



WOMEN'S GOLF

SILVER AND BRONZE MATCH PLAY LEAGUE RULES 2019

1. ENTERING TEAMS

- 1.1 Open to all affiliated club members of the Southern Cape Golf Union (SCGU) whose clubs affiliation fees have been paid in full for the applicable calendar year.
- 1.2 The SCGU shall provide all Clubs with League Fixtures as soon as is practicable after confirmation of participation from the clubs.
- 1.3 Dates will be arranged in order not to clash with other SCGU fixtures, outside of school holidays and avoiding public holiday weekends as far as possible.
- 1.4 If a Club withdraws from the League, the Club in question may face sanction and penalties from the SCGU if in the opinion of the Executive such withdrawal adversely affects the proper function of the League. This sanction may result in a Club being barred from entering a team for subsequent League seasons.

2. PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- 2.1 Silver League Singles Match Play: Fancourt, George, Knysna, Mossel Bay, Oubaai, Plettenberg Bay
- 2.2 Bronze League Four-Ball Match Play, Betterball Basis: George, Knysna, Mossel Bay, Plettenberg Bay, Fancourt
- 2.3 Teams will play against 1 team only (one on one)

3. STRUCTURE OF THE LEAGUE

- 3.1 Only members in good standing at a Club affiliated to the SCGU will be considered for selection.
- 3.2 In the event that a player is a member of more than one Club in the SCGU she may play for the Club of her choice. She is however limited to playing for only one Club during a season. A player does not necessarily have to be handicapped at the Club for which she plays League.
- 3.3 Silver League: 6 (six) players per team.
- 3.4 Bronze League: 6 (six) players per team.
- 3.5 The Silver and Bronze League will be played over two rounds. Round 1, January to May, Round 2, June to October.
- 3.6 The Singles Match Play and the Four-Ball Match Play, Better Ball Basis League will be played over 18 holes.
- 3.7 Players and opponents should confirm, prior to the start of the match, that if a match has reached its conclusion before the 18th hole, the said players either return to the clubhouse or continue to complete 18 holes.

4. HANDICAPS

- 4.1 Every player must hold a current official, verifiable golf handicap index. (HNA)
- 4.2 Silver League: Handicap Index 20.0 and under
- 4.3 Bronze League: Handicap Index 14.0 – 27.9
- 4.3 A maximum of 14 shots to be given to an opponent

5. RULES OF PLAY

- 5.1 Matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as laid down by the R&A. It is advisable that players should be in possession of a Rule Book in order to resolve any Rules related issues. With the format being match play players should be able to resolve matters amongst themselves.
- 5.2 The host Club's Local Rules will apply to the matches. The SCGU Women's Golf will add any additional Rules if necessary. These Rules will be available from the Clubs' starters.
- 5.3 The use of Distance Measuring Devices (D.M.D's) will be permitted. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 4-3a (1). Penalty for breach: First offence: Loss of hole, Second offence: Loss of match.
- 5.4 Team members playing in the same four-ball (during singles) may not ask for or give advice to their fellow Team members.
- 5.5 In the event of a walkover only half the games count will be awarded, i.e. 6-0 games points will then count as 3 point of games log and, on the overall log the Team that received the forfeit would get 2 points for an away game and 1 ½ points for a home game on the overall log.
- 5.6 In the unlikely event of a team withdrawing during the season, all matches played against that club will be declared null and void.

6. SINGLES MATCH PLAY SELECTION OF PLAYERS

- 6.1 If a players' handicap falls within both divisions, selection to the Silver team cannot be made in favour of a higher handicapped player who also falls in both divisions i.e. selection of a 15.0 handicap index player to the Silver team takes precedence over selection of a 19.0 handicap player to the Silver team on a league day when both the Bronze and Silver teams are playing.
- 6.2 The fielding of a Silver team takes precedence over that of a Bronze team.
- 6.3 No player may play in more than one division scheduled for a specific month.
- 6.4 Should a club fail to field a full team of 6 (silver) or 6 (bronze) players for any reason whatsoever, the match should continue with the available players, and the points for the games not played will be given to the opposing team.

7. SINGLES MATCH PLAY ORDER OF PLAY

- 7.1 Order of play must be based on current handicap index.
- 7.2 The order of play for both divisions should be 6,5,4,3,2,1.
- 7.3 The League Captain may choose to move one player to a maximum of 3 places in the order of play. The other players in the team must remain in the same order. As an example, we have players 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. If player 2 is moved ahead then the order will be 2, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6. If player 2 is moved to 4th position, the order will be 1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6.
- 7.4 When playing in 4 balls, numbers 2, 4 and 6 tee off first on the front nine, and 1, 3 and 5 tee off first on the back nine.
- 7.5 Visitors to have the honour.

8. BRONZE FOUR-BALL MATCH PLAY BETTERBALL BASIS / MATCH PLAY LEAGUE TEAM COMPETITION AND SELECTION OF PLAYERS

Definition:

Four-Ball Match Play, Better Ball Basis - Each player is allocated their Full Course Handicap. The lowest resultant handicapped player shall play off scratch and her Course Handicap shall be deducted from each of the remaining three players.

- 8.1 Format for Bronze League is Four-Ball Match Play, Betterball Basis

- 8.2 When selecting a team, only players who fall in the Bronze handicap parameters can be selected.
- 8.3 Order of play is based on current handicap index. To determine the order of play for the pairings the sum of the Players' HI's are divided by 2
e.g. Player A handicap index + player B handicap index ÷ 2 for betterball
The handicaps of the players paired together in a team will be added together and divided by two (decimals will be rounded down)
- 8.4 The pairing with the highest value will go of 1st and the lowest value last
- 8.5 Each players will play off their course handicap as verified on the Friday before.

9. GOLF CARTS

- 9.1 Silver and Bronze league players are permitted to use golf carts. If applicable, reciprocity of golf carts to be arranged between clubs by the League Captains.

10. ARRANGING MATCHES

- 10.1 The SCGU Women's Golf League Manager shall book the league venues and arrange the starting times of the league fixtures as per the 2019 League Fixture List.
- 10.2 The League Captains shall forward by email the players' names on the Team Names Form for the league on the Thursday by 12h00 prior to the Monday's league matches to the Women's Golf League Manager. If changes to the team happen due to unforeseen circumstances it shall be amended by the affected League Captain on the league day.
- 10.3 The League Captains shall ensure that the order of play is in line with section 7 and 8.
- 10.4 Handicaps Index will be verified by the SCGU on the Friday prior to the Monday's League match, the Handicaps Index will be converted to the Course Handicap for the Monday and that handicap shall apply for the Monday game.
- 10.5 The official league draw will be emailed to all of the Lady and League Captains by the Friday afternoon prior to that week's league match.
- 10.6 All matches are to be played on the dates as laid down in the 2019 League Fixture List
- 10.7 All matches to be played off the red course. Please refer to the Captains minutes of 22 October 2018 point 4
- 10.8 Matches not played as scheduled:** Matches not played due to the course being closed for play by management of the Club or due to adverse weather conditions:
 - 10.8.1 Matches may be rescheduled in extreme cases only provided both captains are in agreement and provided that the match is played before the next scheduled league fixtures. If the match is not played within the above time limit both teams will forfeit their match points. (Weather forecast of possible 30% of rain is not reason enough to reschedule a match).
 - 10.8.2 The President, SCGU Women's Golf and the Women's Golf League Manager shall be advised by e-mail or SMS of any postponed league matches before the scheduled Monday fixture date and they both shall be advised within a week of the new fixture date.**
 - 10.8.3 Any dispute in this regard shall be referred to the SCGU Executive Committee who will make a final decision.

11. POINTS AND SCORING SINGLES MATCH PLAY

- 11.1 Scoring for the singles and Betterball / Match Play games shall be scored as follows:
 - Win = 1 game point
 - Halved game = ½ a game point
 - Lost game = 0 game points.
- 11.2 Scoring for the Silver League matches shall be scored as follows:

- 4 points for an away win
- 3 points for a home win
- 2 points for an away draw
- 1 point for a home draw

Scoring for the Bronze League matches shall be scored as follows:

- 4 points for an away win
- 3 points for a home win
- 2 points for an away draw
- 1 point for a home draw

- 11.3 In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the season, the games won will be taken into account.
- 11.4 At the end of a match each League Captain is required to complete the official result sheet.
- 11.5 Signed result sheets shall be emailed to the SCGU Women's Golf League Manager by the home League Captain on the day of play.

12. DRESS CODE

- 12.1 As far as possible Teams should be identifiable by wearing similar team attire
- 12.2 The following will be allowed
 - 12.2.1 Soft spikes
 - 12.2.2 Golf specific shorts
 - 12.2.3 Only recognised golf attire will be allowed

13. RULE OF EXCEPTION SILVER DIVISION

Oubaai and Kingswood is a combined team and only players from these two clubs will be eligible for team selection.

14. GENERAL

- 14.1 Food and beverage: To be arranged by the League Captain of the hosting club.
- 14.2 A request is made to all players to please respect the courtesy granted by the host Clubs by undertaking to repair all divots and pitch marks, and not to litter the golf course and surrounds.
- 14.3 The SCGU Women's Golf further reserves the right to add additional League Rules if required.