



ROWALLAN CASTLE

GOLF CLUB

2025

Members Handbook

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2025/2026 season at Rowallan Castle Golf Club.

We have reviewed the fixture list and competitions and we think the list give a great mixture of formats to suit all members. We are so happy we now have our first Lady 18 hole members who will be competing in our medals.

Inside your members booklet you will find important information about the club, key contacts as well. The booklet gives you all information and rules for each competition and please take the time to familiarise yourself with them. We hope you can take part in as many as possible. In particular please note the Local Rule on Scorecards (ensure you print your name and handicap or index on your card before submission).

We feel at Rowallan Castle, that we are very much a family club and would encourage everyone to make it their mission this year to have a game with as many people as possible. Golf is always an opportunity to build new friendships on the course. Throughout the season, please look out for club advertised volunteering opportunities where you can help with competitions & fundraising events. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

I have been lucky enough to be selected as Vice-Captain and Captain and I hope I do the role justice. Happy Golfing and enjoy the 2025/26 season!

Kevin Hamilton
Captain

To register for competition play, handicap information, online scores and results, Members should download the HOWDIDIDO APP and Sottish Golf App through Apple or Google play.

Competitions/Medals – Howdidido App

All players must sign into competitions/medals on the sign in sheet at the Pro Sop/Reception prior to playing.

Players should also sign in on the **HOWDIDIDO App** prior to playing, then return their score through the **HOWDIDIDO App**

LOCAL RULE: Players MUST Print Name & Handicap on Scorecards (Can be Handicap Index or Playing Handicap).

Failure to follow any of these steps will result in disqualification

For more information on **HOWDIDIDO**, please go to www.howdidido.com

General Play Scores - [Scottish Golf](#) Or [Howdidido App](#)

Outside of medal and competition play you can record a General Play Score, for this you MUST sign in via the [Scottish Golf App](#) or [HOWDIDIDO App](#) through your mobile phone or using the web browser on your phone PRIOR to playing.

You can record your score as you play or after your round, however this MUST be done PRIOR to leaving Rowallan Castle.

Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the score being null & void and deleted from the system.

Review of all General Play scores are done on a weekly basis.

For more information on General Play Scores, please go to www.scottishgolf.com

WHS

For information on the World Handicap System, please go to: <https://scottishgolf.org/handicapping-homepage/whs-education-for-golfers/>

SWEEP, 2'S SWEEP & SIGNING IN

There will be option for most medals/competitions where a £2 sweep and £2 2's sweep will be run from the professional shop when signing into the competition. All winnings credited in the shop and can be used in the Pro Shop or in restaurant. You must have a valid CONGU handicap to enter either sweeps.

All players must sign in at the professional shop prior to play whether in sweeps or not. Alternatively, if shop shut for any reason you must sign in on app. Failure to sign in may result in disqualification.

***Saturday Medals/Competitions will be 3 balls till 10.30am with 8min tee time intervals.**



18 Hole Medals

(Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday)

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Format:

18-hole strokeplay/Stableford medals, played from the tee of the day (Blue, White, Yellow or Red) as listed on the BRS computer or on the medal sign in sheet. The winner will be the player with the lowest net score returned on the day. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better inward half, last 6, last 3, last hole and then front 9.

Saturday Monthly Medals

18-hole stableford medal, played from the white tees. The winner will be the player with the most points returned on the day. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better inward half, last 6, last 3, last hole and then front 9.

The Monthly medals may be balloted.

Winners of the Saturday monthly medal will receive a 'medal' and qualify for the Medal Winners Final which will be played in September.

Spring, Summer & Autumn Meetings

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Format:

18-hole strokeplay medal, played from the white tees. The winner will be the player with the lowest nett score returned on the day. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better inward half, last 6, last 3, last hole and then front 9.

9 Hole Medals

Entries open to all Full, 5 Day, Intermediate, Youth and 9-hole members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Format:

9-hole stableford medal, played from the white, yellow or red tees. The winner will be the player with the lowest nett score returned. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better last 3, last 6 and final hole.

HAMILTON 9 HOLE SINGLES MATCHPLAY RULES

Matches should consist of **9 holes** played on **OLD CASTLE COURSE** from:

YELLOW Tees – MEN/ **RED** Tees – Women,

and NOT to be played in conjunction with any other competition.

Handicap Allowance

HCP will be 70% the difference between the **COURSE** handicaps with a maximum of 1 stroke per hole **(for example: Player A handicap 5, Player B handicap 16 difference is 11 – 70% applied = player B receives 7 shots**

Strokes to be taken in accordance with the stroke index shown on the Rowallan scorecard.

Arrangement of ties:

The Challenger(s) is the first named player(s) on the draw sheet. The challenger(s) is/are responsible for arranging the ties.

The challenger(s) is/are obliged to challenge his/their opponents(s) as follows: He/they shall offer at least three dates. There should be a minimum of seven days between the first and last dates offered.

The winner(s) is responsible for putting the name of the winning players(s) into the next round of the event. If neither name is submitted by the stipulated date, and in the absence of a challenge as described above, the secretary will cancel the challengers name and allow his opponents(s) to progress.

NO DATE EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED AT ANY STAGE OF THE COMPETITION UNLESS APPROVED BY THE EVENT ORGANISER.

When called upon the decision of the EVENT ORGANISER is final in all cases where a tie is not concluded by a stipulated date.

Any players failing to observe the above risk disqualification from the competition(s).

Play Well and Good Luck from all at Rowallan Golf!

Queens Own Highlanders Dirk

Qualifiers & Final

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Format:

18-hole stableford medal, played from the yellow tees throughout the summer months. The best two stableford scores count towards qualification to the final held in September.

The best 30 and tied combined scores returned by competitors will qualify for the final. No reserves will be in place for the final competition. **The final will be played from the Yellow tees in a stableford format, with the winner returning the best stableford points on the day.**

Wednesday Aggregate

Entries open to all Full, 5 day, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

There will be six qualifying competitions available from April to September and the winner will be the player with the lowest 2 combined net scores returned.

Format:

18-hole strokeplay medal, played from the Yellow Tees. The winner will be the player with the lowest nett score returned on the day. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better inward half, last 6, last 3, last hole and then front 9.

Wilson Staff Trophy

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Format:

18-hole strokeplay medal, played from the white tees. The winner will be the player with the lowest nett score returned on the day. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better inward half, last 6, last 3, last hole and then front 9.

Charity Shield

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

***Must pay applicable entry fee to win.**

The winner of the shield will choose the charity to benefit from the competition.

Format:

18-hole strokeplay medal, played from the white tees. The winner will be the player with the lowest nett score returned on the day. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better inward half, last 6, last 3, last hole and then front 9.

The Highlander Cup

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Format:

This will be a **scratch** event played twice over the 9 Hole course on the same day. Lowest Scratch Gross Score over 18 holes played from the yellow tees and not played in conjunction with any other competition.

Rowallan Blue Monster Cup

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Format:

18-hole strokeplay medal, played from the blue tees. The winner of the cup will be the **member** with the lowest gross score returned on the day. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better inward half, last 6, last 3, last hole and then front 9.

Club Championship

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Top 16 qualify for Scratch Matchplay from 12 qualifiers during the season. Best 3 Gross Scores to count for qualification. This will be played over 2 weekends in August.

Handicap Championship

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

36 hole Stokeplay with Lowest Nett winner over 1 weekend. Cut will be made on the Sat evening with top 20 and tied qualifying to tee up on the Sunday in reverse Gross order.

Seniors Club Championship (Over 50's)

Entries open to all Full members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club that are aged 50 years and above on the date of play with a valid CONGU handicap.

36 hole Stokeplay with Lowest Gross winner over 1 weekend. Cut will be made on the Sat evening with top 8 and tied qualifying to tee up on the Sunday in reverse Gross order

Medal Winners Final

The following 11 events are qualifiers for the final.

April, May, June, July, August & Sept Medal winners.

Spring, Summer & Autumn Meeting winners.

Wilson Staff & Charity Shield winners.

Format:

18-hole strokeplay medal, played from the white tees.

The winner will be the player with the lowest net score returned on the day. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better inward half, last 6, last 3, last hole and then front 9.

Alongside there will be an extra medal for members.

Matchplay Singles and Fourball Better Ball Doubles

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Matches should consist of 18 holes played from the white tees and not to be played in conjunction with any other competition.

- Singles – The Full difference between the **Course** handicaps with a maximum of 1 stroke per hole (for example: Player A handicap 5, Player B handicap 28 difference 23, however 18 strokes to be given).
- Doubles – Player with lowest handicap to concede strokes to the other 3 players based on 90% of the difference between **Course** handicaps.

Strokes to be taken in accordance with the stroke index shown on the Rowallan scorecard.

The winners of the doubles matchplay will be invited to represent Rowallan Castle Golf Club in the Ayrshire Fourball Matchplay the following year.

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

£5 entry for singles and £10 for team must be paid prior to the draw. Failure to pay entry will result in being removed from the draw.

Arrangement of ties:

The Challengers(s) is the first named player(s) on the draw sheet. The challenger(s) is/are responsible for arranging the ties.

The challenger(s) is/are obliged to challenge his/their opponents(s) as follows: He/they shall offer at least three dates. There should be a minimum of seven days between the first and last dates offered and two of the dates must be on a weekend.

The winner(s) is responsible for putting the name of the winning players(s) into the next round of the event. If neither name is submitted by the stipulated date, and in the absence of a challenge as described above, the secretary will cancel the challengers name and allow his opponents(s) to progress.

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Any players failing to observe the above risk disqualification from the competition(s).

Campbell Scramble

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Format:

4-man Texas Scramble played from the yellow tees. The team handicap will be calculated by 25/20/15/10% from Lowest to Highest Handicap as per CONGU Rules.

All players must have a valid CONGU handicap on the day. If this is not the case, the Director of Golf will issue a handicap based on the knowledge of the golfer.

The winners will be the team with the lowest net score on the day. In the event of a tie, the winners will be decided by better inward half, last 6, last 3, last hole and then front 9. There will be various prizes for the days competition depending on the entries.

Each team will pay a nominated entry on the day and times will be issued from 07.30 in the morning through to 13:00.

Member Guest Scramble

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate & Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap. Spaces will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Format:

TBC

Presidents Quaich

The Presidents Quaich was donated to the club by Ayrshire Past President and Head of Golf Operations at Rowallan Castle John Rushbury.

The format of the event will be a Pairs Texas Scramble.

Handicapping: Pairs (Two-Ball) Texas Scramble

Example - Pair have handicaps 8 and 16.

- **35% of the lowest handicapped player, $8 \times 35\% = 2.8$**
- **15% of the highest handicap in the group, $16 \times 15\% = 2.4$**
- **Total sum = $2.8+2.4 =$ team allowance of 5.2 shots**

The decimal points count in a Texas Scramble. If the Pairs team above shot a gross 72 for their round, their nett score is 66.8.

Captains Day

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Format: This will be chosen by the Club Captain, Kevin Hamilton TBC.

House Flag Competition

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

To enter the competition players must put their name on the entry sheet in the clubhouse, entries will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

Format:

Each House (Lorimer, Alexander, Ross, Campbell) will have four team captains (Captain, Head of Golf, General Manager and Past Captain) who will have equal teams. The team captains will start with the nominated teams following behind.

Format:

The format of the event is round robin matchplay.

Rowallan Grand Slam

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate, Youth, Course and 9 hole members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

To enter this fun competition, players must put their name on the entry sheet in the clubhouse, entries will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

Format:

3 or 4 player team

8 Holes Texas Scramble

8th Hole Nearest the Pin

9th Hole reverse Texas Scramble

3 Holes on Putting Green

Three Tee Challenge

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

Format:

18-hole stableford, **75% of handicap index**. Played from the white, yellow and red tees. The winner will be the player with the highest points total returned on the day. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better inward half, last 6, last 3, last hole and then front 9.

Players must hit six tee shots from the white tees, six tee shots from the yellow tees and six tee shots from the red tees.

Failure to mark which tee was used at each hole on the scorecard, print name, handicap index and 75% allowance on the card will result in disqualification.

There will be option sweep and 2's available in the professional shop when signing into the competition.

Ladies 9 Hole Salver

Format:

There will be 12 qualifying 9 Hole Medals available from April to September and the winner will be the player with the lowest 2 combined net scores returned.

Rowallan Castle Winter Series

(November to March)

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap.

This is a Saturday competition played over 12 holes (front 9, 17, 18 and 19). Each Saturday's score will go towards creating an average score for the final. On the final Saturday we will calculate your average score taken from your best 6 scores out of a possible 15 competitions over the winter period and add that with your score on the final Saturday to find the winner. For example: Robbie MacInnes (see table on the right).

Format/Handicap:

The format of the competition will be stableford with two thirds of your handicap allowance. If you win an event your handicap will be reduced by a full shot and by 0.5 if you come second. Similarly, if you finish last (counting score) your handicap will increase by 0.5 Play will be from the red or yellow tees and winter rules will apply.

Entries, Sweep & 2's and Scorecard return:

To enter on the day, we will run like a normal medal through the shop. Sweep entry is £2 and if you enter the sweep you will receive an extra 3 points onto your score that day. £1 of the sweep money will go towards the end of winter grand prize. We will run a 2's competition on these days as well and each Saturday there will be a sweep pay out for the winner of that day. The computer will not be set up for these events as it is only 12 holes, but scorecards can be posted in the clubhouse box or through the letterbox in at the shop. **GROSS SCORES TO BE WRITTEN ON THE CARD**

Please note: As the competition is over 12 holes you are more than welcome to play all 19 holes that day.

Cats Whiskers

Entries open to all Full, Intermediate and Youth members of Rowallan Castle Golf Club with a valid CONGU handicap, who attended the clubs annual prize-giving the previous night.

Format:

12-hole stableford sweep, played from the yellow tees. The winner will be the player with the highest points total returned on the day. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by better, last 3, last hole and then front 9.

Handicap is based on two thirds of your playing handicap.

There will be option £2 sweep and £2 2's sweep in the professional shop when signing into the competition.

You must also have a valid CONGU handicap to enter sweeps.

Full Membership – No Restrictions * entitled to

10% off clothing in shop and 10% off bar and restaurant bill.

Youth/Intermediate – No Restrictions * entitled to 10%

off clothing in shop and 10% off bar and restaurant bill.

9 Hole Membership - Access to course 7 days a week, **after 12pm on Weekends**. Holes 1-8 & 19 only. *Max 9 holes per day.

Junior Membership

Access to 9 hole course 7 days a week and after 12pm on Weekends.

Member Guests - £15 (*whether 9 holes, 12 or 18)

April to September & Weekends from 10.30am

October to March * Weekends from 10am

9 Hole Member Guests - £15

1st April to 31st March from 12pm at weekends



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