



Crompton and Royton Golf Club



Information for New Members

The means to enter a competitions has been changed during the COVID19 Pandemic.

Welcome to the Club. Here is some important information to help you get into your golf, get your handicap and get you playing in competitions quickly and easily.

Registration on the BRS Booking system

Once your membership is completed you will receive a 4-digit number from Adele in the Club Office. Go to our website: www.cromptonandroytongolfclub.co.uk, then to 'Members', 'Members Golf Booking', 'Click Here to Register' and follow the instructions. There is a helpful document if you get stuck.

Booking Tee times:

You are required to book for **ALL** your golf. Enter your Username (4-digit number) and your chosen password. There is a helpful document if you need support.

Booking for a social round: click on 'Book a Tee Time'; the days are displayed in matrix form with a Key at the bottom of the page. Select the day and then the time. Then click on 'Book Now'. You can enter up to 4 names, including your own.

Booking for a competition: you will see a list of upcoming competitions with dates on the opening page. Click on the competition you wish to enter.

For Saturday competitions the BRS booking opens at 19-55pm on the Wednesday 10 days before.

For Tuesday competitions booking opens at 20-05pm on the Wednesday 6 days before the competition.

- For Medal and Single Stableford competition you can enter 3 names including your own.
- For Fourball competitions you are allowed to enter 4 names including your own.
- For 'Major' competitions you are allowed to enter yourself only.

Handicap Index

If you have joined us with an existing HI, you will know it is transferable immediately and you are eligible to play in all competitions. However, you can expect that your performance in competitions will be monitored by the Handicaps and Competitions Committee to ensure that it is appropriate for the course at CRGC.

Getting your Handicap Index:

If you are new to golf, have no official HI or it has lapsed, you will need to be assessed for your HI. You will need to play at least 54 holes (usually 3 rounds of 18 holes) on the summer course, from the yellow or white tees. Your first two rounds can be marked by a fellow member with a current HI. All three cards should be titled 'For Handicap Index', marked correctly with your gross score, signed clearly by you and the marker and passed to a member of H and C committee. On your third round you will be accompanied by a member of H and C. All three cards are then considered by H and C and you will be given an official Handicap Index commensurate with your ability.

Note: Whilst you are qualifying for a handicap, you can play with other members in regular

competitions but you cannot enter the competition until your handicap is awarded.

Once you have your HI, your CH in a competition is a maximum of 29 with a PH of 28

More and important details are available in 'Competition Rules' in the members area on the website.

CRGC Regular Competitions:

It is a strong tradition of the Club that we play a lot of different competitions in the season. The main competition days are Saturday (18 holes) and Tuesday (18 holes and a separate 9-hole Stableford).

The cost of each regular competition is £3-00 (£2-00 for the 9 hole). This is payable at the Personal Score Input (PSI) terminal in the 19th hole. It is a simple process with your green membership card, but you might ask another member on the first occasion you enter. The charge is made automatically and the money taken from the balance on the card. Please make sure you have sufficient funds on your card throughout the season. **NB Pay by 'contactless' means in the Pro Shop under COVID regs.**

The charge for 'Major' competitions is £3-50 and taken in the same way. The exceptions to this are Mr. Captain's Prize and Mr. President's Prize, played over two rounds a week apart. Entry to the first round qualifies you to enter the second round at no extra cost.

Note: You can win a 'Major' once you have completed 3 rounds of medal competition in a score of 100 or less gross in the season prior to the 'Majors' or in the competitions prior to the first 'Major' in the current season.

Members who have not fulfilled these conditions may play in a 'Major' competition but are not allowed to win it. They are allowed to win a subsidiary prize (2nd or 3rd etc.) or any Subsidiary medal.

New Members with a legitimate HI from a previous club are required to meet the "3 rounds below 100 gross in the current season" condition before they can win a 'Major'.

Other Competitions:

Throughout the season there are several additional Knockout competitions; some you will have to qualify for (Q). Qualification is as above for new members.

Top Dogs (Q): A four ball better ball Matchplay competition

Scratch Knockout (Q): Single Scratch Knockout

Howard Trophy (Q): lowest 6 rounds in medal competitions in the current season.

Eclectic Trophy (Q): Best net and gross score over the season in all qualifying competitions.

Club Mixed Foursomes (Q): Foursomes Matchplay Competition.

Holden Cup or Club Championship (Q) 36-hole Scratch and Net Medal on the day.

Highfield Cup: Singles Matchplay Knockout competition restricted to top 64 players from the previous season; measured by best 6 medal scores. New members are not eligible.

More details are again available in the Members area on the website.

Competition Results: The result of each competition is posted in the competitions corridor, almost always on the evening of the competition. This will include the winners and runners up of each 'Division', the 'Twos' prize pot and any changes to a players' HI. Adjusted HI become live immediately.

We are linked automatically to the 'HowDidiDo' golf application. It (and the My England Golf App) is available freely for mobile, tablet or laptop. As soon as a competition is closed at the Club, the results are posted online. It is easy to sign up with your own account.

Presentation Nights: If you win a prize in a singles or Team competition (Medal or Stableford), your prize will be awarded on one of four Presentation Nights in the year. The dates are posted in the competitions corridor and appear on each competition result sheet. You are expected to attend, respecting the 'Smart Casual' dress code and collect your prize.

If for good reason you cannot attend on the evening, you should make your apologies to either Mr. Captain or Chairman of Hand C Committee (email at handc@cromptonandroytongolfclub.co.uk) and

arrange for someone to collect your prize on your behalf.

District Team competitions:

The Club runs A and B teams in the Oldham and District Midweek League and a team in the Seniors League. Details are available on the External Competitions noticeboard in the Competitions corridor.

Winter Competitions

- ❖ All entry fees are paid out in prize money.
- ❖ Entry fees are £5 per player including 2's; prize monies are credited to your Pro Shop account.
- ❖ Handicap reductions for the prize winners apply only in that competition; see below.
- ❖ Results, details of the prize-winners and specifically, player positions in the Winter League will be posted under the glass screen adjacent to the Pro's Shop, as usual.

Pro's Competition: Tuesdays

- A 14-hole individual Stableford comp. each week, from yellow tees then tee mats.
- Prizes paid to Winners and Runners-Up in each division.
- Prizes are equal across the divisions leading to a small surplus in some weeks, which is then paid out to equalise payments in later competitions.
- Divisions determined by size of the field.
- The handicap of prize-winners is reduced by 10% and 5% respectively.

Winter League: Saturdays and Sundays

Most members will be part of a team already. You are less likely to be.

To join in, just book yourself in a free space on the BRS Tee-Sheet or make a call to the Pro's-Shop and they will fix you up.

- 4-man team competition with a variety of formats; playing handicap adjustments will be 90% or 75% depending on the format.
- Competitions are played over a reduced course of 14 or 15 holes, which vary according to the course conditions in that week.
- The expected prizes are for 1st, Runners-Up and 3rd. Handicaps are reduced by 10%, 8% and 6% respectively. Points are awarded to the first 5 places; no handicap reduction is made for 4th and 5th.
- Players may enter the comp. on Saturday and/or Sunday and in different teams, although this will be reviewed as the Professional monitors the number of entries.
- Points for the League are awarded to individual players.
- 10% of each weekend purse will go to the Order of Merit.
- There will be 2 halves to the Order of Merit, as in previous years. The first half will conclude around New Year and the next will take us to the start of the season.

The season 2020/21 will complete on the old Handicap system.

IMPORTANT Golf Rules and Etiquette

There are many Rules of Golf and a strong tradition of unwritten rules (Etiquette) that relate to matters of health and safety, to speed of play and matters of courtesy. These can impact upon your playing partners, fellow golfers and others on the course as well as yourself.

This is only the most basic of introductions.

You cannot be expected to know **all** the rules and etiquette as a relatively new player to the game. You should aim to know as **many** of them as possible before entering your first competition. There are relatively cheap 'pocket size' Handbooks and free phone apps for the Rules. There are Handbooks for

the new rules (Jan'19) available near the PSI terminal in the 19th.

The simple and important rule that if you could possibly hit another person you **always shout 'Fore'**.

You should not hesitate to ask your playing partners on the course about anything you are uncertain of. Off the course, feel free to ask the Professionals in the Pro Shop and any fellow member. That is always better than making the error which could disqualify you from a competition, add penalty shots to your hard-earned score or cause any disruption or offence.

It is important to arrive in good time for your tee time. Give yourself enough time for any practice, to meet your playing partners and arrive on the tee. If you fail to arrive on the tee for Saturday competitions, you can expect, in individual competition, to be sanctioned from entering two future competitions.

If you are unable to play in **any** competition, it is **essential** that you contact the Professional's Shop (and your playing partner/s) to remove yourself from the BRS booking sheet at least 60 minutes before your tee -time. Explain the reason for your absence; it is a matter of golf etiquette and courtesy. It may also help to mitigate against a ban from competition/s.

More details again in the Members area on the website.

Concentrate upon: No Shows; Bad Weather: Health and Safety; Golf can be a Dangerous Game; Social Media Policy.

You (All) members are urged to read through these before playing in your first qualifying competition and on a frequent basis thereafter.

Play More Golf Members

Crompton and Royton Golf Club welcomes Play More Golf members to the club and hopes you enjoy your experience with your flexible membership. It is the stated hope of the Board and the Handicaps and Competitions Committee that PMG members will be enthused by their experience of playing at the club, albeit in a more limited way than the regular membership and that this will encourage you to want to access the fuller benefits of 5 Day/Full membership.

Should you wish to do so please contact the head Professional, Martin Beaty, in the Pro shop. He will be happy to discuss all the options open to you.

PMG members have 'read only' access to the BRS Tee booking system. This allows you to keep up to date with available tee times and will assist you whilst booking through your Play More Golf platform. Please take up this facility by contacting the club office to obtain the necessary details to allow for registration.

PMG members have extensive access for booking social golf at the Club; the tariff is determined by CRGC in line with levels of demand from the regular membership. Your fee is paid in 'points' through PMG. If you use up your initial points, they can be topped up through the playmore.golf website. An up-to-date credit matrix for each round of golf is attached to this pack¹. PMG golf members can only book for an 18-hole round. No 9-hole rounds will be available due to tee demand.

PMG members are encouraged to obtain a Handicap Index to allow members to play in open competitions throughout the country. To obtain an initial Handicap Index, members must complete 2 x 18-hole rounds of golf and submit 2 cards signed by their (member) playing partner. The third round (18-hole card) must be completed with a member of the Handicap and Competitions committee, who will assess your overall ability and use all the information to determine a Handicap Index.

PMG members are encouraged to maintain their HI throughout the season by submitting as many social round cards as possible to develop their true HI. Please see attached the social round procedure

¹ To be completed prior to season start (GL and MB)

document. This is an easy process that can be completed with the minimum of disruption to your round of golf.

As well as registering for the BRS booking system, it is essential that members register for both the My England Golf app and the HowDidiDo app (both available on desktop, tablet and mobile) . Both platforms provide invaluable information about your HI, golfing rounds and your membership ID. Information regarding these applications can be obtained from the club office or Handicaps and Competitions.

Specific Rules that apply to your membership at the Club.

PMG golf members have unlimited tee time access at CRGC on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. PMG also have unlimited access on a Sunday unless that day is designated as a competition day. Your handicap index can be maintained and updated by completing and submitting social round cards.

Social Golf Booking is permitted on a competition day: Saturday, Tuesday or Sunday (if a competition day) if booked 30 minutes after the last group has gone out.

PMG members are not allowed to enter Club competitions at this time; due simply to other membership demands for competition tee times.

PMG members are not allowed to participate in Major (Board) competitions nor are they allowed to represent the club in any district events.

Booking your Golf at the Club:

Under normal circumstances booking takes place through the PMG portal giving ease of access to the BRS system at the appropriate tee-times.

However, in absence of the PMG portal under any restrictions (e.g. COVID regs), bookings must be made through the Pro's Shop and **MUST ALWAYS** be in advance of playing your round of golf.

PMG Members should:

Play only after they have booked a round of golf by the recognised means

Play only the 18 holes that have been booked

Not enter any club competition at this time

Any breaches of these rules will be regarded as a disciplinary matter and after due consideration is likely to lead to the member being prevented from accessing the playing facilities, for a period of time .