

The Match Committee has decided to make some changes to the tee allocations for the Wednesday and Saturday competitions.

Wednesdays

A 9 hole competition will be reintroduced from 31 January 2024. This is expected to increase participation by providing an opportunity to play to members who:

- are not yet comfortable playing 18 holes
- are no longer able to play 18 holes
- have other commitments during the day
- don't wish to play in the heat of the day.

To incorporate the 9 hole competition all players will tee off from the 1st or 10th tees with tee times starting at 8am during summer.

Players wanting to play in the 9 hole competition will need to contact Captain, Sue Slattery to have a tee time allocated.

Saturdays

The Saturday competition will trial using a one tee start from Saturday 27 January for four weeks, with tee times starting at 7am during summer.

This will:

- allow more players to play in the morning as tee times in the a.m. have been consistently booked out.
- eliminate the time the tees are currently closed between the morning and afternoon fields
- provide greater flexibility to expand the number of players in peak periods
- improve flow of play by eliminating the possibility of groups catching up to those waiting to tee off on other tees
- be easier for the Captain and team to administer
- allow work on the course ahead of the field.

Whilst not a primary motivator for the change, a one tee system will likely also have a financial advantage for the club with additional access to the course for non-competition players, increasing green fee revenue and potentially memberships.

Members are encouraged to continue to socialise after their game and the move to a one tee system is not expected to significantly impact this.

Feedback from members will be sought on the success and concerns of the trial and this will be considered along with the results of the recent Club survey when determining tee times following the trial.