

**NORFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION****INTER-CLUB SCRATCH LEAGUE****RULES OF THE COMPETITION****1 ELIGIBILITY**

- a) Clubs must pay the annual NLCGA Affiliation fees.
- b) Only members of the NLCGA are eligible to enter. Players must be a member of the club for which they play. **Penalty** – disqualification of offending player.
- c) A player **must** only play for one club in any one season. **Penalty** – disqualification of offending player from second club's match.
- d) Players must play off scratch and have a Competition Handicap.
- e) All clubs must confirm their entry each year or indicate their wish to join the competition by completing the NLCGA Competition Entry form for the following year. The completed form, together with the entry fee, must be submitted to the Hon Treasurer by 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- f) An entry fee must be paid for each team entered in the league.
- g) Matches are to be played between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**2 MATCH DETAILS**

- a) A match comprises 3 games of singles played off scratch. Different players may be used in each round.
- b) The players must be listed in handicap order to ensure that the correct opponent is played (the playing handicap not the exact handicap may be the order). **Penalty** – disqualification of offending player.

Note 1: A game may be played out of sequence in special circumstances.

Note 2: If it is found, after the results have been notified to the Competition Organiser that a player has offended as in 2b), the player will be disqualified retrospectively, the match awarded to the opposing player and the team result amended accordingly.

- c) The Match Captains must exchange the team order of play sheets within 15 minutes prior to the first tee time, after which no player may be substituted.
- d) The visiting team will have the honour.
- e) Should any player fail to be on the tee within 15 minutes after the last game has started, her opponent on the list will score a "walk over".
- f) Advice may **only** be given to players by their caddie- Rule 8/1.

### 3 SCORING

- a) A match will consist of three games. Each game will consist of 18 holes match play. If a game is all square after 18 holes, the game is halved and each team will score ½ point.
- b) The team winning the most games will score three points. In the event of a draw (1½-1½), each team will score one point.

### 4 RESULTS

- a) The WINNING team will be responsible for sending the result sheet immediately to the Competition Organiser.

### 5 GENERAL

- a) The HOME team will be responsible for arranging the match by contacting the AWAY team and offer three dates, one of which must be a weekday and one a weekend day.
- b) Where a club has two teams in the league the following rules apply:
  - i) If the teams are in the same division, they MUST play their match before a match against another club.
  - ii) A player may only play for one team within a club in any league season.  
**Penalty** – Disqualification of offending player from second match, the game awarded to the opposing player and team result amended accordingly.
- c) The NLCGA requests that caddies do not go onto greens.
- d) Distance measuring devices are permitted in accordance with the Rules of Golf Appendix IV.5.
- e) Motorised buggies are permitted subject to the Transportation Policy of the NLCGA.
- f) The winner of the league will be the team with the most points. If more than one team finishes with the same number of points, the winner will be decided as follows:
  - i) The team with the most games won overall (Games For).
  - ii) Team with the most AWAY matches won (Away Won).
  - iii) Team with the most games won in AWAY matches.
  - iv) Team with the most games won between the tied teams.
  - v) Team with the most holes up between tied teams.
- g) The top team in Division 2 and all lower divisions will be promoted. The bottom team in all divisions except the lowest will be relegated.
- h) If clubs are interested in joining the league they can apply and will be accommodated in the league structure.
- i) The winning team in each division will be presented with a trophy at the County AGM.

## **6 SUSPENSION OF PLAY/ABANDONMENT**

- a) If a match is temporarily suspended (eg thunderstorm) balls should be marked and play discontinued until resumption of play is signalled as set out in the suspension of play procedure.
- b) If the course is unplayable on the day and has to be abandoned the HOME club must follow the procedure in rule 5a) above.

**Team Captains are asked to mutually resolve situations not covered by the above.**

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