to play in a final round* through extended illness or injury or through being disqualified prior to the final or for some other reason, the Committee shall declare the final a walkover.

8. Resolving Rules Issues During a Match

- a. Players in a match may agree how to decide a Rules issue which would stand even if inadvertently the decision was wrong under the Rules.
- b. If a referee is assigned to a match, any issue must be decided on by the referee which would be binding.

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- c.** In the absence of a referee and in the event of a dispute, instead of delaying play, either player may request to seek a ruling later from a referee or the Committee and continue with the issue undecided.
- d.** Members are encouraged to read R&A Rule 20.1b (2) which gives further details about the conditions that must be met to qualify for a referee/Committee decision, and R&A Rule 20.1b(3) which details the conditions required in order to request a ruling after a match is completed.

Annex B

Men - Specific Rules for 'Trophy'/'Honours Board' Competitions

1. Background

This section was added to the Club's Competition Rules in 2019 – details of discussions and decision can be found at Appendix A. The table below identifies which competitions qualify for one of the perpetual Trophies and/or inclusion on Honours Boards and includes Seniors & Ladies section events

2. Table of Competitions

Competition	Section	Month	Trophy	Honours Board	Comments
Club Championships	Men's	June	Yes	Yes	
Club Championships Net	Men's	June	Yes		
Captain's Day	All	June	?		
Summer Singles H'cap KO	Men's	Apr-Oct	?	Yes	
Summer Singles Scratch KO	Men's	Apr-Oct	Yes	Yes	
Summer Scratch Foursomes	Men's	Apr-Oct	Yes	Yes	
Winter Singles H'cap KO	Men's	Oct-Apr	Yes	Yes	
Winter Singles Scratch KO	Men's	Oct-Apr	Yes	Yes	
Winter Pairs H'cap KO	Men's	Oct-Apr	?	Yes	
Captains Rosebowl	All	October	Yes		
Avalon B Team Player of the Year	N/A		Yes		
Avalon B Clubman of the Year	N/A		Yes		
Club person of the year	All		Yes		
Junior Club Championship	Juniors		Yes		
Pat Bandit Cup	???		Yes		
Avalon Golf League Div 4	N/A		Yes		needs return to Avalon in October
Malcolm Coogle Memorial Trophy	???		Yes		
Carol's Memorial Charity Putter	???		Yes		
Mendip Spring & SVGC Captains Challenge	???		Yes		
Captain's Challenge Rosebowl	All		Yes		
Seniors Championships	Seniors	June	Yes	Yes	
Seniors Championships Net	Seniors	June	Yes		
Seniors Summer Singles H'cap KO	Seniors	Apr-Oct	Yes	Yes	
Seniors Summer Pairs H'cap KO	Seniors	Apr-Oct	Yes	Yes	
Seniors Winter Singles H'cap KO	Seniors	Oct-Apr	Yes	Yes	
Seniors Winter Pairs H'cap KO	Seniors	Oct-Apr	Yes	Yes	
Seniors Veterans Championships	Seniors	June	Yes		
Ladies Championship	Ladies	June	Yes	Yes	
Ladies Championship Net	Ladies	June	Yes	Yes	
Ladies Summer Singles H'cap KO	Ladies	May - Sept	Yes	Yes	

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Lady Captain's Day	Ladies	September	Yes		
Summer Eclectic Div 1	Ladies	May - Sept	Yes		
Summer Eclectic Div 2	Ladies	May - Sept	Yes		
Ladies Birdie Tree Div 1	Ladies	Oct - Sept	Yes		
Ladies Birdie Tree Div 2	Ladies	Oct - Sept	Yes		
SVGC Ladies Open	Ladies	September	Yes		
Senior Ladies Cup	Ladies	September	Yes		
Winter Eclectic Div 1	Ladies	Oct - Apr	Yes		
Winter Eclectic Div 2	Ladies	Oct - Apr	Yes		
3 Clubs and a Putter	Ladies	January	Yes		
Ladies Xmas Cup	Ladies	December	Yes		
Putt Luck Pairs	Ladies	February	Yes		
Ladies Player of the Year	Ladies		Yes		
Jubilee Salver 2002	Ladies	Summer	Yes		
Winter Pairs Round Robin	Mixed	Dec - May	Yes		
Mixed Summer Pairs KO	Mixed	May - Sept	Yes	Yes	

3. Qualification Rules for the Annual Club Championship

- a. You MUST be a member at Stockwood Vale
- b. You MUST have an active "C" (competition) handicap
- c. Your "Home Club" for handicap purposes MUST be Stockwood Vale
- d. You MUST have competed in at least 3 Medals following/since previous club championship (including Seniors Medals) in the previous 12 months
- e. NO exemptions allowed on medical grounds for not having complied with the 3-Medal rule

4. Qualification Rules for Other 'Honours Board' Competitions

- a. You MUST be a member at Stockwood Vale
- b. You MUST have an active "C" (competition) handicap
- c. Your "Home Club" for handicap purposes MUST be Stockwood Vale

5. Specific Rules for Each Competition:

- a. Men's Championship
 - (i) Tee: White
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: N/A
 - (iii) Type of Play: Individual Gross Strokeplay – 2 rounds
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted online
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: 3 per group organised by Committee
 - (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in. Failure to comply - £20 donation to the Captain's Charity.
 - (vii) See also specific qualification rules above (para 2a)

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b. Men's Championship Net

- (i) Tee: White
- (ii) Handicap Restriction: 28 maximum
- (iii) Type of Play: Individual Nett Strokeplay – Round 1 only
- (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted online
- (v) Groups / Start Times: 3 per group organised by Committee
- (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in. Failure to comply - £20 donation to the Captain's Charity.

c. Seniors Championship

- (i) Tee: White
- (ii) Handicap Restriction: N/A
- (iii) Type of Play: Individual Gross Strokeplay – 2 rounds
- (iv) Method of Entry: Refer to Seniors Committee
- (v) Groups / Start Times: 3 per group organised by Committee
- (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in.

d. Seniors Championship Net

- (i) Tee: White
- (ii) Handicap Restriction: Refer to Seniors Committee
- (iii) Type of Play: Individual Nett Strokeplay – Round 1 only
- (iv) Method of Entry: Refers to Seniors Committee
- (v) Groups / Start Times: 3 per group organised by Committee
- (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in.

e. Ladies Championship

- (i) Tee: Red
- (ii) Handicap Restriction: N/A
- (iii) Type of Play: Individual Gross Strokeplay
- (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Ladies noticeboard
- (v) Groups / Start Times: 3 per group organised by Committee
- (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in.

f. Ladies Championship Nett

- (i) Tee: Red
- (ii) Handicap Restriction: Refer to Ladies Committee
- (iii) Type of Play: Individual Nett Strokeplay
- (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Ladies noticeboard
- (v) Groups / Start Times: 3 per group organised by Committee
- (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in.

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- g. Men's Summer Knockout
- (i) Tee: White
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: 28 maximum
 - (iii) Type of Play: Individual Handicap Matchplay (see para 5a(i) for details of 'shots received' calculation)
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Men's noticeboard
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published dates
 - (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in. Failure to comply - £20 donation to the Captain's Charity.
- h. Men's Winter Knockout
- (i) Tee: White
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: 28 maximum
 - (iii) Type of Play: Individual Handicap Matchplay
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Men's noticeboard
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published dates
 - (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in. Failure to comply - £20 donation to the Captain's Charity.
- i. Mixed Summer Pairs Knockout
- (i) Tee: Yellow & Red
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: None
 - (iii) Type of Play: Pairs Net Matchplay – half combined difference
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Ladies noticeboard
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published dates
 - (vi) Prizes: Winners expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in.
- j. Ladies Summer Singles Knockout
- (i) Tee: Red
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: None
 - (iii) Type of Play: Individual Nett Matchplay
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Ladies noticeboard
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published dates
 - (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in.
- k. Seniors Winter Pairs Knockout
- (i) Tee: Yellow
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: 28
 - (iii) Type of Play: Pairs Nett Matchplay ???
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Seniors noticeboard
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published dates
 - (vi) Prizes: Winners expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in.

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- l. Seniors Winter Knockout
 - (i) Tee: Yellow
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: 28
 - (iii) Type of Play: Individual Nett Matchplay
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Seniors noticeboard
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published dates
 - (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in.

- m. Men's Winter Scratch Knockout
 - (i) Tee: White
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: N/A
 - (iii) Type of Play: Individual Gross Matchplay
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Men's noticeboard
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published dates
 - (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in. Failure to comply - £20 donation to the Captain's Charity.

- n. Seniors Summer Knockout
 - (i) Tee: Yellow
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: refer to Seniors Committee
 - (iii) Type of Play: Individual Nett Matchplay
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Seniors noticeboard
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published date
 - (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in.

- o. Men's Winter Pairs Knockout
 - (i) Tee: White
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: 28 maximum
 - (iii) Type of Play: Pairs Nett Matchplay
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Men's noticeboard
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published dates
 - (vi) Prizes: Winners expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in. Failure to comply - £20 donation to the Captain's Charity.

- p. Men's Summer Scratch Foursomes
 - (i) Tee: White
 - (ii) Handicap Restriction: N/A
 - (iii) Type of Play: Pairs Gross Foursomes Matchplay
 - (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Men's noticeboard
 - (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published dates
 - (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in. Failure to comply - £20 donation to the Captain's Charity.

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q. Men's Summer Scratch Knockout

- (i) Tee: White
- (ii) Handicap Restriction: N/A
- (iii) Type of Play: Individual Gross Matchplay
- (iv) Method of Entry: Entry Sheet posted on Men's noticeboard
- (v) Groups / Start Times: Self Organised within published dates
- (vi) Prizes: Winner expected to attend AGM for presentation or if unable, to appoint a stand-in. Failure to comply - £20 donation to the Captain's Charity.

Appendix A

Background to the Formulation of the Club Championships Rules

In 2018/19, the Committee decided to formally add Club Championship rules to this document and the following details the discussion behind some of the new rules to add context should a future committee decide to adjust or tweak.

1. Background

- a. The Committee introduced a rule in 2013 which was intended to prevent players who had left to join another club (with their handicap held at that other club) from joining at the basic membership level and scooping up trophies (particularly the Club Championships) without taking a full part in the activities of the Club. This rule was:

<<Players entering the Stockwood Vale Club Championships are to have played in a minimum of 3 qualifying medals at Stockwood Vale GC in the previous 12 months. In addition, players must have Stockwood Vale GC nominated as their home club for handicap purposes from 1st March each year until the competition date.

Open Stablefords, Qualifying Stablefords and Supplementary scores will be excluded from eligibility.

- b. This new rule was not incorporated into these rules at the time because no one on the Committee remembered that these rules existed. The Committee discussed this issue at length in mid 2018 and the discussion expanded to include other associated issues and weren't able to reach a conclusion, so a sub-committee was tasked with producing a proposed form of words. The sub committee is Martin, Simon Waddington, Mark Tidcombe and John Gray. Andy Yeatman was subsequently added.

c.

2. Issues to Resolve

- a. The Committee discussion broadly agreed that:
 - i. You **MUST** be a member at Stockwood Vale
 - ii. You **MUST** have an active "C" (competition) handicap
 - iii. Your "Home Club" for handicap purposes **MUST** be Stockwood Vale
 - iv. You **MUST** have competed in at least 3 Medals in the previous 12 months excluding the previous Club Championships
 - v. **NO** exemptions allowed on medical grounds for not having complied with the 3-Medal rule
- b. Should these rules apply just to the Club Championships or to all competitions where a Club Trophy is awarded, or qualify for notation on an honours board or some other criteria?
- c. Should these rules just apply to the Men's (Main) section or also to the Seniors/Ladies sections? **Recommend Seniors/Ladies to take to their Committees to adopt/add to as appropriate**
- d. There were several people excluded from the 2018 Club Championships due to the existing rule resulting in challenge/s and rulings
- e. Should any exceptions to these rules be allowed, eg. Previous winners can compete
- f. Is the 3-Medal Rule ok? Should it be more? Should Seniors Medals be included?

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- g. Should certain medical circumstances be considered for exemption from the 3-Medal Rule. The Committee were not unanimous on the medical exemption point with sympathy expressed for those people caught unfairly by this rule.
- h. Is this a Committee decision or should this proposal go forward to the AGM for a vote by the members? **Committee**