



Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

SUMMER 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 and General Regulations".

2. The Leagues shall be called the Silver Scratch League and the Bronze Scratch League.
3. League membership shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the County Association. The Executive Committee shall determine the entry fee.
4. Players must be members of Clubs affiliated to the County. A player may only represent one club in any one season.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The following rules shall govern play:
 - A team shall consist of 3 players.
 - All games shall be singles match play, off scratch.
 - Silver League no upper handicap limit.
 - Bronze League players must be of Handicap Index 18.5 and above on the day of the match with the following exception:

If a player is nominated for a team and subsequently drops her Handicap Index below 18.5, she is still eligible to play in the match provided her Handicap Index was 18.5 or more 3 days before the day of the match.
 - Players may be played in any order regardless of handicap.
 - Players 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: Win 2 points, Halved 1 point, Loss 0 points.
8. All matches shall be completed between the 21st March and mid-October. Dates will be confirmed when fixtures sent out.
9. 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.

10. 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 is abandoned and re-arranged on a new date, if necessary, with a new team. In the event of the match having to be rescheduled an extension to the time period may be given on consultation with the League Organiser.
11. Advice in Match Play Team Competitions:

The Local Rule allowing appointment of an Advice Giver in Match Play Team Competitions is in force for this competition.
12. The Captain of the HOME team must notify the League Organiser of the result within 48 hours of completion of the match.
13. The Home club must offer the opponents four dates falling within the time period allocated for the round. Two of the dates must be on a weekend, Bank Holidays counting as weekend dates. An agreed date may only be changed if the course is closed or due to other exceptional circumstances, and with the agreement of both clubs and consent of the League Organiser.
14. The League Organiser must be consulted before any walk-overs are given or accepted. The League 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 discard.
15. The Clubs 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 or more Clubs have equal points, the Club with the highest number of individual wins shall take preference. If still equal there will be a count back on the total from all the matches played of number of holes won minus holes lost. In the event that there is still a tie, a count back will be done on the total number of holes won minus holes lost in the last of the three games in all the matches played.
16. Clubs may enter two teams into each of the Bronze or Silver Summer Leagues. When a new or 2nd team is entered into one of the Leagues, the team will start in the bottom division of the League they are entering.
 - i) From Round 1 of the League, a player's 'Nominated Team' will be the first team they play for in the season. A Player's Team should be based on the perceived merit/ability of the Player, however, a player may be added to a 'Nominated Team' at any time during a season, provided she has not played any matches for another Team in the same League.
 - ii) As a Player's handicap changes during the season, the Player can move between Silver and Bronze Leagues. However, if a Player has already played for a Team within a higher or lower League, their original Team will be their 'Nominated Team'.
 - iii) A player may not play for another Team in the same or a lower Division as her 'Nominated Team'.

- iv) A player may play for a Team in a higher division than her 'Nominated Team', up to a maximum of TWO times.
- v) If a player is deemed to have played outside of these rules, for the match the player was in, the opposition will be declared as the winners with a result of '10 & 8' and score 2 points.

Additional Rule for all Leagues:

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.

Scratch League Organiser:	Jackie Maher
Scratch League Tel:	01753 642116
Scratch League Email:	compssec@bclga.org.uk