

## The Ootacamund Gymkhana Club 2025-2026

### A) Terms of Competition

#### **Eligibility**

Unless a specific exception is made, eligibility for entry in OGC tournaments is limited to members of OGC and affiliate Club members who have a USGA GHIN handicap. The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry. In all events, those who wish to compete for the Gross prizes will have to play from the Gents White Tees.

#### **Age**

Where a tournament has age criteria, the player should have reached his/her birthday before the start of the competition. At OGC, the Senior category is for players 65 years and above.

#### **Draw:**

The draw will be on the notice board on, or before 5 p.m. the previous day of each tournament or each round in a tournament. It is the responsibility of the players to ascertain their starting time. Players are requested to submit their mobile numbers along with their entries.

#### **Handicap:**

For all tournaments, eligibility is restricted to players who have a course handicap not exceeding 30 for men under seventy-five years of age and 36 for women and men over seventy-five. The Tournament Committee reserves the sole right to permit exceptions. Players whose Handicap Index has been adjusted during the duration of any multi-round event will play with the handicap as on the first day of the competition. The same Handicap (1st-day Hcp) will apply in case he participates in any concurrent tournament played along with the multi-day tournament.

#### **USGA - GHIN Handicaps**

- Players must record all golf scores played, regardless of the course, if they are to maintain a valid USGA GHIN handicap.
- All scorecards must be validated by a co-player.
- **All scores shall be uploaded to the USGA GHIN by the player's HOME CLUB ONLY.**
- USGA GHIN Handicap Indexes generated by individual uploads onto the GHIN APP will be deemed invalid.
- Handicap indexes generated by any other system other than the USGA GHIN will also be deemed invalid.
- If any score is entered wrongly, it must be corrected within 48 hours from the completion of the round

- Entries not satisfying the above-mentioned criteria shall be eligible for Gross categories only.

### **Maximum Course Handicap for Tournament Play.**

**Singles:-** The Maximum course handicap shall be 24 for Men and Ladies.

**Doubles :-** All doubles events shall be played with 40% of combined handicap subjected to a max of 24 strokes.

### **Entry**

Entries must be received by the Club via WhatsApp / Email/ Google forms or in the Club Entry Register, within the dates specified for each tournament.

**Email:-** [office@ootygymkhana.club](mailto:office@ootygymkhana.club)

**Mobile whatsapp** - +91 94887 73351

### **Trophies / Prizes**

#### **Singles**

For 30 entries and above.

(0 – 16) & (17-24) – Nett Winner and Runner up.

Gross Winner and Runner Up.

For less than 30 entries

(0-24) – Nett Winner and Runner up.

Gross – Winner.

#### **Doubles**

( 0 -24) – Nett Winner and Runner up

Gross – Winner and Runner up.

(Gross Runner up will be given for more than 30 entries).

For **Nett events**, the order of choosing shall be: -

Nett Winner

Gross Winner

Nett Runner up

Gross Runner up

For **Gross events**, the order of choosing shall be

Gross Winner

Nett Winner

Gross Runner up

Nett Runner up

## **Ties**

### **Stableford / Bogey and other pick-up formats: -**

Ties shall be determined by count back - better last round/second half, better last six holes, better last 3 holes, better last hole. If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes and the final hole of the first nine holes will be considered in turn.

If the Tie is not resolved, then a joint prize will be awarded.

### **Medal Round and Matchplay formats**

**Medal round:** -Ties are to be resolved by a Playoff; players shall play Hole # 18 until a result is achieved.

**Match play:**- As per agreement by teams.

### **Disqualification Penalties:**

This can be applied only by the Golf Captain or Rules Official or TWO members of the Tournament Committee.

Advising of Penalties after the round: By Golf Captain or Rules Official or TWO members of the Tournament Committee.

Serious Breach of Code of Conduct Rule 1-2: Penalty shall be disqualification.

## **Scorecard**

The scorecard is considered returned when the player has dropped it in the Score Card Box at the Verandah/ club house.

## **Finalisation of Results**

The result of the match in a match play competition is considered final once the result has been recorded on the draw in the Notice Board. Results in other formats of competition is closed when the results have been approved/signed by a Tournament Committee member.

## **Amendment to Terms**

The Committee reserves the right to amend the terms at any time, including the right to arrange and/or alter starting times. Specific tournaments will have conditions such as handicap category limitations, minimum scores of a partner, as well as other format modifications. These will be indicated in the tournament communication sent out by the Club and are to be read along with these Terms of Competition.

The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.

## **(B) Handicap policy 2025-2026**

Quantum of revision based on Tournament scores.

The Course Handicap (CH) will be revised as follows –

A player's Course Handicap will be revised by 80% of the quantum of the score played under.

- For CH 7.0 and below, the quantum of revision will not exceed 1.0.
- For CH 8 to 12.0, the quantum of revision will not exceed 2.0.
- For CH, 13 to 24, the quantum of revision will not exceed 4.0.
- The quantum of revision will be at the Handicap Committee's discretion.

### **Duration of CH revision**

All handicap revisions will be for a duration of 3 months.

### **Player Records**

A player's records (Tournament and Non-Tournament) shall be maintained for the entire duration of the current active golfing season of the year in question.

The Committee will monitor scoring records, and should there be a trend of abnormal scores posted during Tournament play as opposed to regular rounds, the committee will exercise the following options:

- Call for an explanation from the player by email
- Conduct an enquiry with the player in person.
- Post a penalty score.
- Suspend the player from Tournament plays for 3 months at the Committee's discretion.
- Course Handicaps may be revised at the sole discretion of the tournament/handicap committee.
- Tournament formats subjected to revision
- All Individual Tournaments (Stroke play, Stableford, against bogey and Matchplay) will be subject to revision. Partnership formats such as Better Ball, Aggregate Stableford and Matchplay will be subject to revision

## Frequency of revision

Post Tournaments - After each tournament.

Non-Tournament play - Weekly revisions as per GHIN software.

## Notes

- The Handicap Index of a player or the duration of revision is at the discretion of the Handicap Committee. It may alter the same at any time.

<b>( C ) General Information to players</b>
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## Standards of Player Conduct (R 1.2) (Etiquettes)

- All Players must familiarize themselves with the Player conduct.
- Mobile phones shall not be put in use anywhere on the course.

## Tournament play information

- To promote the pace of play, **Players must pick up the ball if their scores are beyond points (Stable ford / Bogey). Scores on those holes must be recorded with an X followed by a Nett Double bogey score. Failure to adhere will result in disqualification.**
- Play a provisional ball if the original ball is suspected to be lost.
- Put a second ball in play if you are uncertain of the relief rule etc.
- Unless specified , All medal round matches will be considered GROSS events while Formats such as stableford, Bogey etc will be NETT events.

**- The Tournament Committee  
Ootacamund Gymkhana Club**