



Dyfed County Junior Order Of Merit Competition Rules and Guidance

- 1.1 The Dyfed Junior Order of Merit event will run each year at a number of designated golf courses within the County of Dyfed. This Competition will determine both the Individual Order of Merit Champion, and also the Team Champions for the coinciding season. At each DGU Junior Order of Merit {OOM} event, plus the first round of the Dyfed Junior Championships clubs will be awarded points towards the Dyfed Junior League. Order of Merit events, of which there will be FIVE, will be agreed upon at the Junior AGM by the Junior Manager and other officials.
- 1.2. OOM events will be an 18 holes medal event only with a handicap limit of 24 for the boys & 36 for the girls.
- 1.3. Any junior competitor representing another County is not eligible for this competition or the Dyfed Junior County Championships. Therefore they cannot accumulate individual order of merit points on an individual or club based basis.
- 1.4. A junior competitor may only represent one club in any season. This is the junior's home club on the deadline of entries for the first order of merit event of the year and points may only be accumulated for this Golf Club.
- 1.5. Distance measuring devices are allowed at Dyfed Order of Merit competitions.
- 1.6. Up to ten player's maximum will make up the team for each represented Club.
- 1.7. Each club's top five score cards will count. This will be the lowest scoring two gross scores, plus the next best three nett scores after removing these two. The scores are then aggregated together with the winning club having the lowest aggregated score.
- 1.8. In the event of a club fielding more than ten players it will be up to the clubs Junior Organiser to name his / her nominated ten players prior to the first player teeing off. Failure to do so will mean that the lowest ten players on handicap will be selected.
- 1.9. In the event of a club unable to field five players who complete cards, a lesser number of cards will count to determine positions in the league on the day. Clubs with four completed cards will get more points than clubs with three completed cards and so on.
- 1.10. Points allocation for both the Individual and the Team order of Merit event will be allocated as follows. Ten points shall be awarded to the first placed player with the lowest gross score, 9 to the second, and so on until the tenth player receives a 1

point score .The team event will also be scored from 10 points for the lowest winning team, nine to the second and so on with one point to the tenth team. All scores for the Order of merit events will be in full, and allocated on a countback basis for individuals. This will be done by using the standard 9-6-3-1 sequence. Therefore in the first instance if the match result is tied, the player with the lowest gross score for holes 10 through 18 would win.

1.11. The points from each OOM event, plus the First round of the Dyfed Junior Championships shall be added together and the winner will be the Individual or club with the greatest number of points on this the final day of play. The winning club will represent Dyfed at the Welsh Junior Inter-counties final.

1.12. In the event of a tie, the club with the greatest number of first places at the counting events will be deemed the winner. If still tied then on the greatest number of second places until a winner is decided.

1.13. In the event of any dispute the matter shall be referred to the DGU Management Committee whose decision shall be final.

Suggested points to follow to ensure a smooth & successful OOM

In order to ensure fairness and consistency, it is vital that all clubs hosting OOMs adhere to the following guidelines.

2.1. Handicap limits for medal events must comply with Rule 2 above. Should a club for example wish to run a stableford for girls, there must nevertheless be a medal event which any girl with a handicap of 36 or less may choose to enter.

2.2 Competition scratch scores must be calculated for each event. It is not acceptable to simply refer to the SSS of the course.

2.3. A complete listing of scores showing name, club, gross score, net scores and handicap must be returned to the County Junior Manager , his nominee or a representative of the Committee of the Dyfed Golfing Union as soon as practicable after the event (ideally within 2 days). This should preferably take the form of an Excel spreadsheet to facilitate sorting and calculations. This enables both individual and team points to be calculated by the County. It is not expected that the Club calculate these themselves, though they may choose to do so. If they do choose to do so, these will not be official until checked and announced by the County.

2.4. Whilst it is beneficial for players to tee off in broad handicap order, this is not a requirement. Pairing a 2 handicap with two 20s for example may not be ideal, but a 2 and a 10 or a 12 and an 18 in the same group for example would not be out of place. This facilitates item 5 below.

2.5. No group may consist entirely of players from one club, whether three ball or two ball. Wherever possible there should not be 2 from the same club in a group, so as to avoid a fellow team mate marking a player's card, though it is recognised this may not always be possible dependent on entries.

2.6. In the interest of fair play parents / adults / careers / friends / peers may watch their children during play but must **not come within 25 yards** of players and must not interfere, guide or caddie in any way during a competition. This is in accordance with the Dyfed Junior Guidance for Players and parents code of conduct 2026. Failure to do so may result in their child being disqualified. This rule is for all 18 holes competitors. The hosting club will decide whether the ones playing less than 18 holes are allowed parents / adults / careers / friends / peers / to ensure that the

competitors are playing at a resonance pace and for safeguarding.

2.7. Junior Organisers or Team Managers are allowed on the course to give assistance with rules if requested by a player, though not in the capacity of a referee unless authorised by the club, also to help the competitors keep up pace with the groups in front and or for safeguarding purposes. If an Organiser is a parent, this takes precedence over 6 above.

2.8. Caddies are not allowed. Players may not ride in buggies unless under a medical exemption sanctioned by the hosting club in their sole discretion.

2.9. Players who have completed their round may, at the discretion of the hosting club, return to the course to support their team mates, but may not offer advice or instruction or interfere with play. The 25yd no contact rule again applies.

2.10. Clubs may set their own requirements in respect of deadlines for entry and nothing shall compel them to accept late entries, though equally nothing shall preclude them from doing so in their absolute discretion. They may not however favour any player or club over another, and must not be influenced by the effect on team or individual OOM placings.

2.11. Entry fees should generally not exceed £15 including a meal, so as not to discourage participation. This limit is discussed and agreed at the annual general meeting of junior organisers and is therefore subject to change.

2.12. Prizes and / or trophies are awarded at the hosting club's discretion. It is suggested there should be some recognition of the best gross score in addition to the net prizes.

It is also suggested that some memento or trophy for the overall net winner is appropriate in addition to any prize that may be awarded.