



## Rules for handling No Shows at Club Competitions

1. No shows create significant additional work and hassle for the event organisers.
2. No shows spoil the enjoyment of an event for other competitors as teams have to be shuffled around and may end up one player short or in extreme cases (e.g. pairs) one side may end up with no one to play with and a marker.

### Policy to deal with Members who don't show up

1. The Club Competitions Secretary/Event Organiser or Captain/Vice Captain will telephone or email the member to try to establish why they did not inform the organiser that they could not play on the day.
2. If no valid reason is provided, the member is disqualified from the competition and they will be required to pay the entry fee. The entry fee is due because the member has entered the competition and been disqualified. Also it is often the case that prizes have been purchased in advance by the organisers. (Note: the normal disqualification rules of golf apply I.E handicap will increase by 0.1).
3. It will be explained to the member that it is extremely inconsiderate not to inform the organiser in advance of their intention not to turn up so that appropriate and timely action could be taken to safeguard the enjoyment of other members. (Examples of acceptable reasons for a no show can be found in the Decisions on the Rules of Golf book section 6-3a/1.5 - most other reasons will not be acceptable)
4. When a member's explanation is acceptable the Competition Secretary can decide to waive the disqualification and entry fee payment requirement. (Examples of acceptable reasons can be found in the Decisions on the Rules of Golf 6-3a/1.5)
5. A member refusing to pay the entry fee will be banned from entering the next three Club "major" or "drawn" competitions and from playing in any rounds of Club Knock-out competitions for 3 months from the date of the ban.
6. The Competitions Secretary will keep a list of members who have failed to turn up for competitions without having good reason and any member who fails to show up at 3 events over the season will be banned from entering the next three Club "major" or "drawn" competitions and from playing in any rounds of Club knock-outs for 3 months from the date of the ban.

Approved at General Committee

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