



- Eligibility This competition is open to amateur golfers who are members of a recognised Golf Club and shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, and in accordance with local course rules.
- Handicap The handicap limit is 24 for Gentlemen and 30 for Ladies. Handicap certificates must be provided. All handicaps are taken from a players COURSE HANDICAP.
- Distance Measuring Devices Players are permitted to use devices that measure distance only. Devices that are capable of gauging or measuring other conditions are not permitted.
- The use of buggies will only be permitted with prior consent of the committee and **must be accompanied with a medical certificate.**
- All courses operate a strict dress code. Please check with the individual courses to ensure that these are adhered to.
- Start times will be made available to all competitors at Registration.
- Monetary prizes are in the form of SGU vouchers and will be awarded to the best 8 Stableford scores in the Handicap section and thereafter to the next 6 best Senior scores and 3 best Super Senior scores. The Senior and Super Senior competition is secondary to the Handicap Event. Competitors who win Handicap Prizes will not be eligible to win a Senior Prize. Prizes will be awarded in order of the highest monetary value. Daily prizes will be awarded for each course on each day of the competition. Only 1 prize in total will be awarded per couple during the week. In the event of a tied score the couple with the best HOME COURSE score will be awarded the prize. If the scores are still tied, the prize will be awarded following a "card play off" with the best last 9, best last 6, best last 3 and best last hole of the HOME COURSE card counting. The HOME COURSE will alternate each year and will be displayed on the master scoreboard. All prizes will be calculated and awarded at the end of the Competition.

- The Competition will comprise of 5 rounds of 18 holes played over 5 different courses. 2 different formats will be played over the courses of the week. The event will be played over 5 courses each day with the same format being played at each course on each day of competition. The scoring system each day will be Stableford. In the event of the cancellation of any day's golf at any course, scores at all courses for that day will be null and void.
- Competitors will then be offered a free round of golf at the affected courses to be taken within 12 months. No monetary refunds will be given. The decision of the Organising Committee will be final.
- **Four Ball Better Ball** - Handicaps should have the Course adjustment added before having the recommended fraction applied. Each player will receive a handicap allowance of 85% of their PLAYING HANDICAP. Each player plays their own ball. The lowest NETT score of the 2 partners is the score that will be entered on the scorecard (please also record gross scores where possible). Ladies play from the Ladies tee and Gents play from the Gents tee. In the Four Ball Better Ball format the gents will play from their par and stroke index and the ladies will play from their par and stroke index, with the best gross score AND best nett score being recorded on the score card.
- All scores in the 4BBB format will be returned for handicap purposes where the criteria has been reached.
- **Greensomes** - Handicaps should have the Course adjustment added before applying the handicap allocation.
- All players tee off. Ladies play from the Ladies tee and Gents play from the Gents tee. Players then elect one ball to play then play alternate shots from there until the completion of that hole. The team handicap will be 0.6 of the lower handicap added to 0.4 of the higher handicap. If the handicaps are equal the allowance will be half of the combined handicap. All players will use the Ladies Par and Stroke Index.
- **SMPGW 2026 Course Formats**
 - Alyth – Greensomes
 - Blairgowrie – Fourball Better Ball
 - Forfar - Greensomes
 - Kirriemuir – Fourball Better Ball