

NORFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION



INTER-CLUB LEAGUE

TERMS 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** – exclusion of offending player.
- c) A player **must** only play for one club in any one season. **Penalty** – exclusion of offending player from second club's match.
- d) Matches will be played off handicap – LIMIT 28 Handicap Index. A player with a higher handicap may play off a Handicap Index of 28. A Handicap Index must be issued from a 'golf club' (as defined in the Rules of Handicapping book) that is authorised to use the Rules of Handicapping. **Penalty** – exclusion of offending player.
- e) Clubs must confirm their entry each year or indicate their wish to join the competition by completing the NLCGA Inter-Club Competition Entry form for the following year. The completed form, together with the entry fee, must be submitted to the Hon Treasurer by 31st July.
- f) An entry fee must be paid for each team entered in the league.
- g) Matches are to be played between 1st March and 31st August.

2. MATCH DETAILS

- a) A match comprises 7 games of singles. Different players may be used in each match.
- b) The players must be listed in playing handicap order to ensure that the correct opponent is played. **Penalty** – exclusion 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 League 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) If a player begins the match having declared a HIGHER handicap that would affect the number of strokes given or received, she will be disqualified, otherwise the player will play off the declared playing handicap Rules of Golf (Rule 3-2c).
- d) The playing handicap allowance will be the full difference between the playing handicaps of the players.
- e) 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.
- f) The visiting team will have the honour.

- g) 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”.
- h) Advice may **only** be given to players by their caddie – Rules of Golf (Rule 10-3).
- i) A team will play all other teams within their division on a home and away basis.

3. SCORING

- a) A match will consist of seven 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) If a club cannot provide seven players, the opposing team will have a walkover in each non-contested match. Where it is known that a team is registering 6 or fewer players, the walkover matches **must** be recorded in the last place on the team sheet. The opposing team **must** maintain their playing handicap order including the walkover match(es.)
- c) If a club is unable to rearrange a date of any match thereby giving their opponents a walkover two points will be deducted from the club that has defaulted.
- d) The team winning the most games will score three points. In the event of a draw (3½-3½), each team will score one point.

4. RESULTS

The WINNING team will be responsible for sending the result sheet immediately to the League Organiser.

5. GENERAL

- a) The Home team will be responsible for arranging the matches which should be confirmed in writing. Any changes to fixtures (date/time) must be confirmed in writing (letter or email) by the Home team.
- 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 both a home and away fixture, and both matches **MUST** be played before any match against another club.
 - ii) A player may only play for one team within a club in any league season.

Penalty – exclusion of offending player from second match, the game awarded to the opposing player and team result amended accordingly.

- c) The NLCGA request that caddies do not go onto greens.
- d) Distance measuring devices are permitted in accordance with the Rules of Golf (Rule 4-3).
- e) Motorised buggies are permitted subject to the Transportation Policy of the NLCGA.
- f) The winner of each division 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 all divisions, lower than Division 1, 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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