

# Competition Start Procedure

(One player drawn in the first tee slot should ask in the Pro Shop for a copy of the day's Start Sheet then take that sheet to the first tee where it should be put on the clipboard for all players to refer to.)

Players should be on their first tee at least **10 minutes prior** to their allotted tee time.

Players **must not tee off before their allocated tee time** under any circumstances.

If a player arrives at the starting tee **up to 5 minutes late** for his/her allotted tee time he/she will incur a **2 stroke penalty**, to be taken on the first hole, as per R&A Rule 6-3a but :

- a) If, due to unforeseen backward tee time slippage, his/her group has not yet teed off, he/she will continue in his/her originally allotted group.

or,

- b) If his/her group has already teed off he/she will go to the back of the field where they will be accommodated as best suits the final groupings of players.

If a player arrives at the starting tee **more than 5 minutes late** he/she will **disqualified** as per R&A Rule 6-3a.

If, due to player withdrawal circumstances, a player finds himself on the starting tee without a playing partner, that player would **drop back into the next group** even if that group then becomes a 4 ball.

If, when playing in a pairs competition, one of the pairs fails to show up on the tee the remaining pair, unfortunately, will have to wait until the next available slot or, at worst, join in with the final group even if that group then becomes a 6 ball! (no individual player or, in a pairs event, pairing can compete in a Competition without at least one other player being available to officiate as their card Marker.)

Notes :

If a player, out on the course, finds himself/herself left as a single player due to other players in that group having to pull out mid-round, the single player in question must wait whilst play catches up and **join in with the group following** (up to 4 ball maximum) and so on. In this event please make sure score cards are appropriately marked, signed and exchanged to allow play to continue. Out on the course, 2 balls must not join up with other 2 balls but continue as they started.

As with all Competitions normal course etiquette applies with 2 balls generally having priority over 3 balls over 4 balls etc. and quicker playing groups of players should be **called through** whenever possible to improve overall pace of play.

The Committee