



Norfolk Ladies County Golf Association

INTER-CLUB WINTER 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 36.0 Handicap Index. A player with a higher Handicap Index may play off a Handicap Index of 36.0. A Handicap Index must be issued by 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) A player must have submitted any 5 cards within the previous 12 months prior to the game being played. It is the player's responsibility to ensure they meet the qualifying criteria. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of that player.
- f) Clubs must confirm their entry each year 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 County Treasurer by 31st July.
- g) If clubs wish to enter a team in the Winter League, they must first apply to the County Secretary in writing on Club letterhead and will be accommodated in the League structure.
- h) An entry fee must be paid for each team entered in the League.
- i) Matches are to be played between 1st November and 28th February.

2. MATCH DETAILS

- a) A match comprises five games of singles. Different players may be used in each match.
- b) Play will be off the regular Ladies' Competition tees.
- c) 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 excluded retrospectively, the match awarded to the opposing player and the team result amended accordingly.
- d) 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).
- e) The playing handicap allowance will be the full difference between the course handicaps of the players.
- f) The Team 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.
- g) The visiting team will have the honour.

- h) 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”. The “walk-over” match(es) MUST be listed LAST on the Results Sheet using the initials ‘WO’ for the missing players. The opposing team MUST list all names and handicaps of the players (even if they are not playing) to show they have a full team and MUST be in Handicap Index order.
- i) Advice may **only** be given to players by their caddie – Rules of Golf (Rule 10-3).
- j) A team will play all other teams within their Division on a home and away basis.

3. SCORING

- a) A match will consist of five 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) Where it is known that a team will be short of a player/s
 - Team A, for example, is only fielding 4 players, they will be listed in Handicap Index order.
 - Team B, will fill in ALL 5 places in Handicap Index order – (player 5 MUST be listed but doesn’t have to be present) with the result listed as a walk-over.
 - In the case of a missing player, not able to be at the match but not known; players MUST remain in Handicap Index order with the missing player not listed on the final result sheet. Please see Appendix A and B.
- c) The team winning the most games will score three points. In the event of a draw (2½-2½), 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 on the greens.
- f) Motorised buggies are permitted subject to the Transportation Policy of the NLCGA.
- g) 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.
- h) Due to the small number of clubs participating, there will be no promotion or relegation in Divisions.
- i) The format for the final to determine the overall winner will be dependent on the number of Divisions and will be notified to the participating clubs prior to the start of the League.
 In order to qualify for the final, using whatever format is appropriate, players must have played in one match during the League season. Date and course to be decided by League Organiser.

Should the final result end with a tie the winner will be decided by a sudden death play-off between the first players from each club.

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 or if for any other reason the match has to be abandoned, the HOME club must follow the procedure in rule 5a) above.
- c) In view of the short season and the possibility of adverse weather conditions if it is impossible to arrange a fixture, and the captains agree, each team will be awarded one point.

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

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