



Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

WINTER SCRATCH LEAGUE TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. General Condition:

The Competition shall be played according to the BCLGA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition.

2. Advice in Match Play Team Competitions:

The Local Rule allowing appointment of an Advice Giver in Match Play Team Competitions in force for this competition.

3. The League shall be called the Winter Scratch League.

4. League membership shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the County Association. The Executive Committee shall determine the entry fee.

5. Players must be members of Clubs affiliated to the County. A player may only represent one club in any one season.

6. The Management of the Leagues shall be vested in the League Organiser appointed by the Executive Committee. Any dispute must be put in writing to the League Organiser, who may refer to the Executive Committee for a decision.

7. When entries for the Leagues necessitate the formation of Divisions, the League Organiser shall arrange the Divisions as deemed appropriate, subject to the following provisions:

- Maximum of 7 Clubs in any Division.
- League Organiser to decide numbers for promotion and demotion between Divisions. In order to even out the number of clubs in each Division promotions/demotions will be finalised only when the entrants for the following year are known.
- Clubs remaining in the same division to alternate home and away fixtures if possible.

8. The following rules shall govern play:
 - A team shall consist of 6 players (3 pairs).
 - All matches shall be played off scratch.
 - All matches shall be played as a Greensome Foursome.
 - Players may be played in any order regardless of handicap.
 - Players and pairings may be altered for each match.
 - A game that is All Square after 18 holes shall be halved.
 - Points will be awarded for individual games as follows:- Win – 2 points, Halved – 1 point, Loss – 0 points.
9. All matches shall be completed between October and March; the actual dates to be decided by the Executive Committee.
10. If a match has to be postponed due to bad weather an extension to the time period may be given on consultation with the League Organiser.
11. If a match has to be stopped before a conclusion due to course closure or thunder and lightning or it is considered by both teams that the conditions are dangerous, e.g. strong gales or extreme fog, then the match may be stopped. (With regard to fog as a general rule players should not play if visibility is reduced to a point where they are unable to see their ball land). Matches cannot be stopped for any other reason – e.g. too hot, cold or wet. If the match cannot be continued on the day either :-
 - If all players have played nine holes the result of the matches will be deemed to be as at the point of suspension, each match result being recorded as number of holes up or down,
 - If all players have not completed nine holes then the match be abandoned and re-arranged on a new date, if necessary, with a new team. In the event of a match having to be rescheduled an extension to the time period may be given on consultation with the organizer.
12. The Captain of the HOME team must notify the Organiser of the result within 48 hours of completion of the match.
13. The Home Club must offer the opponents at least three dates falling within the time period allocated for the round. The three dates offered are to cover both weekend and weekday dates.
14. Walk overs should only be given, or accepted, in exceptional circumstances and only after consultation with the Organiser. The Organiser may grant an extension to the time period allocated for the Round in order to facilitate the match being played. If a walk-over is given by a Club they shall be placed at the bottom of the Division and all matches involving that Club shall be deemed null and void, with any points having been scored discarded.
15. The teams recording the highest number of points in their Division shall be the winner of that Division. In the case of a tie in the Premier Division, a final shall be played on a neutral course to determine the League Champions. In all other Divisions where two teams have equal points, the team with the highest number of individual wins shall take preference. If still equal there will be a countback on the total from all the matches played of number of holes won minus holes lost.

Additional Rule for League Matches

Clubs who include Juniors in their teams are reminded of their safeguarding responsibilities. Please be sure to follow the appropriate guidelines and ensure parental consent is obtained for those Juniors involved, particularly if the Junior is transported to an 'away' venue.

For each match a 'responsible adult' must be nominated (be it a parent, the team captain or another adult team member) who will be responsible for the junior for the duration of the match. The 'responsible adult' must have details of emergency contact information and any special medical needs of the junior. The captains of both teams, plus the junior and her opponent must be provided with the contact telephone number of the nominated 'responsible adult'.

Note: 'duration of the match' includes the time from a junior being dropped off by parents/guardians to their collection by parents/guardians.

In accordance with item B4 in BCLGA Local Rules, Terms of the Competition and General Regulations, a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

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