



Proposal to include opportunities for Girls & Ladies to enter main stream (Men's) Competitions on a trial basis.

In order to stay in tune with the policies of the R & A and English Golf &, in turn, offer additional competitive alternatives for all members at Barnham Broom GC, I would like to offer the Junior Girl & Lady members the option to enter two or three weekend competitions in the early/late part of next year (2018) on a trial basis. I would also expect the Ladies to offer reciprocal arrangements.

There is evidence to suggest more clubs are amalgamating their golfing sections and/or introducing mixed competitions to accord with R & A expectations & a modern approach. I would like to see Barnham Broom GC establish an extended foundation for these policies & a varied challenge for all (bearing in mind midweek competitions are currently mixed).

Ladies' Golf Union and The R&A complete merger (Monday 19 December 2016)

Increasing Participation in Women's Golf

Martin Slumbers, Chief Executive of The R&A, said, "The integration of the two organisations (R&A and LGU) puts us in a better, stronger position to realise our collective vision for growing the game of golf around the world.

*"Our combined resources and staff expertise will help us to achieve our shared aims for the development of golf, **including increasing girls' and women's participation and encouraging more families to enjoy golf** as a recreational activity.*

As I understand it, judging from opinion & advice received, there will need to be certain conditions of entry, & recommended adjustments to handicaps understood by all entrants for competition purposes.

Maximum playing handicap to be 28

Membership status to be 7 day only (as for all)

Competitions to be non-trophy events (possibility that trophies may be sponsored in future)

Handicap adjustments to be based on SSS differences (as attached)

As a club, we will be seen to accept & adopt a true approach toward further growth & integration at our club in the name of modern advancement!

If this proposal is approved by the committee, I will take necessary measures to develop this concept with the Lady Captain & Management.

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