



SOUTHERN CAPE
GOLF UNION

WOMEN'S GOLF

SILVER AND BRONZE MATCH PLAY LEAGUE RULES 2022

1. ENTERING TEAMS

- a) Open to all affiliated club members of the Southern Cape Golf Union (SCGU) whose club's affiliation fees have been paid in full for the applicable calendar year.
- b) The SCGU shall provide all Clubs with League Fixtures as soon as is practicable after confirmation of participation from the clubs.
- c) 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.
- d) If a Club withdraws from the League, the Club in question may face sanction and penalties from the SCG 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. MATCH FEES

- a) 18 Hole golf courses **exclusive** of a golf cart, inclusive of a light lunch. – **R170.**
For golf courses without enough golf carts, only players in possession of a medical certificate will be allowed the use of a golf cart on a first come first-served basis. The League Captains must arrange permission thereof with the SCG. The granting of such will remain at the discretion of the SCG.
- b) 18 Hole golf courses **inclusive** of a golf cart and light lunch. – **R270.**

3. PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- a) Silver League Singles Match Play:
Plettenberg Bay, Mossel Bay, Knysna, Pinnacle Point, Fancourt, George (6)
- b) Bronze League Better Ball Match Play:
Plettenberg Bay, Mossel Bay, Knysna 1, Pinnacle Point, Fancourt, Oubaai, George, Knysna 2. (8)
Teams will play against 1 team only (one on one).

4. STRUCTURE OF THE LEAGUE

- a) Only members in good standing at a Club affiliated to the SCGU will be considered for selection.
- b) 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.
- c) Silver League: 6 (six) players per team.
- d) Bronze League: 6 (six) players per team.
- e) The Silver and Bronze League will be played starting April - October.
- f) Silver League will play Singles Match Play and Bronze League will play Better Ball Match Play over 18 holes.

- g) 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.

5. HANDICAPS

- a) Every player must hold a current official, verifiable golf handicap index. (HNA)
- b) Silver League: Handicap Index 18.0 and under
- c) Bronze League: Handicap Index 14.0 – 28.0.
- d) A player with an HI of higher than 18.0 will be allowed to play in the Silver division subject to their handicap index being cut to an 18.0. Refer to rule 6g before allocating a player above an 18.0 HI to a silver division team.
- e) A maximum of 14 shots to be given to an opponent.

6. RULES OF PLAY

- a) Matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf (2019). 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.
- b) The host Club's Local Rules will apply to the matches. SCG will add any additional Rules if necessary. These Rules will be available from the Clubs' starters.
- c) 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.
- d) 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 1 points game on the overall log.
- e) In the unlikely event of a team withdrawing during the season, all matches played against that club will be declared null and void.
- f) When selecting a team, only players who fall in the silver or bronze handicap index parameters can be selected.
- g) 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 an 18.0 handicap player to the silver team on a league day when both the bronze and silver teams are playing
- h) The fielding of a silver team takes precedence over that of a bronze team
- i) No player may play in more than one division scheduled for a specific month
- j) 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. SILVER SINGLES MATCH PLAY & BRONZE FOUR-BALL BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY

- a) **Singles Match Play (Silver Div)** - Opponents in match play, compete to win individual holes, and the player who wins the most holes win the match. One vs One, known as singles' match play.
 - 1. **Play will take place at 100% of CH as per WHS Rule 6.2** The player with the lower CH, verified on the Friday prior to the game, will play off scratch and the opponent will play off the difference in the two CH's
 - 2. A player is not allowed to give or take advice to/from another team member playing in the same or another group

b) **Better Ball Match Play (Bronze Div)** - The two players on the team each play their own ball throughout the round. The low score, or better ball, among the two on each hole is the team's score for that hole.

1. **WHS Rule 6.2 will be applicable to the 2022 league season, and players will play off 90% of their handicap (Appendix C).** All handicaps will be verified on the Friday prior to the game. The player with the lowest Playing Handicap shall play off scratch and her Playing Handicap shall be deducted from each of the remaining three players' Playing Handicaps to determine the handicap they are playing off.
2. Team members playing in the same four-ball may ask for, or give advice to their fellow team member. Players from the same team in a different fourball may not give advice outside of their fourball.

8. GOLF CARTS

a) 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. Subject to point 2.

9. ARRANGING MATCHES

- a) The league venues and starting times will be booked by SCGU as per the 2022 League Fixture List.
- b) The League Captains are to forward, via email, the names of the players on the Team Names Form for the league on the Thursday by 12h00 prior to the Monday's league matches to karl@scgu.co.za. If changes to the team takes place due to unforeseen circumstances the form must be amended by the League Captain of that team on the day of play.
- c) Order of play - Singles Match Play The players will play in the order of their CH with the lowest CH teeing off first and the highest last. SCGU will have the right to amend such order if submitted incorrectly SCGU will further monitor the handicap indexes and correct where necessary.
- d) Order of play - Better Ball Match Play. The combined playing handicap will determine the order of play with the lowest teeing off first and the highest last. SCGU will have the right to amend such order if submitted incorrectly and SCGU will further monitor the handicap indexes and correct where necessary.
- e) 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 (Silver Div) and Playing Handicap (Bronze Div) for the Monday and that handicap shall apply for the Monday game. The pairings will be ranked accordingly.
- f) The official league draw will be emailed to all the Lady Captains and League Captains by the Friday afternoon prior to that week's league match.
- g) All matches are to be played on the dates as laid down in the 2022 League Fixture List.
- h) All matches to be played off the **red course**.
- i) Signed result sheets shall be emailed to karl@scgu.co.za by the home League Captain on the day of play.

10. MATCHES NOT PLAYED AS SCHEDULED:

- a) Matches not played due to the course being closed for play by management of the Club or due to adverse weather conditions:
 - Matches may be rescheduled in extreme cases, 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).

- b) **Karl Voppichler of Southern Cape Golf Union shall be advised by e-mail or SMS of any postponed league matches before the scheduled Monday fixture date and the League Captains shall be advised within a week of the new fixture date.**
- c) Any dispute in this regard shall be referred to the SCGU Executive Committee who will make a final decision.

11. POINTS & SCORING FOR SINGLES MATCH PLAY & BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY

- a) Scoring for the **Singles Match Play** games shall be scored as follows:
 - Win = 2 game points
 - Halved Game = 1 game point
 - Lost Game = 0 game point
- b) Scoring for the **Better ball Match Play** games shall be scored as follows:
 - Win = 2 game point
 - Halved game = 1 game point
 - Lost game = 0 game points.
- c) In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the season, the games won will be taken into account.
- d) At the end of a match each League Captain is required to complete the official result sheet.

12. DRESS CODE

- 1. As far as possible Teams should be identifiable by wearing similar team attire
- 2. The following will be allowed
 - a. Soft spikes
 - b. Golf specific shorts
 - c. Only recognised golf attire will be allowed

13. GENERAL

- a) Food and beverage: To be arranged by the League Captain of the hosting club.
- b) 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.
- c) Southern Cape Golf further reserves the right to add additional League Rules if required.