

Seniors Starters Charter REVISED April 2021

The great thing about our section is that we all get a chance to help out now and again and from now onwards this includes all members of the committee but excuses anyone over the age of 80. With the numbers as they are the starters roster looks to be about 140 weeks between turns!

As we move to the 2021 season proper the committee thought it would be an idea to remind everyone of the expectations, we have for starting and how we would like the job performed.

The name of the starter is included in the event description on the competition page of the website and the starter will automatically be placed in the final group of the day. We will also endeavour to have a committee member on hand at the beginning of the day to help out with any tricky decisions. **The competition rules are that everybody starts from the 1st Tee (10th tee in Winter) with no exceptions unless it has been sanctioned by the Club and the Committee.** The starter is responsible for letting all the players know the format of the competition, any handicap regulations etc. These again are already on the event description on Club V1 but sometimes just need to be confirmed to ensure that everyone is fully informed before play.

Starting times must be adhered to unless there is a weather delay. It is not just about "not reaching" the group in front, it is about setting a space between groups. It is the starter's role to make sure the 8 minutes is observed as best as possible between groups to avoid bunching on the course. As all of the club starters can assure you, it will make a big difference to how we get around and this method has worked very well at the weekends.

AT THE END OF THE DAY PLEASE PUT YOUR STARTSHEET IN THE BOX PROVIDED FOR CARD RETURNS

For individual comps it is perfectly acceptable to move people up if someone drops out at the last minute, **but make sure it doesn't leave you short at the end of the list.** We would rather a 2 ball went out if that was the case. However we know there are times when we know this cannot be avoided.

Please remind all groups to replace divots, to repair pitch marks (not just their own if necessary), and to rake bunkers. It is incumbent on us to take as much care with our course as it is of the green staff.

For threeball and fourball team play, drop outs can be difficult to manage. We have therefore decided to only have pairs competitions in the winter in the hope that it will be easier to move people around if needed.

We hope that these enhancements give the starter of the day plenty of confidence to do what is required and that our golf days are richer for it.

The Committee April 2021