



Norfolk Ladies County Golf Association

INTER-CLUB SCRATCH 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 play. Players must be a member of the club for which they play. **Penalty** – Exclusion of offending player.
- c) A player **may** only play for one club in this competition in any one season. **Penalty** – Exclusion of offending player from second club's match.
- d) Players must play off scratch and be in receipt of a Handicap Index 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 5 x 18-hole cards or 10 x 9-hole cards or any combination to equal 5 x 18-holes within the previous 12 months prior to the match 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) For a new club wishing to enter a team in the Inter Club Scratch 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 April and 30th September and clubs should advise the Competition Organiser of the fixture dates by third week in March.

2 MATCH DETAILS

- a) A match comprises three games of singles played off scratch.
- b) The players must be listed in handicap index order to ensure that the correct opponent is played. If it is found, after the results have been notified to the League Organiser, that a player has offended the player will be disqualified retrospectively and the game awarded to the opposing player and the team result amended accordingly. **Penalty** – Exclusion of offending player.
- c) Note 1: A game may be played out of sequence in special circumstances.
- d) The visiting team will have the honour.
- e) Play will be off the regular Ladies' Competition tees.
- f) The Team Captains must exchange the team order of play sheets at least 15 minutes prior to the first tee time, after which no player may be substituted.
- g) Different players may be used in each match.
- 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".
- i) The NLCGA requests that caddies do not go on the greens. Advice may **only** be given to players by their playing partner or their caddies - Rules of Golf (Rules 10-2 and 10-3).
- j) Players may not engage a professional or assistant professional as a caddie.

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) If a club cannot provide three players, the opposing team will have a walkover in each non-contested match. Where it is known that a team is registering 2 or fewer players, the walkover match(es) **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) 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

The WINNING team will be responsible for sending the result sheet immediately to the League Organiser. In the case of a draw it is the responsibility of the HOME team to submit the result.

5 GENERAL

- a) The HOME team will be responsible for arranging the match by contacting the AWAY team and offering three dates, one of which must be a weekday and one a weekend day.
- b) Matches may only be cancelled/rearranged by mutual consent from both Team Captains and the League Organiser informed.
- c) If it is not possible to rearrange a match the team who is unable to play the original date will concede the match. A club conceding more than one match in any one playing season will be relegated from their Division and all their points will be removed. All points will also be removed from the clubs who have played against that team.
- d) A conceded match will only be accepted after consultation with the League Organiser, whose decision is final.
- e) Where a club has two teams in the League the following rules apply:
 - a. 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.
 - b. A player may only play for one team within a club in any league season. **Penalty** – Exclusion of the offending player from the second match, the game awarded to the opposing player and team result amended accordingly.
- f) Motorised buggies are permitted subject to the Transportation Policy of the NLCGA.
- g) Mobile phones are permitted but **MUST** be set to silent and only used for GPS and emergency calls.
- h) 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:
 - a. The team with the most games won overall (Games For).
 - b. Team with the most AWAY matches won (Away Won).
 - c. Team with the most games won in AWAY matches.
 - d. Team with the most games won between the tied teams.
 - e. Team with the most holes up between tied teams.
- i) 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.
- j) The winner of division 1 will go forward to the England Golf Women's club championship.

6 SUSPENSION OF PLAY/ABANDONMENT

- a) If a match is temporarily suspended (e.g. thunderstorm), balls should be marked and play discontinued until resumption of play is signalled as set out in the suspension of play procedure. Players need to take responsibility for their own safety.
- b) If the club deems that the course is unplayable on the day or if for any other reason the match has to be abandoned (i.e. weather conditions) the HOME club must follow the procedure in term 5 a) above.

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

In the event of a dispute not being resolved by the captains they must be referred to the League Organiser, or in her absence the Chairman of Competitions, whose decision is final.

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