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## South Wales Seniors Classic

Seniors Classic Cup & Bowl Competition Rules 2026- (Updated 08/11/2025)

### **The Competition:**

- Rule 1.** a) The Classic is a team knockout competition for the Classic Cup/Bowl.  
b) The winners of the qualifying round will play in the Cup and the losers will play in the Bowl.  
c) Matches will be arranged as a result of a random draw overseen by committee members.  
d) The first team drawn will play at home the next team will be their opponents except in the Qualifying round which will now be played on a Home & Away basis.
- 2. Players:** a) All players to be Home Members of the Clubs Seniors Section / Society and aged 55 years or over on 31st March of the current year and possess a valid WHS Handicap Index certificate from their Home club.
- 3. Format:** a) A team will consist of 3 pairs (6 players) who will contest the result of each match.  
b) Four ball better ball, match play off handicap.  
c) Players with course handicaps in excess of 18 may participate but will have to play off an upper limit of 18. Strokes taken will be from the  
d) Where a club is represented by more than 1 team those teams will not compete against each other during the qualifying or first rounds.  
away captain  
f) The away team has the honour on the 1<sup>st</sup>tee.  
g) In the event that the match ends up all square, the last halving pair will play sudden death to determine the overall outcome.
- 4. General:** a) Buggies are permitted where local conditions allow.  
b) Matches are played off yellow boxes.  
c) Matches must be played observing local rules otherwise strictly in accordance with R & A Rules.
- 5. Entries:** a) Each Club may enter up to Three Teams into the competition providing overall there are no more than 64 teams entered in total. Should the number of entries exceed 64 then the entries will be accepted on a chronological basis (Rule Change 2/11/2012) and the Treasurer will refund entry fees to those teams thus excluded.  
b) A club may enter up to fourteen (14) named players per team.  
c) Players once registered for a team will not be allowed to transfer to another team.  
d) Entry fee per team is **£70.00** ) Closing date for competition and entries submission of team names as published on the website.
- 6. Communications:** a) The winning captain (or his representative) must notify the match result via the web form as soon as possible  
b) The qualifying round matches will be played over 2 rounds in 2026 on a Home and Away basis as a trial . The 1<sup>st</sup> round will be played as normal with 1 team being the Home side and their opponents the Away side playing at the Home course except where otherwise agreed.  
For the Qualifying round both Home captains will submit 3 dates, not in the same week, to their opposition for their Home fixtures and the final dates for both Home fixtures will be mutually agreed by the 2 captains (or their representatives). If the match ends in a draw after both matches, each Captain will select a pair from their team to compete in a sudden-death playoff to determine the winner.  
For the 1<sup>st</sup> round the Home captain will submit 3 dates, not in the same week, for the consideration of the Away team and the final date will be mutually agreed by the 2 captains (or their representatives). In the event of a draw in this format please see 3(g) above.  
Failure to appear at any agreed date and time will result in a "Walkover" for the team on the tee. The Committee's decision is final.  
**Please note: If you have any players that are not available for Finals day then do not enter their names to play in your team.**

**HANDICAP EXAMPLES ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE BELOW**

### SWSC Classic Cup & Bowl Match Play

Due to Wales Golf rule changes for 4BBB matchplay competitions from 1st April, 2024, players now calculate their Course Handicap and then take shots from the lowest golfer. It's only at this point, you work out the 90 per cent shot allowance.

Player	WHS	Course H'cap	Diff From Lowest H'cap	Shots Received	
A	11.3	13	0	0	
B	16.4	18	5	5	<b>Example 1</b>
C	12.3	14	1	1	
D	21.6	24/Max 18	5	5	
A	11.4	13	9	8	
B	3.2	4	0	0	<b>Example 2</b>
C	16.3	18	14	13	
D	25.4	29/Max 18	14	13	
A	2	2	0	0	
B	10	11	9	8	<b>Example 3</b>
C	12	13	11	10	
D	14	16	14	13	